

The final year of the Seventies proved to be an interesting one for the University of Alberta, and on the following pages is a photo review of the year and the opening months of the Eighties.

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In the beginning God created September and the innocence God gives all new creatures abounded upon the face of the U of A. Freshmen were patient in the lines for in-person registration and the SU executive had bright smiling faces. Soon, however, patience vanished in the bookstore lineups and SU president Dean Olmstead grew a beard. So much for hope.

What happened? Well it started when vandals turned on a fire hose on the fifth floor of SUB and caused thousands of dollars worth of damage. One week old and the year appeared to be a washout.

Renovations to Assiniboia Hall were approved, only to be cut out of the budget later. Varsity Guest Weekend was cancelled due to lack of interest (or justification).

Then SU vp finance and administration Kyle Peterson resigned. After a month of controversy and a vote of non-confidence by Students' Council, Peterson decided the job just wasn't worth it. Maybe he never thought the job was worth it: the controversy began because Peterson had held a full-time job during the summer as a systems engineer and devoted little time to the duties he was elected to. Glen Gallinger was appointed interim vp finance.

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The all too familiar registration lineups appeared in September, much to the chagrin of most students.

Government-university relation resumed their traditional pattern: not action but inaction. Minister of Advanced Education Jim Horsman announced there would be no changes to the student loan program until summer. Enrollment continued to decline.

There was one final flash of bad news — in fact, it was a blaze. A university co-op house in North Garneau was gutted by fire. Nobody was hurt in the blaze but "Animal House," as it was affectionately known, was missed by diurnal and nocturnal visitors alike.



A vandal-instigated flood in the SUB tower caused irreparable water damage.



These pieces of furniture are the only recognizable remains of a housefire in North Garneau.

Okay, enough is enough. Let's have the good news. First is the Students' Union campaign to adopt a family of Vietnamese refugees. It started slowly at first, but student groups and the SU refugee committee eventually raised the necessary cash. (See January)

Myer Horowitz was installed as the president of the university, replacing Harry Gunning. Dr. Horowitz, formerly university VP Academic, started his new job by listing problems he foresaw for the university, including declining enrollment, allocation of resources and the public image of the university.

The proposals for extension of Light Rail Transit to the university

received public discussion although no decision was reached.

The Golden Bears were the Cinderella team in university football. Supposedly rebuilding after much of last year's team had graduated, the Golden Bears were surprise winners of their first three games. Led by the passing attack of 5'6" quarterback Forrest Kennard, the Bears eventually finished much higher in the standings than last year's team.

So as the sun set slowly into the west, although the steadily rising Agriculture building obscured much of the sunset, life at the U of A went on. At least on into October.



Myer Horowitz officially accepting the post of university president.