

1975-76

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People always thought these guys were moonies — the truth comes out now — they're from St. Joseph's.

The 1975/76 term at the U of A was dead on arrival and we all know dead bodies really stink. It's usually a good idea to leave a rotting corpse alone but the old man at the Gateway Morgue told me otherwise. He said that history tells us what mistakes we are going to make — so take a good whiff of 75/76.

Well, it couldn't have been that bad — tuition fees went up 25 per cent — that's a sign of prosperity. At least that's what Mr. Lougheed tells me. Two thousand angry students wasted their time rallying outside University Hall (they could have been studying) while the Board of Governors passed the foregone decision.

... And then the writing on the wall ... Terry Sharon, SU executive member and prophet in their midst epiphanised,

"A fee hike will not end the problems. Fee increases will come again and again."

Henny Penny thought the sky would fall in when tuition went up, but she was silly — it was just the ceiling. The provincial government dropped the rate of increase for university grants from 15 to 11 per cent.

Other inconsequential issues, such as teaching quality and student illiteracy, were swept under the rug again — so much for renovations.

The Federation of Alberta Students (FAS) was formed in 1975 to speak out for the needs of Alberta students — we needed that.

Pets are so hard to keep on campus. The SU had to sell HUB, their pet white elephant. He was eating too much and



Students protesting tuition fee hikes in front of University Hall.

gave the SU more shit than they could shovel. Rather than taking him to the SPCA, the university saved him for just one dollar. Now the SU just keeps to pink elephants.

CKSR hit the airwaves, after a brief interlude for two years, with hits to beat the books by.

1975 was International Women's Year, which served to enlighten those unaware of the women's movement. International feminist speakers visited campus, offering different perspectives on women's issues.

Seminars in women's studies were also introduced at this time.

And now for the real rabble rousing issues ...

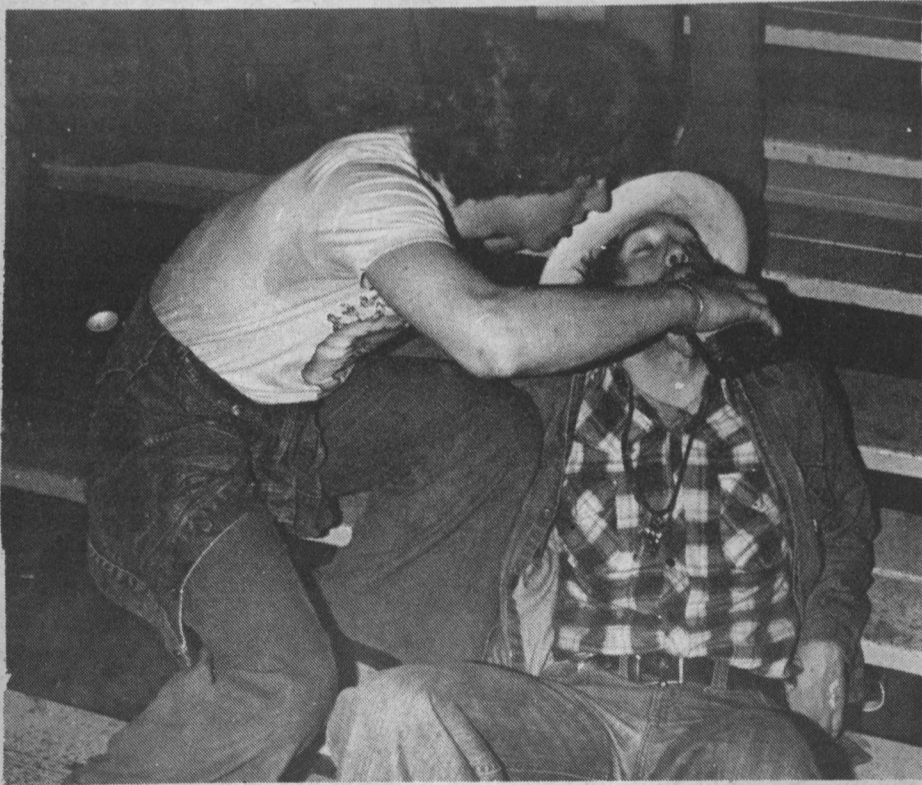
Student groups on campus were incensed when Gateway ran a picture of

three bums on the front page of their April 1 issue. The case was taken to the Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement (DIE) Board but the board was foiled — since DIE Board fines are payable to the SU, fining the SU-owned Gateway would be like asking a man to pay a debt to himself. Probably all they needed was a spanking.

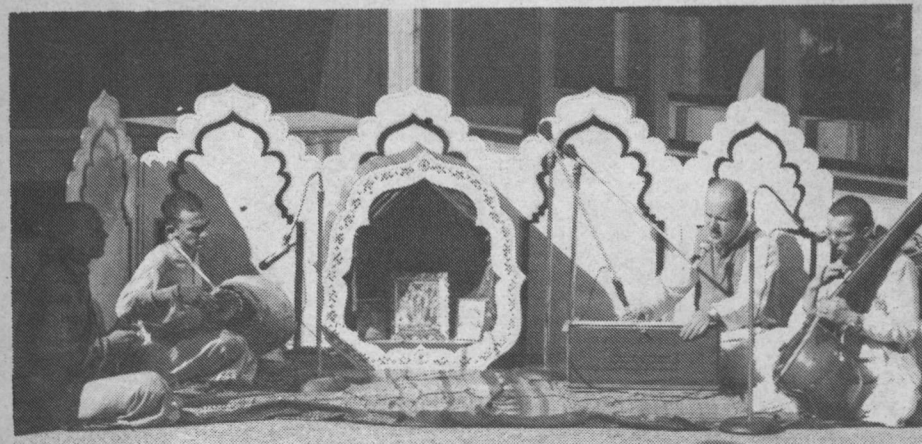
Well, the smell is getting pretty bad in here. At last glance at this pile of putrified waste all I see is a mediocre Students' Council, John Savard's reactionary ramblings, Gordon Turtle's movie reviews and drunken Aggies.

I guess the winds of change haven't blown by here yet, but the wind that has been passed sure left a stench.

Time to get out the lysol.



Did you hear the one about the cow that wouldn't suckle?



The Hare Krishnas came to campus in 1976 — now we have the skinheads.



Ho-Hum, now back in the goodledaze. . .