



# 75th Anniversary 1908 - 1983



## 1930-1939

Nineteen twenty-nine, the stock market crashed and the U of A hardly seemed to notice. As the thirties dragged on things did get worse in Alberta and few graduates faced employment when they did leave school but from the activities on campus you would hardly think they noticed.

The Tuck Shop became the place to hang out. Probably this has more to do with the quality of residence food in those days than any other reason.

The Students' Union went on as before with few changes although faculties began to be represented in council. The legal system was revised. Gone from the University was the student sheriff and student judges. Instead there were now two disciplinary committees, one for men and one for women.

Freshmen continued to go through a humiliating initiation. Hung with bibs saying Freshie they were paddled, drilled and forced to carry the luggage of the seniors, which they all seemed to do with smiling faces.

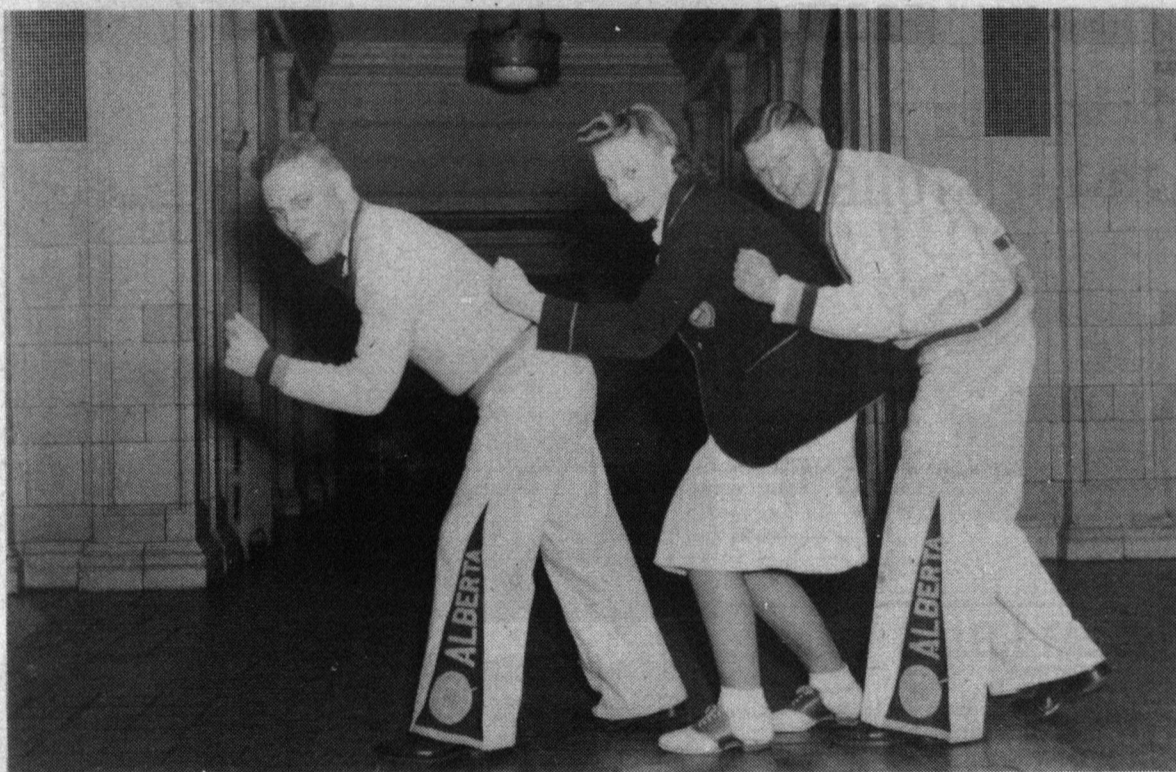
Christianity appears to have begun to lose its mass appeal and pictures of campus Christian groups get small and smaller every year of that decade.

In the thirties the Rooters club was started which appears to have been an all-male cheerleading squad.

The campus COTC group expanded, and raised its profile, probably because students figured if they couldn't get a regular job they could at least go into the army.

Debating continued to be popular and the U of A hosted several debating squads from overseas, including a team from Oxford and another from Australia.

The girls wore their hair in tight curls and the guys wore hats and caps. Everybody danced to ragtime jazz and the U of A carried on while Europe began preparations for war.



## 1940-1949

The year of 1939 had of course seen the beginning of the Second World War and Canada's automatic entry.

The war initially raised little interest amongst the students other than a few statements of righteous indignation over the evils of nazism.

In 1939 there were two national student organizations one of which the Canadian Students' Assembly came out with the policy of "unswerving opposition to conscription" even before it was instituted. Following the lead of several other campuses the University of Alberta severed all ties with the CSA. By 1940 the CSA had folded.

In 1940 the War really made its presence on campus felt when it was announced that all male students would have to register for and receive military training.

Following the completion of the training candidates would be selected to be trained as officers in the armed forces.

The U of A was also the first University in Canada to start instructing women in the finer points of war.

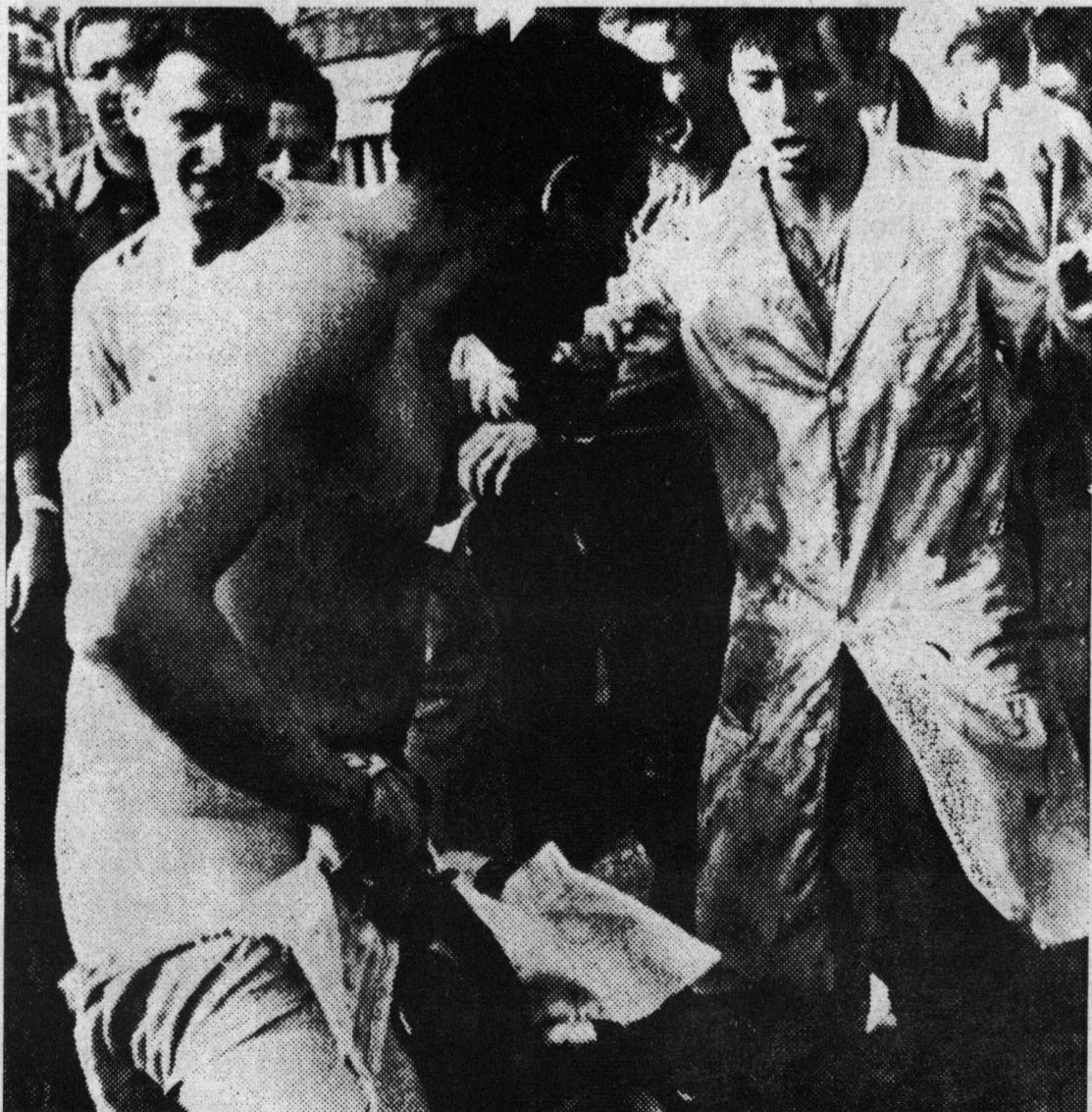
And the women were still organized into the Wauneitas. By now it was traditional for the Wauneitas to hold a "Welcome dance" at the beginning of the year.

There also appeared lots of beauty contests going on and students even went so far as to crown some lucky girl Queen of all the Western Universities.

Sadie Hawkins celebrations were also held for the first few years of the forties. These were week long celebrations and involved a "complete reversal of natural roles of men and women." Women were expected to invite men to the Tuck Shop, and even pay! Interest seems to have died out after a couple of years.

The Students' Council seems to have streamlined its operations; the Wauneitas no longer enjoyed official representation and the legal system had disappeared by the late forties.

By the end of the forties enrollment had increased with the enrollment of the War veterans to 3880, Brylcreem was beginning its rise to popularity and the campus was becoming overcrowded.



Top: The boys relax in residence. Above: The rooters club adds a girl in 1938. Left: A med student is "harassed" by a bunch of engineers. Below: The call goes out for men to fight in WWII.

