

Vandalism — it happens at SU-sponsored bashes



The band blared from inside Dinwoodie which, Friday night, was a mass of jumping, jostling movement.

The music was good and loud and second floor SUB overflowed with a surplus of tired and thirsty dancers.

One of the bigger university dances of the year, Engineers' Bustout featuring the Southbound Freeway looked like a success, financially and socially.

But away from the crowded floor and the thumping beat, other things were happening.

They were happenings which seems to occur every time there is a dance in Dinwoodie which attracts a fair number of non-university students.

And the happenings are always some forms of vandalism.

Friday night, various groups clustered around the washrooms and the staircase near the students' union offices on the second floor.

Some were clearly young high school students with very long hair, blue jeans, cigarettes and immature faces.

Others were greasers with grimy hair who looked like they were searching for trouble.

And the rest were university students.

A photographer standing at the Dinwoodie doorway said he could see somebody running for the can with a mouthful of vomit—a different one every five minutes.

In the nearest men's washroom, a smattering of pieces of broken beer bottles was strewn across the floor and at one point in the evening a body had flaked out on the floor, too.

After throwing up, he had hit his chin on the sink and lay

there with blood on his white Irish fisherman sweater.

Unfortunately, the campus police had to be called in to settle some of the disturbances in this area of SUB.

While photographers were attempting to take pictures, four belligerent fellows threatened them with a fight.

The trouble was not limited to outside of Dinwoodie.

The dance had to be broken up 15 minutes early when a fight broke out on the dance floor with considerable blood-letting in the progress.

Results of damage can be seen in SUB, particularly the washrooms.

Vandalism in SUB cannot be pinned entirely on university students. A lot of the blame must be placed on the groups off campus who attend university functions.

Are these dances for university students' entertainment or are they money-making affairs?

If they are for university entertainment, then these dances should be limited to campus students, with non-university dates sponsored by U of A students.

If they are money-making affairs, they serve no purpose if university students do not attend to sponsor their own functions.

And a number of university students probably won't attend because of the type of people these dances attract.

Punishing the whole for the few is bad way to start, but it just might cut down some of the unnecessary vandalism in a student-financed building.

And it costs each one of us \$12 this year.

Augment relations with Asia Canada as much part of Pacific community as atlantic

By ELLEN NYGAARD

There is an appalling ignorance in Canada about the Pacific community.

That was the opinion of Robert Thompson, Progressive Conservative Member of Parliament for Red Deer. Campus Tories sponsored Mr. Thompson's appearance in SUB Thursday as part of International Week activities.

"Canada, in her short history of international involvement, has been very close to the Atlantic community" said Mr. Thompson.

This has been a result of our close ties with our "home countries" in Europe, especially in the two world wars, he said.

Consequently, Canadian foreign policy, controlled to a large degree by the Eastern provinces, has been heavily directed toward the Atlantic nations.

"We still do not have an overall policy directed to the Pacific" he said.

"We, who are in the West and have direct contact with the Pacific, are left out in the cold. We have found it necessary to form our own trade delegations

to such countries as Japan."

"I think there is a growing interest in the Pacific," he said.

This interest has been reflected in the acceptance that has developed in the last few years that Communist China should have diplomatic recognition.

Therefore, Canada has taken the lead in bringing Red China into the United Nations.

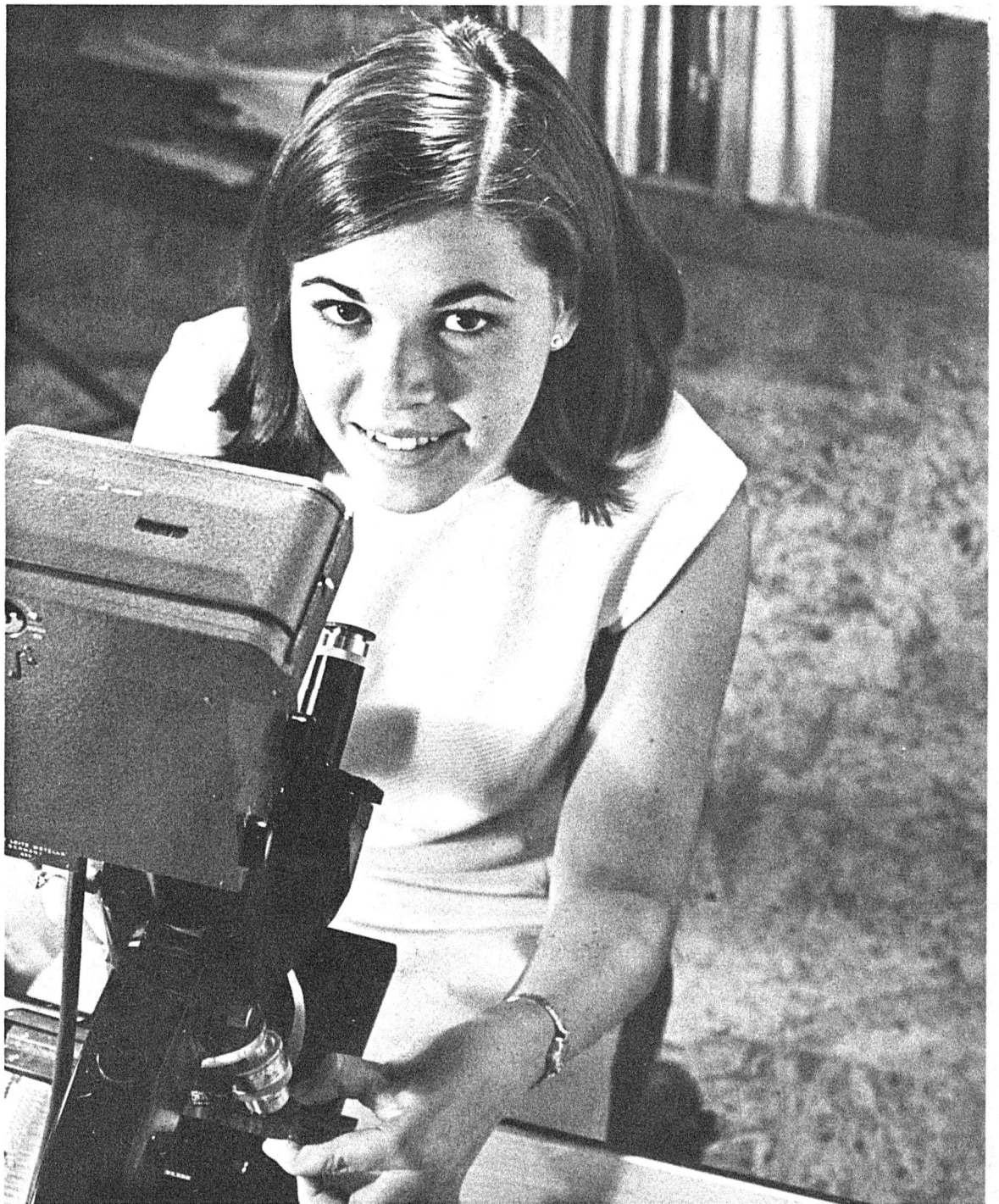
"We are as much a part of the Pacific Community as the Atlantic Community. We must not continue to neglect the responsibilities that go with our being part of the Pacific Community" said Mr. Thompson.

However, regarding China's admission to the UN, Mr. Thompson felt that "until Red China signifies its own willingness to be part of the United Nations, there isn't much that can be done about it."

"China has shown no intention of joining the UN insofar as the charter of the UN which has been accepted by the member nations," he said.

As to the Asian nations' attitude toward Canada, "They regard Canada as an ex-colony."

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—Ken Hutchinson photo

LYNDA GREGORY—a second year science student is now the reigning queen of the engineers. She was crowned Saturday night at the Edmonton Inn as 500 of her humble subjects watched. A surprise guest at the Engineering Queen Ball was one scared greased pig delivered by an Aggie friend of the engineers. In an unhappy development, some of the minor engineers found they could not get bar service when the provincial liquor laws regarding age were enforced. (Dark moose candidate for queen Mollie Moose did not appear at the ball).