



QUEEN CROWNED at Engineers' Ball was Marilou Wells, student nurse who was Second Year Engineers' candidate.

Escorting her, above, are left to right, Evelyn Kitaguichi, Cathy Murdoch, Rhonda Marshall, and Linnet Hocking. Each of the candidates was kidnapped at one time or other by members of the non-engineering faculty. Photo by George

Marilou given green light

By Jon Petursson

Marilou Wells, second year candidate, was chosen by the engineers to be their queen for a year. Engineers and nurses are traditional associates at the U of A and true to form, blue eyed and blond Marilou is in second year B.Sc. Nursing.

The queen was crowned by Moe Lamothe, ESS President, during the Engineers' Ball last Saturday night at the Jubilee Auditorium, where over 700 people were in attendance.

Sixty per cent of the vote for the queens was cast by ballot by the engineers. The other 40 per cent was decided by five judges, including Dr. W. H. Johns, President of the University, Dr. L. E. Gads, associate dean, Dean and Mrs. G. W. Govier, Professor S. R. Sinclair, head of the Civil Engineering Department and Associate Professor P. H. Bouthillier, Civil Engineering. The other contestants in the queen contest were Rhonda Marshall, first year candidate, Evelyn Kitaguichi, electri-

cal, Cathy Murdoch, chem-petroleum and Linnet Hocking, civil-mechanical.

JUDGING RUSHED

The final judging and the crowning of the queen was rushed by the unexpected arrival of a mobile TV unit. The crew could only spend a short time at the ball and so the crowning was hurried to accommodate the camera. In this scramble, it was found that the queen's crown and robe had been forgotten and Marilou failed to receive her bouquet with her makeshift crown.

Later in the evening Marilou awarded the Godiva Goblet to Collin Lang representing the mining and metallurgical engineers, for the best display at the ball, showing the operation of a Bessemer converter.

When the ball ended, the engineers departed to private parties throughout the city. Marilou finished the evening by pushing an engineer's car out of a snowdrift in a remote parking lot.

50 u of a students back from oliver

Destination Oliver! A busload of more than 50 U of A students rolled off for a dance and social at the Mental Hospital last Wednesday night.

The trip to Oliver was the result of an appeal by the Canadian Mental Health Association to get students to participate in this facet of its rehabilitation program.

"The kids were terrific," was the opinion of Grant Smith, head of CMHA. While emphasizing the main aim of the dance was to "give the mentally ill the vitamins and minerals of friendship and interest they so desperately need," he stressed the

valuable insight the students gain.

The evening began with dancing in which patients, staff and volunteer groups mingled. Lunchtime, characterized by "talking and socializing" followed.

"WARMLY ENCOURAGING"

Smith said the staff at Oliver reported the patients' response to the companionship U of A students was "warmly encouraging." "They will be looking forward to next Wednesday," he observed.

Darell Oldring, one of the university troupe, said the students enjoyed themselves equally as much as the patients. He liked the dance for the same reason he likes any social out-

ing, he said. "They're people and I enjoy being with them."

A BEGINNING

"Said Lorne Yuedall, who introduced the idea to U of A, "Many universities, particularly in the U.S., have long had large student involvement in mental hospitals' rehabilitation programs." He hoped the dancing groups would be only the beginning of a wider volunteer program which would eventually include entertainment and sports.

Muttering something about staff nurses at Oliver, he continued; "While we need U of A girls badly, the openings—and opportunities—for men are really golden. There's no such thing as too many volunteers. We can always get more buses."

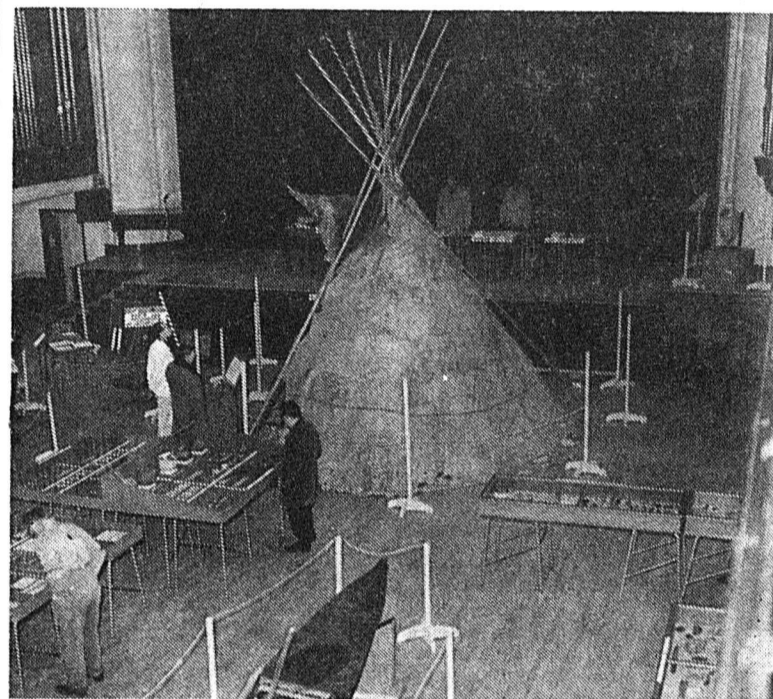
Symphony to offer best

The University Symphony is going to great extremes this year to give the public an opportunity to hear the best it has to offer in the way of good classical music. Besides giving a choice of two concert nights the orchestra has been rehearsing twice per week. The concert will be an interesting and curious combination of all types of classical music.

The major work under preparation for the concert is the beautiful "Scottish" symphony by Mendelssohn. After much contemplation Prof. Crighton has decided to include the "Scottish" movement which happens to be rather difficult for the orchestra.

A modern composition seems to be a must on every concert program so the orchestra is playing "A Grand Grand Festival Overture" by Malcolm Arnold. This piece is a spoof on modern music—the featured instruments are three vacuum cleaners and a floor polisher, to be played by four faculty members.

The concerts will be held February 22 and 23 at 8:15. Tickets are available from any orchestra member and if there are any unsold they can be bought at the door.



PAT'S PAD, otherwise known as Hyduk's Hideaway, materialized in Con Hall this week as part of an exhibition, "Archaeology in Alberta." The Wauneita-like Wigwam is actually an authentic Indian relic, once used by a certain Chief Poundmaker in the days before UAC and the War Between the Branches . . . Photo by Carl

Africa discussed at manitoba

Two Alberta students, Howard Wilson and Dan de Vlieger, recently attended a conference on "Africa and the Commonwealth" held at the University of Manitoba.

The conference was set up on the basis of student seminar, with several prominent speakers addressing the delegates.

Prof. A. J. Crighton, the Canadian member of the Monckton commission, spoke on the Central African Federation.

The educational attache for Ghana, L. Tsiwu, spoke on Ghana, and criticized the Canadian government for some of its actions concerning that country.

The Nigerian ambassador to the United Nations, B. K. Nigileruma,

discussed Nigeria, the Commonwealth, and Pan-Africanism.

"At the beginning of the conference," de Vlieger said, "most of the students felt that the African nations should adopt our western democratic system, but they left thinking that these nations should be left to develop their own form of government independently."

"They also felt that the Central African Federation would fail," he added.

The conference was sponsored by the University of Manitoba, the Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, and several interested businessmen.



HOWIE WILSON



DAN DE VIEGER

Richardson stars

By Bev

Jim Richardson, Gateway associate editor, appeared on CFRN-TV last week.

Also appearing were Dave Jenkins, editor-in-chief, and Bentley LeBaron, managing editor.

Richardson, the star of the show, drew wild applause from the huge studio audience when he explained how singlehandedly he won the NFCUS Trophy and almost the Southam Trophy too, for The Gateway.

Thompson turns tail on debate

National Social Credit leader R. N. Thompson, after stating on three separate occasions that he was prepared to debate against NDP "Tommy" Douglas, has changed his mind.

Mr. Thompson now says he will not debate against Mr. Douglas because he believes the debate would not be "worthwhile."

The debate was to have taken place in the Jubilee Auditorium between March 8 and 14. The topic of the debate would have been "The Welfare State." It would have been under the auspices of the Hugill Cup Debating Society.

Dave Parsons, Hugill Chairman, had asked Mr. Douglas when he was speaking at the Jubilee Auditorium whether he was prepared to debate against Mr. Thompson in Edmonton. Mr. Douglas said he would "gladly debate."

Parsons then contacted Mr. Thompson. Mr. Thompson agreed verbally to debate and agreed on the

topic. Mr. Thompson, when he agreed to debate, was aware of the charges Mr. Douglas had laid against Social Credit of having "John Birch" tendencies. Later, he cited these charges as his reason for not debating, said Parsons.

"There was a good chance that the debate would have been nationally televised which would have been a real feather in the cap of the U of A," said Parsons.

"Mr. Thompson's statement that he would not debate came as a surprise and a real disappointment especially after he had said he would," Parsons added.

Eastern universities unsatisfied with present federal grant system at halifax

HALIFAX (CUP) — Four Halifax colleges sent a joint telegram to the Prime Minister asking for a change in the present system of the awarding grants to universities.

Boosts in federal grants were announced in the throne speech at the opening of Parliament; this week the Prime Minister asserted that grants would be raised from \$1.50 per stu-

dent to \$2.

Signing the telegram were the presidents of councils at Dalhousie University, St. Mary's University, the University of Kings College and Mount Saint Vincent College.

A spokesman for the Halifax students said Nova Scotia universities suffered under the present system because, although the province has a small population, it has a higher per capita population of university students than any other province.