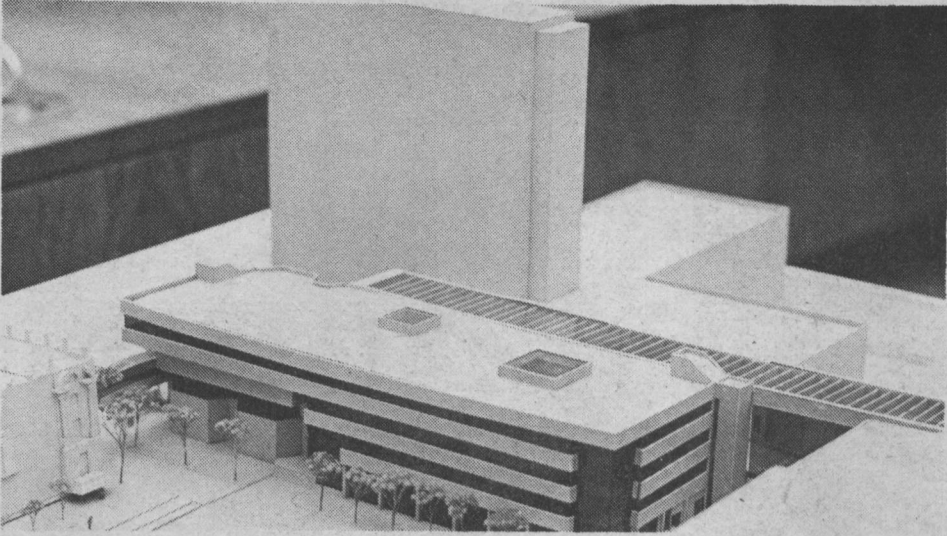


# 1974-75



The proposed Business and Commerce building was supposed to be sitting right in the Arts quad now. Maybe the Commerce students wanted to go underground?

1974-75 landed right in the middle of the complacent Seventies with a resounding thud.

And that was only the beginning of the bad news for the students on this campus. The Students' Union barely continued operating in the face of a mounting deficit from the then student-owned HUB complex, and it was only at the end of the year that a solution was worked out.

Actually, it was the provincial government who bailed out the Students' Union, to the tune of \$300,000. This, coupled with a \$400,000

grant from the Board of Governors, averted the total collapse of the SU.

Oh, that things would happen like that today!

One of the casualties of the fiscal constraints was the campus radio station, CKSR, (now CJSR). The station was closed for most of the year, and came close to having all its equipment sold.

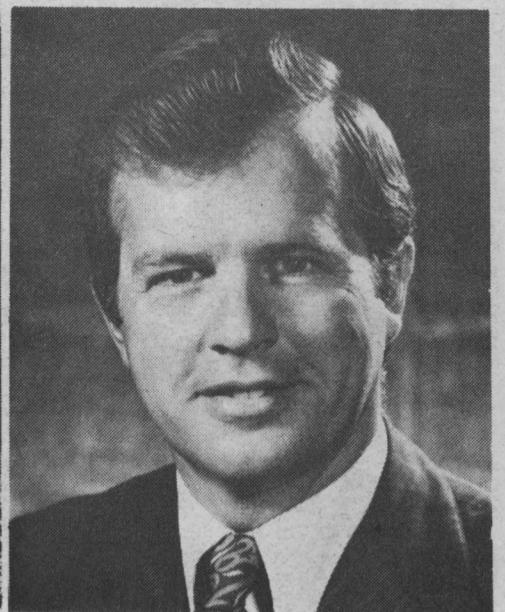
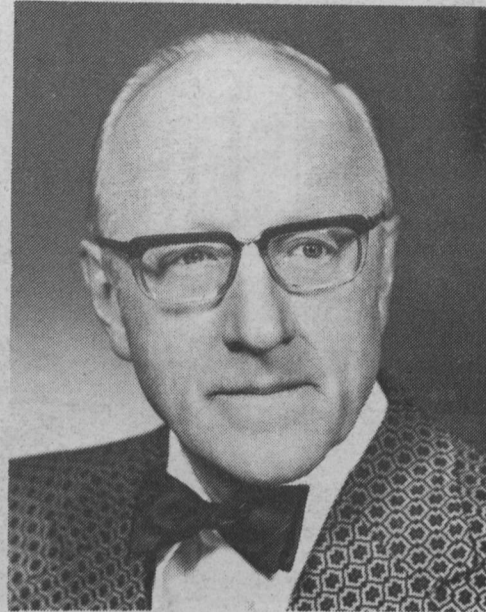
Perhaps the most important university event was the appointment of Dr. Harry Gunning to the presidency of the university. His co-installation (along with chancellor Ron Dalby) was the administrative high point of the year.

The university was also graced with an incredible number of high profile speakers throughout the year. The most notable of these was John Diefenbaker, who spoke at the Fall Convocation.

Rene Lesvesque also spoke in the city that year, spending most of his time speculating on his party's chances to form the next Quebec government (he was cautiously optimistic).

Speaking of the radical fringe, the *Gateway* had its very own Symbionese Liberation Army letter writer (remember the people who kidnapped Patty Hearst). He was a former member of the university academic staff, who was apparently reborn into a world where "God is All".

"Yes, but is He safe?" would be the rejoinder from Ralph Nader, who spoke



The joint installation of president Harry Gunning and chancellor Ron Dalby marked the first time in U of A history both positions were filled at once.

on campus on his usual topic, consumer product safety. Unfortunately, he didn't get a chance to visit the housing in North Garneau, but perhaps his impending visit was what prompted the university to begin a program of renovation both in North Garneau and in Pembina residence, making both fit for human habitation again.

That was the only building the university did that year though. Plans to build a Business and Commerce Building in the Arts quad were shelved once again, and the last time the *Gateway* checked, the plans were still gathering dust.

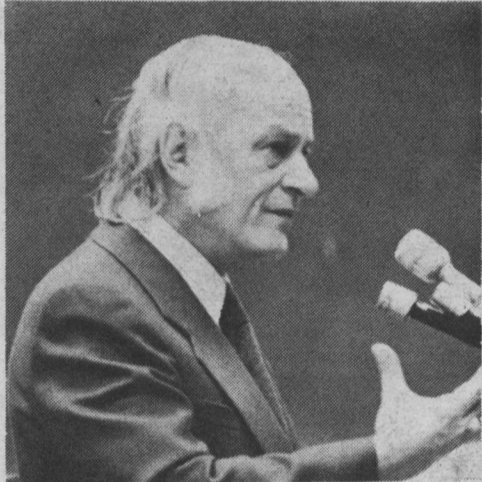
The best laid plans of the Golden Bears football team also bit the dust. After a great season opening, the Bears were robbed of two wins when it was discovered one of their players had failed to register in any courses. Two of the players that year, Tom Towns and Bryan Fryer, went on to join another noted Green and Gold team, so the season was not a total loss.

But the unlucky non-student was probably just a victim of the new advance registration procedure that year, which, because of unbelievable screw ups, came close to being dropped entirely.

The hockey team was, as usual, on the other end of the scale, as they romped to yet another national championship. Actually, it was only their second national title, but they went on to become the powerhouse they are today.

Two other trends began surfacing in the pages of the *Gateway* that year. Both Gordon Turtle (Gord Who?) and John Savard began contributing regularly to the paper, and both have become institutions since then. (some have said they should be put in one instead).

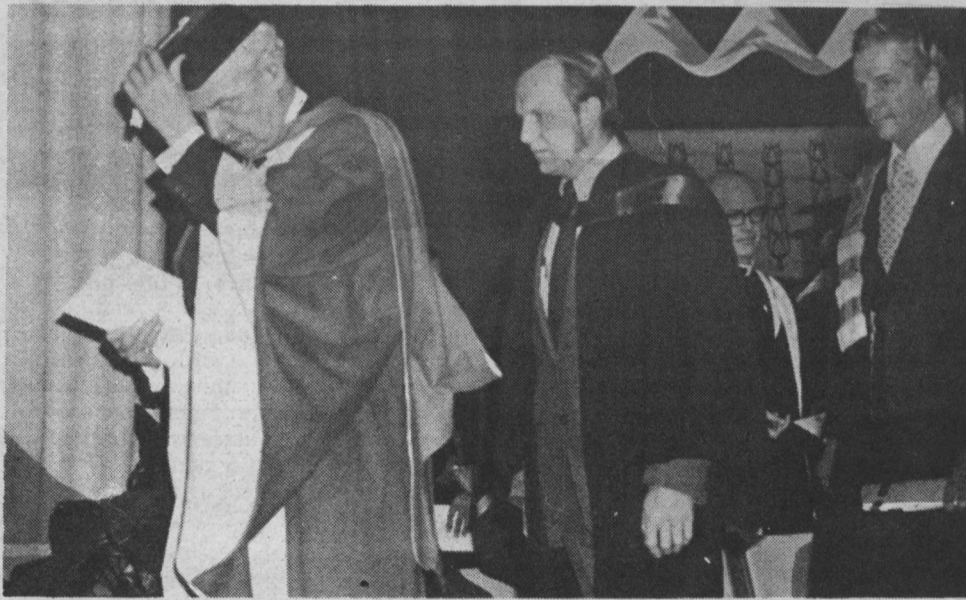
1974-75 also marked the demise of



Rene Lesvesque, before he came to power. Note the ever present cigarette clutched tightly in his right hand.



The original "Nader's Raider" himself spoke on campus on the hazards of commercial products. He probably never ate the residence food either!



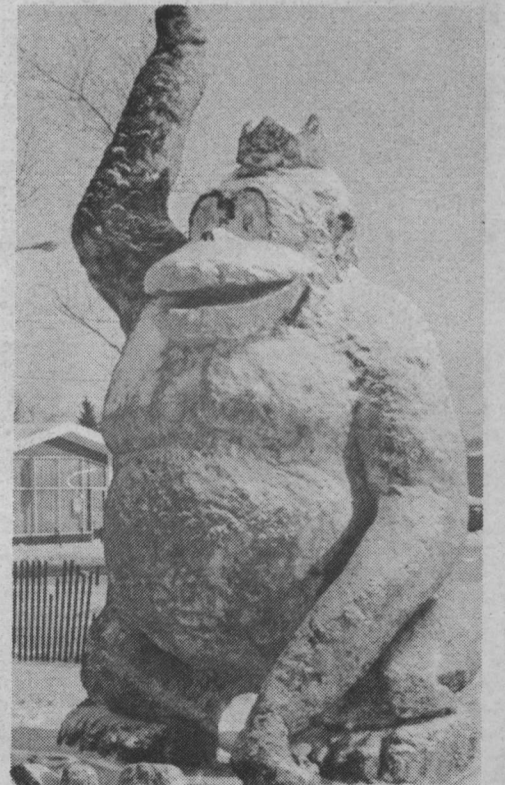
Dief the Chief spoke at the Fall Convocation to the fresh young graduates. He probably spoke on how to succeed at party politics, and make lots of enemies.



The hockey Bears winning the second of a long string of national championships, this time over their arch-enemies, the Toronto Varsity Blues. Clare Drake was the coach that year.



Dr. Henry Morgenthauer, the noted abortionist, spoke to a large crowd on campus. John Savard was probably heckling in the audience.



King Louis, the Lister Hall residence mascot. He is shown here saluting the champion beer drinkers of 5th Henda.