

Engineers heed plea for literacy

U of A's engineers, long maligned as cultural "slobs," have come to the rescue of Stet, the campus literary magazine.

Stet officials appeared before Students' Council Tuesday evening to seek \$500 to go towards its budget of \$1,500. Council granted \$200, on condition Stet would raise an equal amount.

Richard Newson, engineering representative on council, suddenly volunteered to check whether the Engineering Students' Society would help. Council broke into laughter.

Newson explained the ESS had set aside funds this term for a scholarship program which never materialized. He said he would consult the ESS executive.

At 11:30 p.m. Tuesday, Newson telephoned The Gateway and reported the ESS had "in principle" approved a donation of \$50 to Stet. He assured The Gateway "this is not a publicity stunt."

Don Phillipson, one of the organizers of the re-vitalized Stet, said the engineers' gesture was significant as it indicated the magazine is not simply for the benefit of a few arts students. He suggested Newson join him in quaffing an ale.

Says opinion divergent on uac autonomy

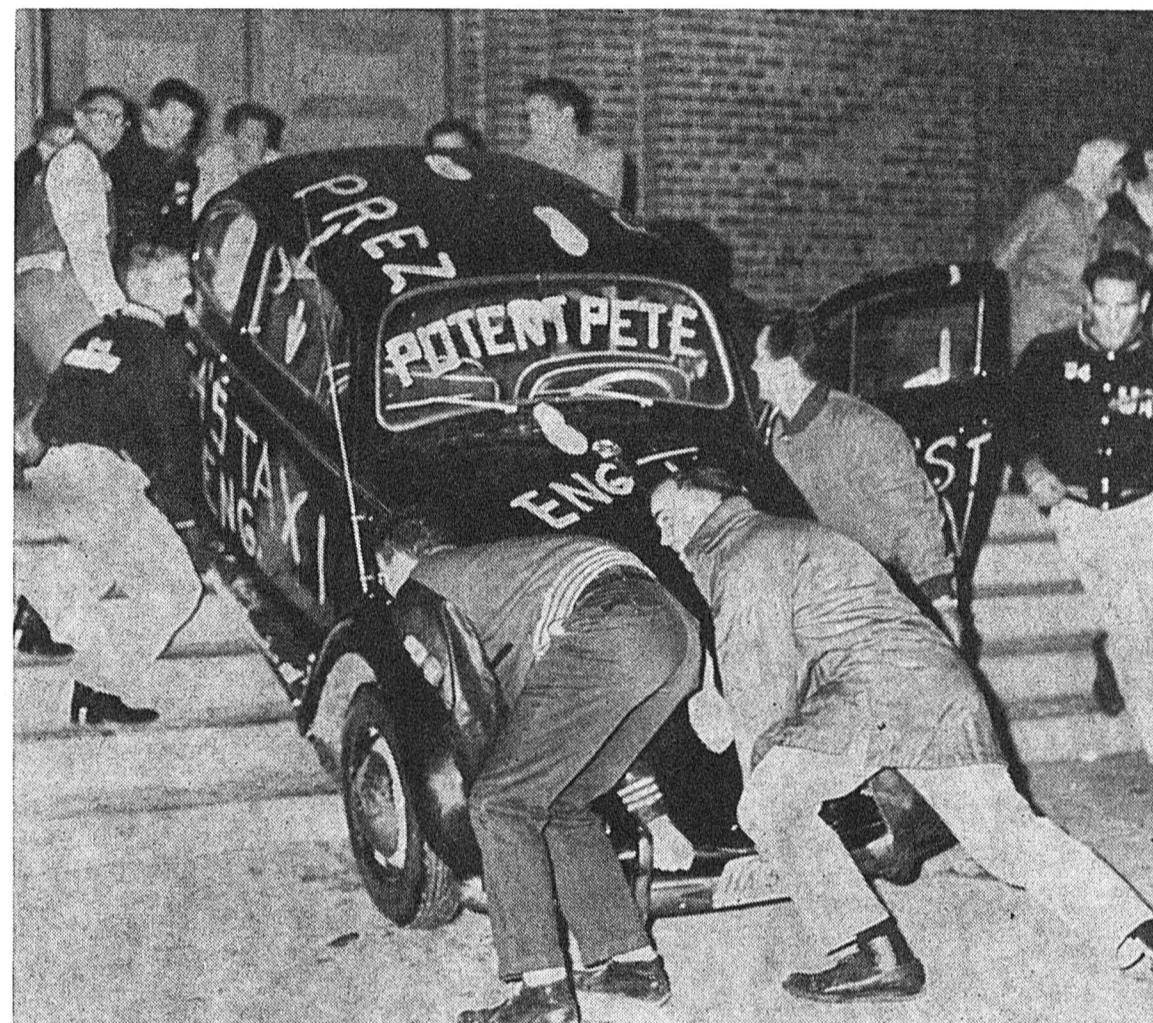
Chief Justice C. C. McLaurin's proposal made at Fall Convocation, regarding the early autonomy of the University of Alberta, Calgary "was an expression of his personal opinion," said A. A. Ryan, executive assistant to the president. "There are as many opinions on the matter as there are people."

"It is quite natural," said Mr. Ryan, "that the UAC student body does not wish to remain merely a branch of the university in Edmonton."

"Some degree of independence already exists," Mr. Ryan pointed out.

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Prowler haunts campus area



NEWEST FAD at U of A is to see how many small cars can be crammed into one student. Enthusiastic engineers who wanted to try Peter President's bomb on the Prexy for size, Tuesday

evening, found their way blocked by inadequate, narrow doors to SUB. Hyndman will leave the decorations on the car for a souvenir. (Photo by Fred Mannix)

Treasure sales topple records

WUS Treasure Van opening day sales boomed Monday, soaring past all previous Canadian records.

Monday sales were almost double those for opening day last year.

Last year's gross sales for the week were highest for all Canada, and this year's WUS committee hopes to see Alberta on top again.

Best year ever for Treasure Van was 1953—when McGill University

crowds purchased an all-time high value of the international handicrafts imported by WUS for the cross-country sale.

Crowds jammed the exhibit booths all day Monday and Tuesday. Tuesday's sales, although

below Monday's, were still double last year's and above last year's opening day's sales.

With this year's start, Treasure Van chairman Judy Lee and WUS chairman Bob Church both hope to see the McGill record also drop.

CC net near \$2,000

According to an official of the recent "Cabins for Chile" fund drive, a total of \$1,750 has been collected with another \$150 still to be turned in. An official statement will be released as soon as all faculties have made their returns.

Kappa Alpha Theta won the inter-sorority contest by collecting \$303.58.



GLUM PETER at far left watched hundreds of early Christmas shoppers treading through Treasure Van Monday at the conclusion of opening ceremonies. Dr. Walter Johns, U of A president, snipped ceremonial tape, with sale

patron Lt.-Governor Percy Page. Saleslady in centre is Mother Marg, first lady of students' council this year. With such help, sales boomed past all previous Canadian records. (Photo by Allen McClelland)

Gateway gets bucks

Students' Council voted to give The Gateway \$800 at a special meeting held Tuesday evening in the Students' Union Building.

After 15 minutes' swift deliberation, council voted, with only one exception, in favor of the allocation "to keep The Gateway going for the rest of the term."

Gateway editor David Jenkins said "we are concerned with getting through this year. If we have to cut back we will. The question is, how much can council afford?"

He told council The Gateway's circulation is 6,000 this term, compared to 5,400 last term.

Gerry Harle, secretary-treasurer, asked if the size of Gateway pictures could be cut down, without harming the "aesthetic value" of the paper. Jenkins said cutting down the picture sizes would detract from The Gateway's appearance. "We are not picture heavy anyway," he said.

Harle commended The Gateway's editorial policy and the effort put into the paper this term, but he said he was concerned with the "health" of the Students' Union budget.