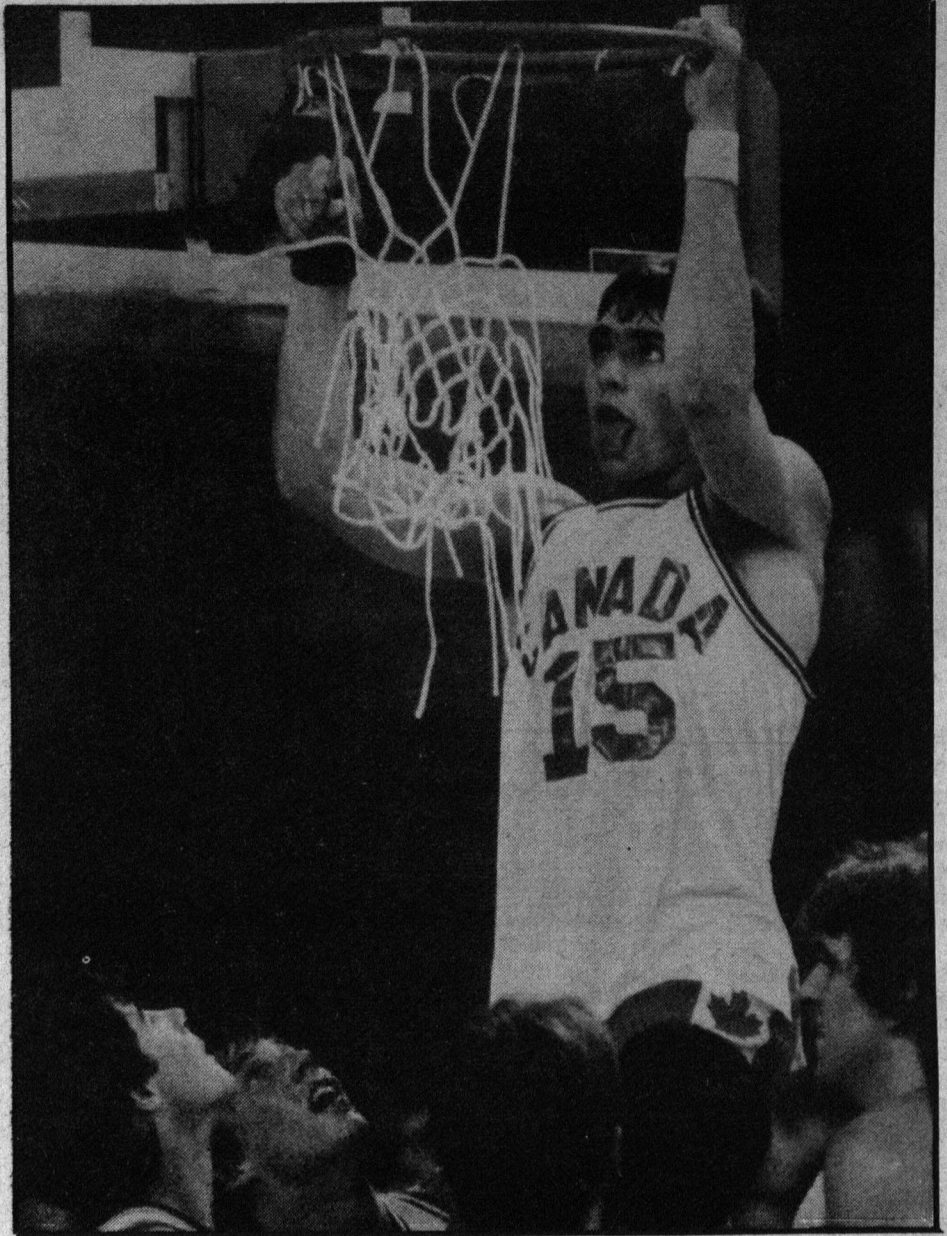


The beer flowed at Freshman Orientation Days.



Canada won the gold at Universiade '83, putting U of A students temporarily in a good mood for September registration.

September

by Brent Jang

As first-year students scrambled for classes in September and returning students shuffled into crowded rooms, the Registrar's Office told us there were 23,286 full-time and 4,000 part-time students on campus.

The overcrowded conditions were causing headaches for all departments, with Statistics and Computing Science being the hardest hit.

No one predicted the hard times in store for SUB Theatre, which got a \$183,000 facelift. Manager Peter Feldman was banking on *Rock 'n' Roll* and *The Gondoliers* to be the season's cash cows. The two shows went on to bomb at the box office and the SU's money went out to pasture.

"Going out to pasture" might have been a good subject for the mandatory writing competency exams instituted by the University. The U of A started charging for the remedial courses. VP Academic George Baldwin said the U of A was partially to blame, along with high school teachers, for

freshmen's writing deficiency. Baldwin said since the universities train teachers, all the blame could not be placed on Alberta's school system.

Readers blamed the *Gateway* for lowering university community standards when the paper ran a spoof advertisement for Foster Jean Relief. How could the paper have the gall to parody starving children, they asked?

The letter writers failed to see the "grim irony" in the ad, which Greg Harris explained this way in an editorial: "...now and then, something they (wealthy people) just can't ignore jolts them out of their complacency and reminds them there are people starving to death. This is upsetting. It makes them think."

U of A students were being asked to start thinking about supporting the Canadian Federation of Students in an October referendum.

Applications for student loans were up 24 per cent.

Attendance at the Students' Union-sponsored University

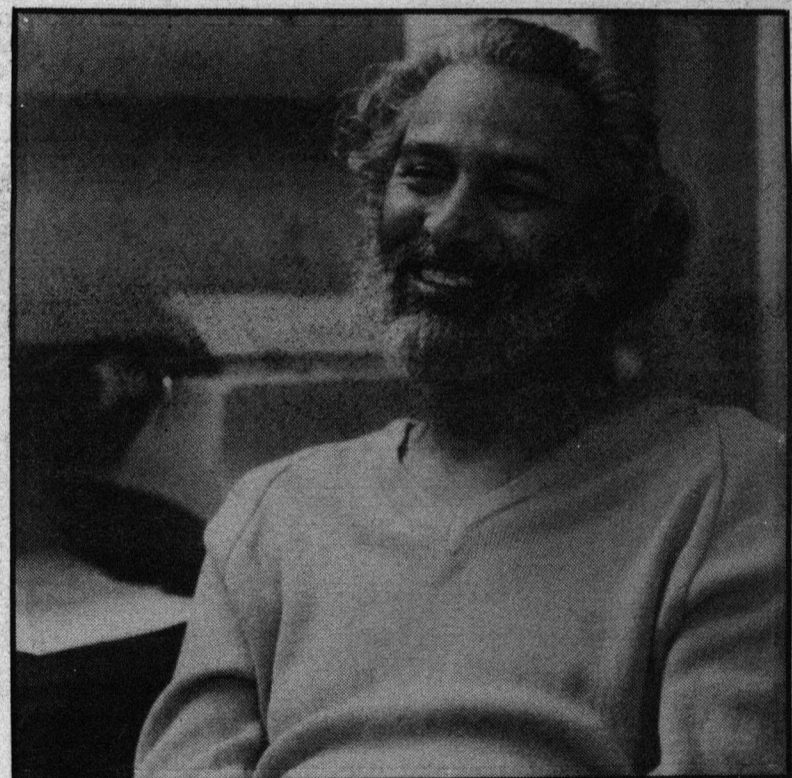
Night was also up, much to chagrin of President Robert Greenhill. He alleged a story in the *Gateway* "ruined the intent" of the event by placing undue emphasis on the availability of free booze and food.

Nobel laureate Roald Hoffman said "there is one culture because we are all seeking to understand the world around us." The 1981 Chemistry winner told a SUB Theatre audience to explore their world since "specialization breeds ignorance."

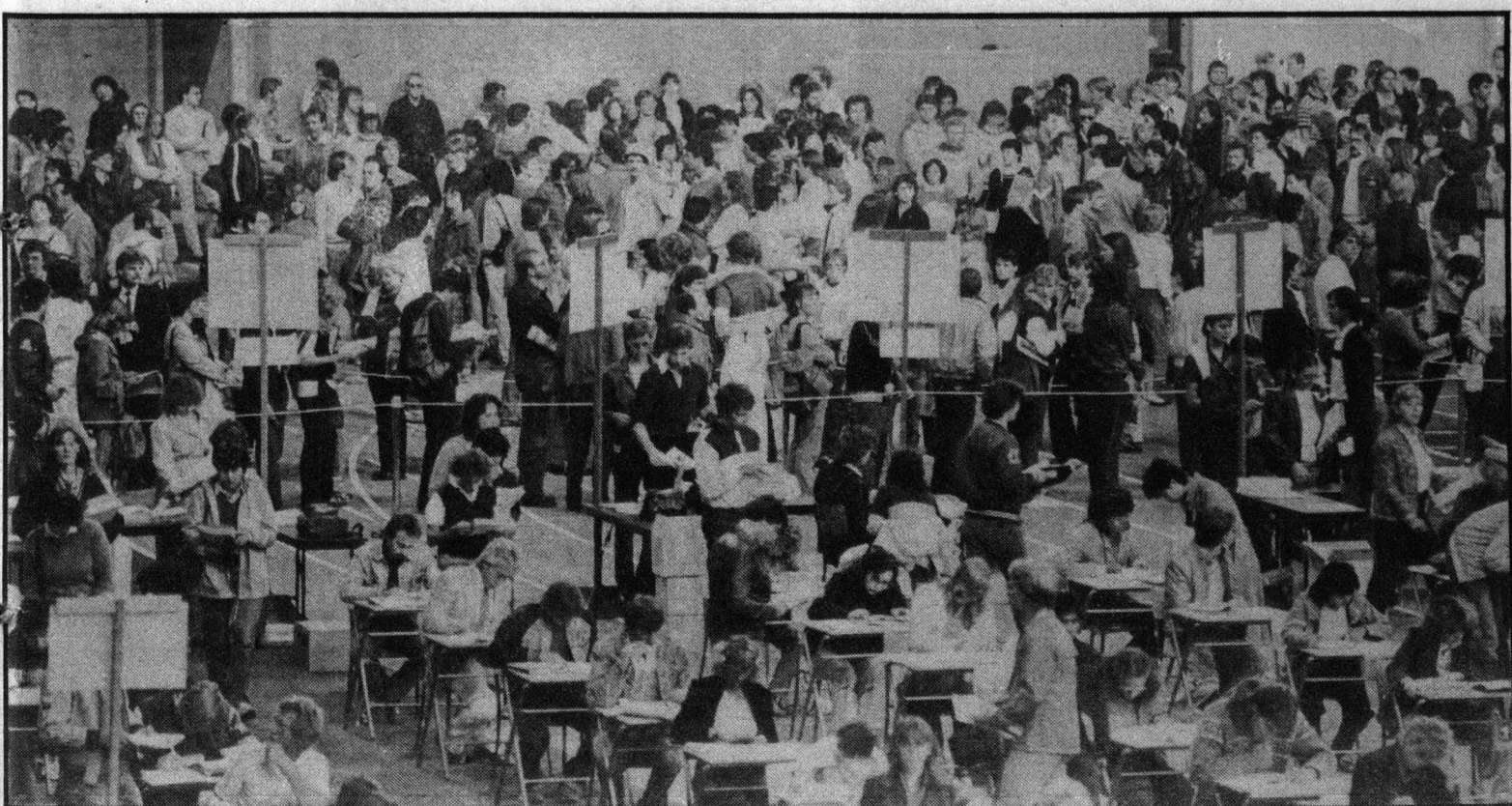
The National Ballet Company's *Don Quixote*, the Citadel's *Lark*, Theatre Network's *Turning Thirty*, and an interview with writer-in-residence Samuel Selvon, were among the interesting items in the Arts pages.

In Sports, the football Bears won their season opener 27-26 over the Manitoba Bisons.

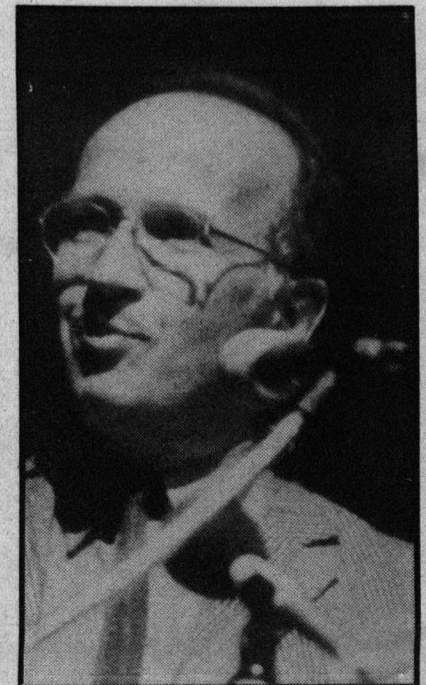
The Letters pages were overflowing in September with outraged students condemning Ernest Braithwaite III's anti-Western Canada views.



Samuel Selvon, writer-in-residence.



Students, students, everywhere. Registration at Butterdome.



Nobel prize winner Roald Hoffman told us to look around and explore.