

Rodeo '65

Rootin', tootin' rodeo spurs hopes for two-day show next year



By VALERIE BECKER

A record crowd of 4,275 U of A students, attending Friday night's commerce rodeo, have increased the possibility of rodeo '66 becoming a two-day affair says Roy Bennett, organizer of this year's event.

In the words of Harry Vold, well-known rodeo producer, "it was a bigger and better contest with many more people and much more interest shown."

Famed rodeo performer, Buddy Heaton, said that the rodeo was outstanding in every respect.

"This is something Canada should have done in sports a long, long time ago," said Heaton.

Glen Thompson, this year's all-around cowboy, gave an excellent performance, taking home top honours in steer decorating and a third in roping. Thompson was the only contestant from the North West Bible Institute in Edmonton.

Montana State University came out on top in the total number of points collected by any of the 10 universities represented. MSU drew a third and a first in saddle bronc riding, a third in bull riding, a second in decorating and the two top positions in calf roping.

Points won at the rodeo can be counted toward a year's total in the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association circuit. The U of A rodeo club was the first member of the NIRA outside of the U.S. In order to participate in Friday's rodeo Olds Agricultural College and UAC also joined the NIRA.

In 5 events, Alan Thorpe was the only male contestant from U of A to place in any of the three top positions. Thorpe took a third in bareback riding and a second in bull riding.

In the barrel racing event, however, the U of A came out shining, with Marie Smith taking first spot,

Rilla Sappok second and Doreen Mattson third.

In the bloomer race, three exuberant ladies from the Kappa Alpha Theta fraternity heaved, grunted and clawed their way to the winning line, pushing their bloomered calf.

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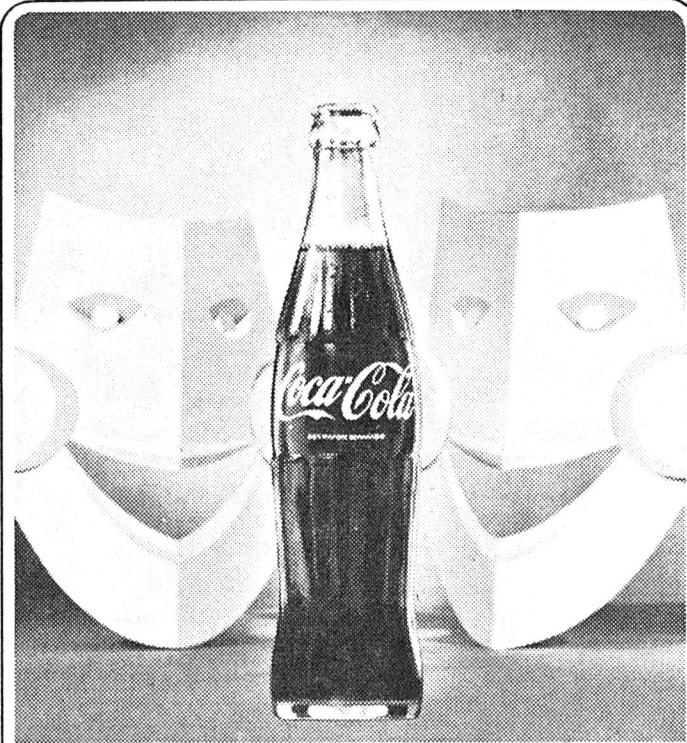
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