

I never saw any  
stripper . . .



# The Getaway

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. . . I was too drunk.

Tom Boston

## Council cans Claus

by Broad Ramble

Once again the Students' Union Executive Council have shown their unflagging commitment to further their own political ambitions . . . oops . . . er . . . to further the social condition of humanity. Last night Council voted unanimously, by a margin of 29 to 0 with one abstention, to reject Santa Claus a one night landing permit on SUB roof.

"The thing I'm concerned about," said Arts Rep. Bob Flame, "what happens if Donner or Blitzen cock a leg over the CJSR antenna, we won't be able to hear Metal Mike Berry until the spring or at least until somebody goes up there with a blow torch to thaw it out. Besides, with the money saved on the clean-up we can hire our own Bambi to drop things indoors."

In the heat of debate Housing and Food Services Commissioner Dandruff Headrush overcome with the intensity of the issue was heard to mutter, "We are taking a stand." However, Headrush voted with his fellow legislators. When questioned later Headrush attempted to deny what had been overheard: "No I didn't, all I said was, we are taking a stand."

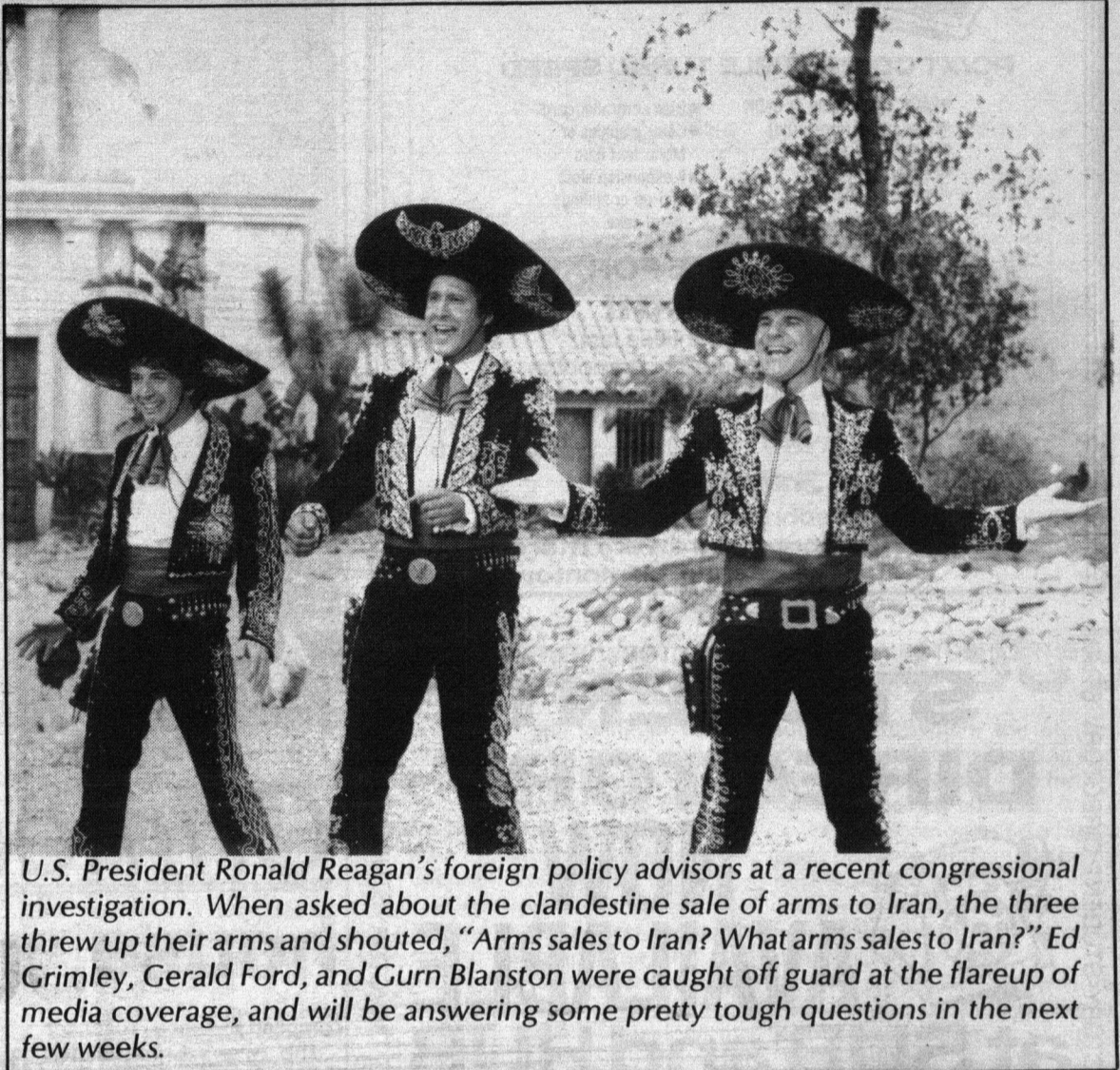
VP external Spike Bunter was more concerned with security.

"What if the old fart decides to do a B and E. There goes the art collection. It might be months before security finds out what's missing."

The one abstention was from Science Rep. Harry Javex who simply said "It doesn't concern me. I'm hanging up my stocking at home." When asked if his apathetic approach to student politics might alienate some of his supporters Javex replied, "Apathy, who cares?"

Dim Dykthing, showing the full benefit of a liberal education replied to the motion in his usual eloquent manner, "We can't have that red son-of-a-bitch marching all over our campus spreading peace and good will and handing out free gifts. That c . . . sucker smacks of socialism."

STOP THE PRESS: In a last-minute appeal on behalf of the University Day Care, the campus New Democrats petitioned University President Mayor Hollowits to reverse Council's decision. Hollowits, however, refused to see them. His secretary said that the President had a dinner date with Peter Pocklington which was made ten years ago. Mr. Hollowits' secretary denied that the President was trying to solicit funds for a personal covered and heated parking stall.



U.S. President Ronald Reagan's foreign policy advisors at a recent congressional investigation. When asked about the clandestine sale of arms to Iran, the three threw up their arms and shouted, "Arms sales to Iran? What arms sales to Iran?" Ed Grimley, Gerald Ford, and Gurn Blanston were caught off guard at the flareup of media coverage, and will be answering some pretty tough questions in the next few weeks.

## No Goobers meat : Brunch

by Enigma Sadistic  
and Peace Bashwell

In a surprise announcement, Housing and Slop Services Director David Brunch declared the university would no longer be purchasing Goober's meat products.

"Instead," said Brunch, "the university shall be serving South African beef and pork, purchased through a division of Rothperson's Ltd.

We felt it was high time that we took a stand against Canadian protectionism," said Brunch.

"Those students have been after us to make moral decisions for a long time so we decided to start making them."

U of A New Democrat club spokesentity Rita Coldpak takes issue with this reasoning. "What do you mean South African products?!"

"They didn't listen to our concerns about Goober's before, why are they listening now?" she asked, perplexed.

HSS Meat Officer Lambie Llewellyn sputtered "We never made an unconscious effort one way or another to think, I mean, uh, that is informing and responding is something that I mean, uh . . . hey! Look you ivory tower, you are using big words on me again aren't you? I just want to continue with my normal cud chewing practices. What do I know about meat anyway? I'm a vegetarian."

The issue was brought up in last night's Student Council meeting.

VP in search of something external, Michael Hunting-for-it, made a speech against everything in general.

While Hunting for it was speaking, council passed a motion to adjourn to RATT and quietly tip-toed out.

VP in search of something inter-

nal, Barb Hiding-from-it, explained that council wished to approach more student related concerns.

"We felt that our time would be better spent contributing to the

profits in RATT," said Arts representative Rob Abstain.

"I don't think that we should be wasting council time with issues," said Science councillor Don Non-

Standly.

Coldpak said that she hopes to instigate a symbolic avoidance as soon as she decides what it is that she opposes.

## Grouper revamps WCT

by Larissa Stevanova

A new form of the writing competency test was unveiled today by SU VP Academic Greg Grouper. The test, designed to be a more accurate gauge of prospective enrollees' writing skills, will no longer consist of a time limited 500 word essay, as in the old format. Instead, it will be in the form of "one of these words is not like the others", and "which beer label says 'Coors?'"

"This test is designed to test students in an environment they are comfortable with," said Grouper. "No one should reasonably be expected to write a 500 word essay on some stupid current events topic. That is really unfair, especially since you can't use your word processor with the SpellCheck feature."

Instead, each sitting of the exam will be administered to a group of fifty students by a member of a selected fraternity. The students will be tested on word recognition in the section titled "Which of these is a real brand of beer?"

Sentence structure and grammar will be tested by having the students read a dummy script for an episode of *Miami Vice* and checking for proper structure and sentence construction. A multiple-choice spelling quiz will also be part of the exam.

"We expect this new exam format to be a real boost to enrolment," said Mayor Hollowits. "Right now, some people are hesit-

ant about applying to the university because they are afraid that they will not be able to pass the present WCT. But this new format will ensure that many, many people who could not pass before will feel much more relaxed and will do much better, thus increasing enrollment."

"More students means more money from the government,"

Hollowits concluded.

Richard Simple, first year artsy, commented, "Great! An exam I don't haveta study for! I was worried that they wouldn't let me continue in the basket-weaving program because I failed the old exam eighteen times, even though I got 85 per cent on the English 30 departmental. I don't think the old exam was fair at all."

## Low-tech computer

by Schmeg Reegnik

U of A computing services chief Slick Chipson unveiled the university's newest supercomputing device last night.

The computer, dubbed the Coal Sled 4 by its manufacturer, will provide a challenge to its users. The Coal Sled 4 uses five special data vanes to confuse the operator.

After a file is sent to the Coal Sled to be processed, the computer goes to work.

First, the two needle pivots supporting the vanes require a liberal application of beeswax. "It's a friction condiment," said Chipson.

Then, breaking the file into five consecutive segments, the operator loads each vane with its share of data, and with a flick of the finger the vanes are set spinning.

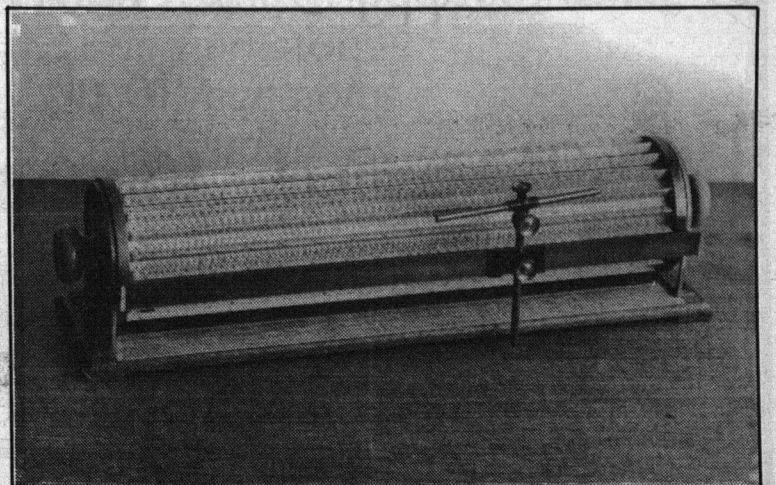
Completed processing, the coal Sled 4 emits five vectors of finished

product on strips of paper.

"We're selling time on the Coal Sled to researchers from all over," said Chipson. "Actually, it's really the stupidest damn thing I've ever

seen."

The computer's designer, Ori Y Gami of Imbecile Macrosystems in Fargo, North Dakota, was unwilling to comment.



U of A's super computer

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