

1969: Days of love

by Jens Andersen

Compulsory free love???
The massed brainpower of the 1969-70 Students' Council, assembled at a retreat at the close of the sixties, came up with the idea as a response to the challenge of the future.

Other heavy proposals included abolishing kicklines in elections (done), uniting in solidarity with other universities if tuition fees were raised (done, sort of), and having degrees available at the bookstore for purchase (still on the drawing boards).

The document outlining the proposals was dredged up from the Student Union Archives by Researcher Stuart Mackay. He also presides over archeological

relics like minutes of Students' Council stretching back to the 1950s, photos, trophies, songbooks and student handbooks.

One of the older handbooks contains an etiquette guide with quaint guidelines on "how to pick up a girl for a dance."

Also in the archives, in the portion housed in Rutherford South, is a shovel which was used to turn the sod for the construction of SUB.

Mackay says, "If the... ah... debris gets any thicker at Council, we may have to bring it back."

Other sagacious suggestions:

- Establish a cabaret on top of a parkade.
- Bring in films such as *Revolt at Columbia*.

- Epiminate GFC.
- Eliminate the Senate.
- Eliminate the Board of Governors, but keep GFC.
- Issue SUB supervisors with guns.
- Get the share at the Mayfair for the Executive and Council.
- Abolish the lecture system.
- Abolish convocation.
- Make convocation mandatory.
- Eliminate the tenure system.
- Eliminate Campus Police.
- Have birth control pills available at the Inforvation Desk and in vending machines.
- Immunize professors from alcoholism.
- Run the university on interest and joy, not fear.



Bobby Curtola, old reliable, urges the total ever-upward.

ACT grosses 700,000+

Bobby Curtola still has a broken leg, but otherwise the Associated Canadian Travellers (ACT) Telerama held in SUB Theatre this weekend was a big success.

The Telerama is an annual 20 hour hodge-podge of songs, dance, humor and lots of schmaltz. But it works, and this year the ACT raised \$747,450 for the disabled up from \$612,000 in 1980.

The show was broadcast on CFRNtv from 9 p.m. Saturday to 5 p.m. Sunday. It featured local singer Bobby Curtola and seven other performers.

Curtola appeared in a wheelchair after he klutzed out last week and broke his leg while rollerskating. The injury seemed to have little effect on his style, however.

Over 1000 volunteers helped out at the Telerama. The Students' Union is expected to waive the \$600 rental on SUB Theatre and to donate \$1000 to the ACT fund at tonight's Council meeting. The Ski Club, Dinwoodie Lounge, L'Express, the SUB Buffeteria, the Agriculture Students' Association and the Business and Commerce Undergraduate Society (BACUS) were among those who helped out.

And the *Gateway* newsroom was cleaned up and used as a relaxation room for the tired performers. Unfortunately, by Monday morning the couches, carpeting and color television sets had been taken away.

Private money panned

by Mike Walker

Next year's most influential U of A students don't like private sector interference in university affairs.

Most members of both slates running in this week's SU executive election are worried that private (business) funding of the university will lead to imbalances prejudicial to the liberal education faculties.

"It certainly is not the answer to inadequate base funding," said vp external candidate Lisa Walter (Soper slate) last week. "It has benefits for some faculties, but let's not assume it's the answer to all the problems."

The Alberta government, however, seems to think increased private funding is desirable. It has set up an \$80 million fund to match dollar for dollar, private donations to the universities. The universities are finding the lure of this money irresistible.

"We really have to go after that money," said university vice-president finance Lorne Leitch Monday. "The government really is encouraging it."

Presidential candidate Bob Kirk thinks the government has

just found a way to direct funding in to the areas it favors, without making a public decision to that effect.

"I don't think you're going to see as much encouragement for a specialized chair in Renaissance literature, or philosophy, which they (the government) consider nonessential to the economic development of the province," Kirk said.

Vice-president academic candidate Elizabeth Lunney (Soper slate) called for all private donations to the university to be put into a general pool, rather than allocated to special projects.

"If you're going to support private funding, it's got to be into one pool," Lunney said. "It concerns me very much that the private sector is putting too much direction, having too much say, specifying we want a course in this or that."

Leitch was unimpressed with that proposal.

"I don't think we'd collect any money," he said. "To go in and say 'Would you please give us some money?' wouldn't work at all."

"I suppose there might be more of a willingness to donate

for some programs than others. We're obviously going to have to take that into account in designing our system (for handling private donations).

"We're not going to turn down money simply because the donor specifies where it is to go," he said. "We're going to be more successful in some areas than others."

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