

Costly bands may come cheap and without financial risk

by Greg Neiman

It may become possible, perhaps by the end of March, for the U of A Students' Union to set up a permanent structure by which big-name rock groups can give concerts here, at very little financial risk to SU.

Jack Redekop, vp finance and administration, and Tony Melnechuk made a trip to the University of British Columbia last week to talk with executives and promoters about the system they presently employ allowing their SU to import expensive bands with little risk.

The system is arranged such that the promoter pays the SU \$1200 for the use of a sound system, setting up a stage,

getting crews for setting up and cleaning the gym and off-campus advertising.

The promoter then makes a separate contract with the group.

This allows the promoter to take 90% of the risk as well as 90% of any profits accrued by the concert.

At the time of the visit, Sha Na Na backed up by WOW was playing, which turned out to be a losing proposition for the promoter, who suffered approximately a \$2000 set-back.

Redekop says that the promoter there is still willing to work under the system as he has made good profits at five other concerts.

"The system can only work if it goes over a long period of time," says Redekop.

People have to be trained to set up and clean the gym quickly and efficiently, as well as a system set up whereby a promoter can expect more than one or two concerts to offset any possible losses.

"It's not a money-making proposition for the Students' Union," he said, "it's a service for the students where they can go to hear big groups for prices like \$3.50 or \$4.00 a ticket."

B.B. King, The Beach Boys, and Joan Baez have performed at UBC under the system at little relative cost to the student and with a good profit for the promoter.

Melnechuk is presently in conference with Murray Van Vliet, Dean of Physical Education, for use of the ice arena should a similar system be established here. Response to the inquiries, says Redekop, has been very good.

As to promoters, "response has been hot and cold." Redekop looks to the possibility of arranging a "mini block" deal whereby the U of C and UBC could be in on a unified deal.

The idea for installation of the system came when at the Services Conference, Gordon Blankstein, President of UBC Alma Mater Society (SU) reported the workings of it to other campus representatives.

"Kill contract" taken out on Gateway News Editor



(Earth News) - An organization in New York City called "Agents of Pie-Kill Unlimited" is offering its services as "dirty tricksters for hire."

The group says it specializes mainly in pie-throwing. Anybody in New York can take out a contract on a specified person, and the group will see to it that that person gets a pie in the face. The basic fee of the pie-throwing contract is forty bucks, with added fees for photos, and traveling expenses if outside the city.

The group will also stage squirt gun attacks and seltzer bottle barrages on anyone for a fee. According to their newspaper ad, "We'll go anywhere and do almost anything." Their slogan? -- "Have pie, will travel."

Phone Book letdown for everyone

by Greg Neiman

At last, at long last, the much-awaited Students' Union pictorial telephone directory has been completed by the printers, but many people feel that once it hits the stands our students will be disappointed.

Due to printing errors, it has been said by sources in the executive office, the directory is of very poor quality this year despite the efforts of production staff.

Photos have not been properly enlarged, one obvious fault, and therefore the postage-stamp-sized portraits are hard to make out.

Also, a folding error has resulted in the last section being those students whose surnames begin with "V" instead of "Z", and the blank page reserved for special phone numbers of autographs is in the middle of the directory with the "Z" names.

As well, the lateness of computer printouts bearing students' names and addresses

has held up production. This compounded with the necessary firing of the directory editor and the slow production on the part of production staff (third floor Kelsey Hall) has resulted in a late, poorly-printed issue this year, sources say.

The directory was budgetted to cost \$11,000, but contract renegotiations for a partial

reimbursement with North Hill News publishing service is now in effect due to the printing and folding errors.

The directory will be available at the SUB Information Desk beginning today through next week, but it is expected that few will be impressed by its quality.

SU curbing free enterprise?

Those wishing to run for SU President or other executive offices will have to come up with invoices proving that any election printing on the part of any candidate was done at one

of the five following printing companies:

Dial Printing Company, Instant Printing Company, Sherwood Park Printing, U of A Printing Services, or Jasper Place Composite High School Printing Services.

The decision to regulate what services to use for elections here stems from a problem that arose two years ago when a candidate for SU president managed to have his posters printed through friendship arrangements, thus allowing the value of the material printed to exceed the \$75 limit while not actually spending more than that amount.

Candidates are given \$75 to conduct their campaigns and it is against the constitution to spend

more than that amount.

Jack Redekop, vp finance and administration, says he feels the list of companies offered represents a wide enough range of choices with regards to quality and expense.

Candidates may choose any one of these services and must produce invoices proving that one of these companies was used.

The move was instituted to prevent such an occurrence from happening again, and to protect candidates who cannot form close alliances with printing companies from the disadvantages of such an inequity.

Addresses and estimates can be obtained through the Edmonton Telephone Directory.



Arts & Crafts Christmas sale now on in the SUB Art Gallery offers unique and varied selection of original art for gifts. Until December 11 daily 2 - 8 pm.

U of A student named Rhodes Scholar

University of Alberta second year student in medical studies, John Irving Bell, has been chosen as Alberta's Rhodes Scholar for 1975.

He will travel to Oxford University, England, next fall along with ten other Rhodes Scholars to continue his medical studies for two or three years.

The Rhodes Scholarship will pay his matriculation fees,

tuition, laboratory fees, and other set fees, as well as a monthly stipend of 100 pounds. In all, the scholarship will provide about 2,000 pounds a year towards his studies.

To be eligible for such an award candidates must be between 19 and 25 years of age, male, single, and a Canadian citizen or British subject.

Candidates are judged on

literary and scholastic attainments, qualities of manhood, truthfulness, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy for and protection of the weak, kindness, unselfishness, fellowship, etc.

Scholarships are awarded on a provincial basis with two scholarship each to Quebec, and Ontario, and one each to Alberta, B.C., Manitoba, New

Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, and Saskatchewan.

Applicants must also work towards one of the following degrees: M.Sc., B. Litt., B.C.L., B. Phil., or D.Phil.

Bell, a member on the Board of Directors of the Edmonton Art Gallery, and president of the Edmonton Rowing Club, is the son of Mrs. R.E. Bell and the late Dr. Bell of Edmonton.