



Feldman has been selected as the new SU Theatre director.
photo by Shirley Glew

VGW features special events, displays and guest speakers

Varsity Guest Weekend has returned!

The University of Alberta will be holding its annual open house this weekend and displays and events have been scheduled to interest all. This event, better known as VGW, takes place Saturday, March 10 from 9 am to 6 pm and Sunday, March 11 from 10 am to 5 pm.

Included in this year's plans:
1) **Displays by Student Organizations and Faculty Associations**

- Computing Science will be making available various computer games, as well as demonstrating new advances in the field.
- Engineering will have dis-

plays in all five of its buildings and JAY OMEGA, the Electrical Engineering robot will be on hand.

2) **Special Events**
- Band Showcase—Bands from three city agencies will be performing free!

- Dance Marathon—The Panhellenic Council will be sponsoring its annual Marathon for Charity. This year, the moneys will go to WINhouse, a shelter for battered wives with children.

3) **Guest Speakers**
- Mel Watkins, University of Toronto Economist, will be speaking on the Canadian Economic Crisis at 2:00 pm, Saturday (March 10) in the Students' Union Theatre. A panel discussion will follow.

There are many things to see and many areas to explore at VGW '79. EVERYONE IS WELCOME! Look for the VGW Tabloid when you come onto the Campus—it contains a map of the campus, plus much information.

For further information, contact Ian Fraser at 432-4010 or Stephen Kushner at 432-4236.

Archaeology exhibit opens tomorrow

Two exhibitions of Italian archaeology will be on display at the provincial museum from March 10 to July 2, thanks to the university, its alumni association, and the museum.

The exhibitions are devoted to an examination of the rural peoples of southern Italy during pre-Roman and Roman times.

Ancient Crossroads presents to the Canadian public artifacts excavated from the territory of the ancient Greek city of Metapontion on the southern coast of the Italian

peninsula. The main focus of this exhibit is the Greek peasant population: the small farmers who lived and worked in the territory surrounding the city of Metapontion. The rural economic base of these farmers and their cultural and religious activities are vividly displayed in the wide range of artifacts that compose the exhibition. These are objects of pottery and jewellery which the ancient farmers and city dwellers used during their daily lives.

Villa Rustica continues the rural theme by illustrating the changes that took place in the countryside of southern Italy after the Roman conquests of the 3rd century BC.

The exhibition was originally conceived by Dr. A.M. Small of the University of Alberta's department of classics and director of the excavations, in cooperation with the University of Alberta Collections.

To mark the opening of the exhibitions Dr. Elena Lattanzi, archaeological superintendent for Basilicata, will give a talk at the Provincial Museum at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 9. At 9:30 p.m., there will be a reception attended by representatives of the sponsoring parties including the Italian and Alberta governments.

From page one

more council notes

year, the strongest measure possible would be to pass a motion of censure. Amerongen was sure that such a motion would have them "quaking in their shoes."

Groups who have not cashed their grant cheques yet had better do so soon. VP finance Dave Fisher says he will stop payment on any cheques still outstanding at the end of the month.

Gordon Turtle and Gary McGowan were ratified as

Forum on Jonestown

The present opposition leader and former prime minister of Guyana will speak on campus Monday on the subject of the Jonestown mass suicides. The talk will be presented in Dinwoodie Lounge at noon.

Cheddi Jagan will present a critical analysis of Jonestown, including a unique explanation of the tragedy that occurred there. Apparently Jagan believes that Jonestown was a dope plantation with business connections in the United States.

Jagan also appeared on campus last March to give a talk on electoral practices in Guyana.

academic centre opens

Cultural link with Italy

The new Canadian Academic Centre in Italy (CCI) under the direction of Alastair Small of the University of Alberta's department of classics was officially opened on February 27.

It is located in Rome and is the first Canadian academic institution to be established on Italian soil under the auspices of the Canadian and Italian governments.

The centre joins more than

The centre is located in the heart of Rome and is easily accessible to visitors.

20 similar national institutions operating out of Italy's capital and set up with the blessing of the Italian state (for example, the American Academy, the Ecole Francaise, the British School, and the German and Danish Institutes).

The opening ceremonies included a number of addresses given by distinguished Italian and Canadian diplomats and scholars in the beautifully frescoed Auditorio Gonsalone.

The Italian Secretary of State Foschi, who has just returned from an official visit to Canada, spoke about the "profound links, human and cultural," between Canada and Italy, and His Excellency D'Iberville Fortier, the Canadian Ambassador, described the center, in a speech given in Italian, French and English, as an "expression of the huge cultural debt" owed to Italy by Canada.

In a telephone interview, Dr. Small said the arrival of the centre on Italian soil is long overdue and symbolizes the close fraternity of the two nations.

Watkins here Saturday

A well known Canadian economist is coming to the U of A this weekend to speak on the Canadian economic crisis.

Professor Mel Watkins of the University of Toronto will speak in SUB Theatre at 1:30 Saturday. His appearance is part of Varsity Guest Weekend. Watkins gained national prominence with the publication of *The Report on Foreign Investment and the Structure of the Canadian Industry* in 1968. He

has written extensively about the economic domination of Canada by foreign companies and countries.

More recently, Watkins has assisted the Indian Brotherhood in the Northwest Territories in preparing their brief to the Berger Commission. Out of this experience has come a book which Watkins has edited called *The Dene Nation: The Colony Within*.

Watkins is currently working on a book dealing with the life and works of Harold Innis, the great Canadian economic historian.

Watkins' speech will be followed by a panel discussion with Larry Pratt of the Political Science Department and Ed Schaffer of the Economics Department.

Music awards available

The University of Alberta is accepting nominations for the 1979 National Award in Music.

National awards were established in 1951 by the university's Board of Governors to give a greater appreciation of fine arts in Canada. They honor Canadians whose contributions over a period of time in advanced letters, music and the related arts.

The 1979 award will be awarded upon an individual basis in music.

The national award is a gold medal. It will be presented early in the year at the Scholarship and Awards Night at the Banff Centre for Continuing Education.

The names of possible winners should be mailed by March 23 to Dr. W.F. Allen, Associate Vice-President (Academic), 3-12 University of Alberta, Edmonton, T6G 2J9.

Government not meeting research commitments

OTTAWA (CUP) — Last month's budget estimates show that the federal government is not honoring its commitment to increase research funding, according to a spokesman for the Canadian Federation of Biological Societies.

Instead, John Kucharczyk said March 5, internal federal government research has been slashed and university research grants, already badly hit by years of inflation, will not even be increased enough to meet inflation.

Last June, then-Minister of State for Science and Technology Judd Buchanan committed the federal government to strengthening Canadian

research and development with the goal of increasing research spending from the current 0.92% of the gross domestic product to 1.5% by 1983.

An ad-hoc committee appointed by Buchanan later estimated that government research spending would have to increase by 10% and industrial research by 27% annually to meet this goal.

However, Kucharczyk said it is already doubtful the goal can be met.

According to Statistics Canada, he said, industrial R and D only increased by 8.4%, not 27% in 1978, and government funding was in many cases slashed by last fall's restraint

program.

The Medical Research Council, which dispenses grants to university researchers, received a guaranteed five-year funding plan last December, he said. The funding increases it calls for will decrease from 9.7% this year to 7.5% in its last year. This will not even meet inflation.

The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council, which dispenses grants in engineering and the sciences, is expected to receive similar increases, he said.

"So right away, in terms of what the ad-hoc committee called for, we are falling far short in the very first year of the five-year program."