

Olympics - For the nation or the individual?

By JOHN BALL

The modern Olympics, inspired by Baron Pierre de Coubertin of France, were to have been periodic tests of excellence of the best athletes in the world. Not only were they to be demonstrations of athletic excellence, but they were to take place in a spirit of pure competition. They were to be contests between individuals and teams, free of commercial and political in-

terests. An Olympic spirit was to be fostered and the International Olympic Committee was charged with, among other

things, the maintenance of this ideal. Baron Coubertin hoped that through the Olympic spirit, a better understanding between nations might be

fostered, thereby reducing the tensions and strife so prevalent in world relations.

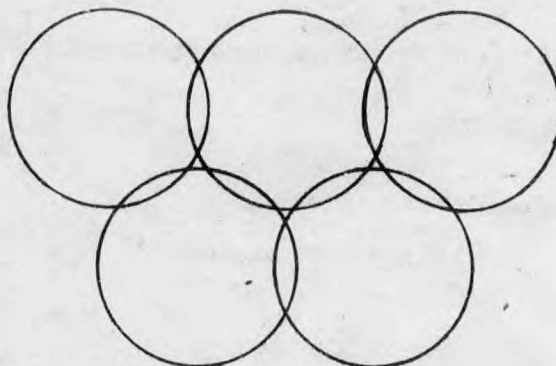
And what have we today? Unfortunately, we have a sorry spectacle so far afield from the original Olympic ideals that some doubts have been raised as to whether or not the games should even continue. The two world superpowers are scrambling for every gold medal they can get in order to show which way of life is the better. We have rampant nationalism personified by the flag raising, anthem playing medal presentations. And worst of all, we have terrorists playing at politics in the most revolting and inhumane way.

The IOC should have some intensive soul-searching as an item on its next agenda. As

keepers of the Olympic spirit, they have some decisions to make. What about those medal presentation ceremonies? Would it not be more in keeping with the Olympic spirit to have a format which used an Olympic "Chorus of Victory", perhaps on fanfare trumpets,

events will still pit national teams against one another. Teams will still be housed in national groupings and travel together. Journalists too, no doubt, will still publicize their unofficial point count. The nationalistic flavour of the games can perhaps be subdued super-

for a lunatic fringe to focus world attention on their cause is high. The prestige of the Olympics is great and there are three or four thousand journalists on the scene. It is interesting to note that the despatching of eleven athletes at Munich got more prime coverage than the murder of twenty-six people at Lod Airport. And let us not forget that FLQ terrorists have murdered once and seem to have no qualms about leaving bombs in mail boxes where any innocent person may be killed. They will surely be tempted to strike in Montreal now that a precedent, though unsuccessful for the terrorists, has been established. What will the IOC decide about this nightmarish twist of the Olympic spirit?



with the Olympic flag raised instead of the victor's national flag? And what of designing a standard Olympic uniform to be used by all competitors? Perhaps too, the parade of athletes should be by event instead of by country.

ficially, but teams still represent nations and to win enhances national pride; we have come full circle.

Another item which no doubt will face the IOC at its next meeting will concern a response to the advent of terrorism as an adjunct to the contests going on inside the sports palaces. The temptation

As Avery Brundage said at the Munich memorial ceremony, "The Games must go on". This is perhaps one of the few things he has said over the past few years with which people enthusiastically agree. Let us hope they are not forced behind closed doors and police cordons.

Mugwump By EDISON STEWART Journal

For all you folks in the administration that need a good Friday morning laugh, here goes...

SRC President Roy Neale was "politely asked to leave" the SUB Friday night, after he made a rather unsuccessful attempt at bringing a bottle of gin and two glasses into the building in his umbrella. The boy showed imagination, though - you've got to give him that. Comptroller Chris Fisher laughed when told about the incident and added that the SUB folks weren't fast enough to catch him. The Great Man Himself chuckled Wednesday and said he'd have to be just a bit more imaginative the next time around...

Remember the bus service I mentioned last year? Well you might also remember that I said the SRC - notably one or two folks in the hierarchy - would make sure that it never got off the ground. Well the topic, although it's been tossed around a lot, still hasn't been investigated. RAF is still sure in his own mind that it would never work, so he apparently isn't going to start any committee to study its feasibility. Could it be the project is too big for council to comprehend? Or maybe they're afraid of the work involved...

You'll be pleased to note that your council members were about as busy at your work this summer as a cauliflower in heat. When President Neale wrote them all letters informing them of his summer activities and requesting some sort of feedback, only one person replied. If this is the kind of togetherness we can expect from council, we may as well quit while we're ahead, and leave the work up to the executive.

Last week I started listing my end-of-year predictions in March, and I noted that many have come true. Here are some more...

The prediction: "With all of the Engineering faculty's ability waiting in the wings, the administration probably won't do anything to fix up the huge bumps in the road in various places around campus." Well, I was right in one instance, at least. The bump beside the library - it was more like a massive hole - was fixed only a week or so ago. It's been there since the spring...

The prediction: "Students will make the Board of Governors soon. Legislation to that effect should appear in the Legislature before the term ends." Well the University Act has been changed, and now it's up to the folks in The Big House to decide how to get students on the BoG. SRC Veep Mike Richard is only one of the people interested in running for the position. No doubt there'll be others before long...

That's it for now. A bonne fin de semaine to y'all.

Carrier current system to carry CHSR

By EGR JOHNSON

The campus radio station, CHSR, will be transmitting with a carrier current system by the end of this month, according to Station Director Bill Akerley.

"We hope to be on the air around Sept. 16", he said, "and our new transmitting equipment will be phased in while the present speaker or closed circuit system is phased out."

This summer CHSR has laid about seven miles of their own cable through the university's steam tunnels. The \$5,500 cable network replaces the original cables which were being rented from the New Brunswick Telephone Co.

"When we go on the air," said the station director, "we will still be using the speakers in the residences."

He noted, however, that the carrier current system will be gradually introduced and when it is in full operation, the speakers will be eventually removed from the residences.

CHSR will operate in conjunction with six transmitters located on the campus. Each has a power output of 20 watts. When implemented, the radio station can be picked up on AM receivers.

Mr. Akerley added that reception would extend from the lower gates of the univer-

sity to the SUB and in the area of the law school, St. Thomas and the Co-op.

The station director cited "economics" as the major reason for the changeover.

"When we first started broadcasting, 12 years ago, we had three residences. Now we have 32 or 33 buildings, 3,000 speakers and 30 amplifiers.

It costs about \$5,000 to wire a residence - at least that's what the last one cost (Tibbitts Hall)," he said.

In addition, there was the yearly \$2,000 rental fee for

cable from NBTel.

He said if CHSR had continued to operate with the closed circuit system, it would have been necessary to rewire the Lady Beaverbrook residence this year, at a cost of about \$2,000. And next year, residences that were among the first to have speakers would have required repairs to the original wiring.

Meanwhile, the finishing touches are being made to the CHSR studio in the SUB before the station returns to the air Sept. 16.

SRC contract invalid

Students Representative Council President Roy Neale was roasted over the coals at a council meeting Monday for signing contracts which he legally had no right to sign.

Coun. Rick Fisher told the council that he had happened to see a contract for Edward Bear in Comptroller Chris Fisher's office that was signed by Neale, a non-signing officer of the council. The group appeared Friday night as part of the orientation week activities. According to the by-laws, said Fisher, signing powers in matters of routine financial transactions shall be vested in the Comptroller, Finance Chairman, and Business Administrator, and two of whom must sign. "You owe the council

\$500 and apologies," he said to Neale. "As far as I'm concerned," said Neale, "the criticism is totally useless and you're just making noise. The project of finding a group for orientation was turned over to the executive. The decision to bring in Edward Bear was an executive decision. No one else was around when the contract came in so I had to sign it."

Comptroller Chris Fisher backed up Neale, saying that the contract was signed by the President because no one else was around who could do so. "The contract was signed as the result of an executive decision," he said.

Coun. Rick Fisher dropped the matter.