

# UCM for unity

by Brian Bergman

A number of Alberta residents concerned about the question of national unity have recently formed a loosely-knit group called the Unified Canada

Movement (UCM). The group will be sponsoring non-partisan activities which, according to their position paper, "will contribute to the positive discussion of all aspects of the unity question."

Writer-in-residence on campus and UCM member, Gary

Geddes, hopes the group will help to counteract much of the hostile press which the West has been receiving on the subject of Quebec and Canadian unity. Geddes believes "the small-mindedness of those who would indifferently support the break-

up of Canada, must be spoken to."

UCM includes members from business, the arts, the university and the media. The members are of varying political affiliations but are, according to the position paper, "in accord in their desire to see Canada meet the challenge of unity."

The group will co-ordinate lectures, seminars, interviews and forums, the first of which will be a SPEAK OUT to be held at the Jubilee Auditorium on Tuesday, April 12. Invited speakers include native leader Harold Cardinal, writer and environmentalist Andy Russell, publisher Mel Hurtig, Justice Una Maclean-Evans, and former University Chancellor Louis Deroche.

UCM also intends to publish a collection of essays by prominent Canadians on the issue of separation. The book, tentatively titled *Divided We Stand* will be

edited by Geddes and shown out by the fall in both French and English. Geddes says they should "help us to lay to rest false myths we have about ourselves and to those elements which make us unique as a people."

UCM is interested in involving students, workers, professionals who are willing to lend their time and energy to speak out in favor of a united Canada. Geddes says he hopes the group "can involve the numbers of Canadians who are strongly, indeed passionately, in our diversity."

Headquarters for UCM are at Box 4941, South Edmonton. The fee for membership is \$10. Members are asked to endorse the purpose of the group, "dedicated exclusively to the cause of unity in Canada by all peaceful means."

## Home Ec. in Guatemala

The U of A Faculty of Home Economics will again offer a travel/study course in Guatemala, Central America, July 10-23. The course will focus on Guatemalan weaving, which is known throughout the world for its ancient and intricate techniques.

For further information contact Anne Lambert, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Home Ec. 432-2473 or 432-3824.

## Religious groups and CLC combine on Chile problem

Several major Canadian religious denominations, the Canadian Labour Congress, and the Latin American Working Group are cooperating in an effort to end Canadian investment in Chilean natural resources and bank loans to the Chilean junta until human rights and democratic liberties are restored.

The chief focus of the campaign, called "Project Chile," is

Noranda Mines Ltd, which has been negotiating a \$350 million dollar copper mining project with Chile. Several Canadian churches, religious orders and institutions hold shares, so they are able to raise questions with the company's management.

Project Chile is also concerned by reports that Canada's Falconbridge Nickel Mines Ltd. and Canadian Superior Oil Ltd. are interested in Chile's copper,

and the involvement of the Bank of Canada, the Bank of Nova Scotia, and the Toronto-Dominion Bank in making million dollar credit loans to the Pinochet regime.

Father Greg Chisholm, Project Chile and Ms. Virginia Smith of the Latin American Working Group will be holding a news conference to discuss these issues in Room 1500 SUB, Friday at 10:30 a.m.

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