

*Travels On Award*

# Van Vliet Appointed To NCFAS

It was announced last week that Dr. Maury Van Vliet, head of the School of Physical Education at the University of Alberta, has been appointed to the National Council on Fitness and Amateur Sport.

This is a direct result of an event that occurred last fall.

On August 24, Dr. Van Vliet, accompanied by Dr. M. L. Howell of the U of A staff travelled to Europe on a fellowship awarded by the NCFAS.

The purpose of their visit was to study the Physical Education programs in schools, the teacher education programs, the national sports programs and the research labs in six European countries. The countries on the agenda were Yugoslavia, USSR, Sweden, Denmark, Germany and England.

Dr. Van Vliet reports that although there are many things these countries do different than us, there are many things which these European countries have in common with Canada as well as other European countries.

Yugoslavia, informs Dr. Van Vliet, has a much more comprehensive federal organization. A full time secretary for each sport does nothing but concentrate on his speciality the year round. Concerned with all levels of the sport, the secretary receives correspondence, organizes

national meets and training camps, and coordinates all the actions of the different groups connected with his field.

Dr. Van Vliet also relates that most of the countries of Europe have centers for Olympic training. These centers are run by the state and have facilities for all Olympic sports, both summer and winter.

In each sport participants are given an opportunity to practice at these centers on equipment which is regulation size. The athletes travelled to these centers at their own expense, but while they received free room and board.

"The United Kingdom," said Dr. Van Vliet, "places a very high emphasis on athletics." For example, the British spent over \$18,000,000 on athletics last year as compared to the \$1,000,000 which the Canadian government spent in the same period. The same comparison would hold true for most of the other European countries.

Referring to the European practice of national secretaries for each sport, Dr. Van Vliet reported that such a scheme would be virtually impossible for Canada because of the size of the country. However, such a scheme organized on a provincial scale might be quite beneficial and workable.

Dr. Van Vliet also advocates a Canadian attempt to follow the European program of developing a national Olympic training center. This would allow all individuals who exhibit athletic ability in any field to get a couple of weeks of instruction from experts, in the type of conditions that they would encounter in international competition. To

defer the cost, Dr. Van Vliet suggests that this center could be made into a resort area in order that the younger athletes could be accompanied by their parents, and older men and women could bring their families.

Dr. Van Vliet concluded by asserting that Canada should follow the middle path between the European methods and the U.S. methods. "We haven't got the financial assets to follow the U.S.'s example to a tee, and we differ too greatly in size from the countries of Europe to follow their method explicitly."



**DR. MAURY VAN VLIET**  
... fitness expert

## Fencing Meet This Weekend

The Western Canadian Fencing Championships will be held on the campus this weekend in the Phys Ed Building.

There will be events in women's foil, and in men's foil, sabre and épée. Competitors are expected from Manitoba, Saskatchewan and B.C., as well as from Calgary and Edmonton.

Among others will be the national épée champion, Fred de Leau of Calgary, and the Western Canadian University champion, Wally Friesen of Saskatoon, besides the U of A fencers: Manfred Hausmann and Juliet Sutton, Alberta men's and women's foil champions, and Sonja Fluet, Western Canadian University women's foil champion.

Spectators should see some good fencing if they arrive at the West Gym any time from 10 a.m. Saturday or Sunday.

Anyone interested in competing should contact Juliet Sutton (433-3823) as soon as possible.

Gordie Jones fired four goals while Joe Laplante added a hat trick. Dave Jenkins recorded the shutout.

## Richards Wins Squash Title

By Brian Flewwelling

Lance Richards, of Delta Kappa Epsilon, took top honors in intramural squash to lead his unit in their conquest of the sport.

Andy Backogorge, in the cause of second place Physical Education, lost to Richards in the final for a respectable next-to-best placement.

The intramural program has only to finish up hockey, handball, and volleyball to complete its program for the year. All these sports will be over as of the end of this week.

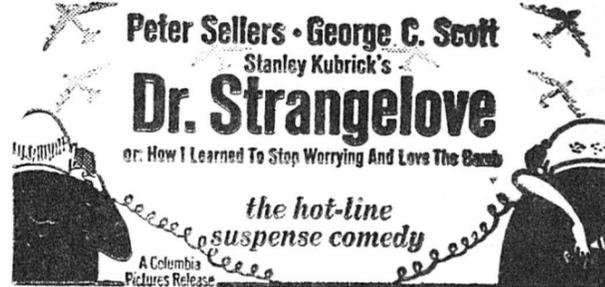
A problem has been encountered with respect to water-polo, and oddly enough, it is a problem with scheduling and defaults. At present the championship has been awarded to the Phys Ed unit on the weight of a default by the squad from St. Steves. Between press time and Friday there will be much

hollering but it will be of little or no avail.

Lambda Chi Alpha won the IFC championship Tuesday night by whitewashing Delta Upsilon 11-0.

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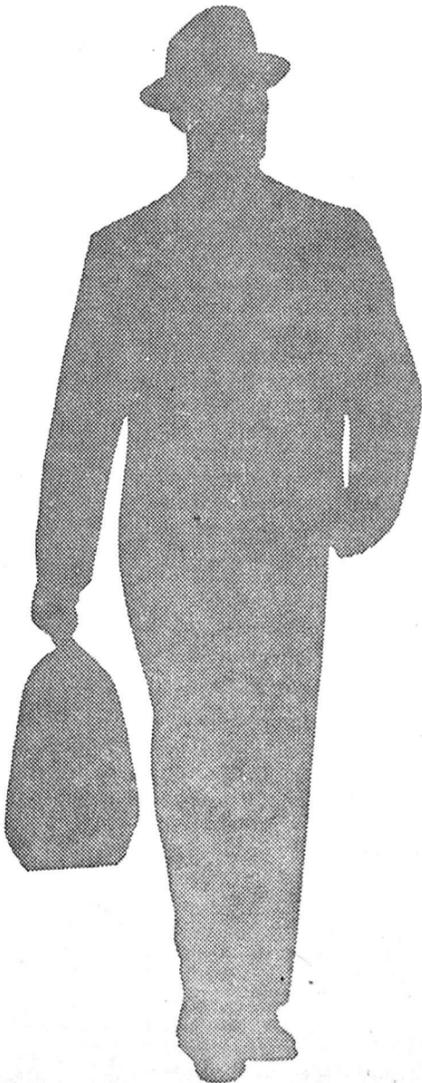
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