TSN's commitment to college sports

by Brian Lennox

Since the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union was formed in 1962, coverage has been sparse. CBC and CTV have at var-

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ious times covered CIAU sports. Unfortunately, there has never been consistent coverage, and CIAU sports have never really cultivated a nation audience. Although in recent years The Sports Network (TSN) has covered football, basketball and hockey, the coverage has been sporadic.

Now TSN has made a commitment to be the official network of the CIAU. Each week, TSN will be covering basketball, football, hockey, volleyball, and other sports. The contract with the CIAU effectively makes TSN the official network of college sports in Canada. With TSN, the CIAU can create greater fan support.

Although the nature of Canadian college sports will not allow TSN to dominate the CIAU the way American networks dominate the NCAA, this type of coverage is long overdue and can be

financially successful. Canadian college athletics could use the increased publicity. The athletes in Canadian college sports have suffered from anonymity long enough. They work very hard at sports and do so with minimal financial aid.

TSN has certainly made an effort to support the CIAU, and their coverage of college sports in Canada should enhance the image of the CIAU.

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Apartheid Airlines

by Chris Lawson

OTTAWA (CUP) — About \$900 and a walk to your nearest Travel CUTS office will get you a direct return trip to Johannesburg.

And it's got some Canadian student leaders upset.

University of Windsor student council executive Mike Akpata confirmed that Travel CUTS, the wholly-owned subsidiary of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) sells flights — direct and indirect - to South Africa.

Akpata says selling tickets to South Africa directly violates the federation policy against racism, and in favour of sanctions against South Africa.

"Travel CUTS is our company," he said. "And if our own company can't follow our policy, how can anyone take our policy seriously?"

CFS-services executive director David Jones says the travel agency is acting in line with CFS policy.

"Our policy on the whole issue of dealing with countries which have repressive regimes is that we don't promote tourism and travel to those countries," he said.

"But we don't judge the reasons for which people might be going to these countries," he added.

"Some people might be going down to work with organizations that are working against these repressive regimes," Jones said. "There are some people who would be offended if you suggested they were supporting the regime just by travelling there."

Akpata said buying a ticket to South Africa amounted to support for the South African government. "You pay South African tax, which goes straight to the government, which amounts to support for apartheid."

Akpata added that most countries charge airlines for the right to land at their airports, and ticket prices reflect that cost.

And while Jones wasn't aware of how much from a plane ticket went to the South African government, he said it was likely negligible.

"Is the fact that Lufthansa lands in South Africa support for the South African government? I'm not sure," Jones added.

"Travel into (South Africa) is essential to allow people to understand the situation there," he said. "If we cut off all contact with the country, well we're working along with the government — to cut off the flow of

information into the country is their whole point."

CFS-Pacific region chair Pam Frache said this wasn't the first time the federation's services branch had run afoul of CFS policy.

This year's CFS Student-Saver coupon package came with an advertisement for Shell Canada, a wholly-owned subsidiary of South African-involved Royal Dutch Shell.

"We try to let management have a free hand to conduct the business end of things," Frache said. "But they are supposed to be operating within our principles." Frache said the Shell ad was an oversight on the part of CFS-Services staff people who weren't aware of Shell's South African connections.

Frache called the ads and the ticket sales an embarassment. "Students, after all have been in the forefront of the divestment movement. And for our own services not to work in line with that, is pretty bad."

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Last week's question was not entirely readable in most copies of last week's Gazette. Consequently, it will be repeated, plus there is a new question for this week

Question 1. Take a (non-digital) clock with an hour and a minute hand. In the time period from 12 noon to 12 midnight, how many pairs of times are there where the hands have exactly changed position? Note that 12:15 and 3:00 is not a pair since at 12:15 the hour hand has moved past the 12. The solution must contain a proof that your number is correct.

Question 2. After an Australian Beer Bash, the 300 waiters found that they received 600 loonies (ie. \$1 coins) in tips. If nobody got 100 or more loonies in tips, show that some group of waiters together got exactly 300 loonies.

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