

Chuck and Di and 33 more

Everybody is coming to the games

by Kent Blinston

Universiade '83 organizers announced another 33 nations yesterday who will take part in the games.

They also confirmed that Prince Charles and Princess Diana will be in Edmonton for the opening ceremonies and reviewed the steps being taken to reduce their \$1.9 million funding shortfall.

The nations who have confirmed their participation in the games include Cuba, Bulgaria, and Great Britain. The only major athletic powers who will not be attending at this point are East and West Germany.

Iraq reversed their position from last January and will be sending a team despite their

political situation. Vietnam will also be sending a small contingent for the first time in many years. And Doonsbury fans can get ready to cheer Vietnam's favorite UN ally, Benin.

The total number of athletes and officials committed to be in Edmonton now stands at 3,700.

Universiade '83 President Ed Zemerau announced that the Federal government has allocated \$481,000 to the NEED program, \$463,943 of which will go toward the games. The rest will be used by Sports Canada to prepare a book on organizing other multi-sport events, based on the organization of the Edmonton Games.

The Department of Communications have confirmed they

will donate \$400,000 to the games. Zemerau said games organizers are approaching Secretary of State Serge Joyal for \$300,000 to be tied into Canada Day celebrations. Canada Unity (Information Canada) are being asked for \$350,000 for promotion and advertising.

Zemerau also said that the U of A Board of Governors will continue to badger the federal government and "not let them off the hook" for games funding.

The Chief of Protocol for the province of Alberta confirmed that royal honeymooners Charles and Diana will be in attendance as part of their Canadian tour.

Royalty rooters can catch their first glimpse of glitter when

the couple arrives on the morning of June 29th. July 1 will be a particularly busy day with the games' opening ceremonies, Canada Day celebrations, and a special celebration in honour of Princess Diana's 22nd birthday. The royal couple are scheduled to leave Edmonton 7:00 pm that day.

Also visiting Edmonton for the opening ceremonies will be the President of the International Olympic Committee, Juan Antonio Samaranch.

Volleyball

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The Men's Intramural Volleyball League has been wrapped up for the season with the exception of the Division III game to be played tonight.

In Division I, the Itforgos defeated 8th MacKenzie 16-14 in the first game and 15-10 in the second, to win the match and the title.

Medicine 'B' managed to defeat Agriculture 'B' for the Division II. In the first game, Med. won 15-5, then wrapped things up with a 15-6 win in the second game.

Tonight, St. Joe's 'D' is pitted against St. Joe's 'E' for the Division III finals.

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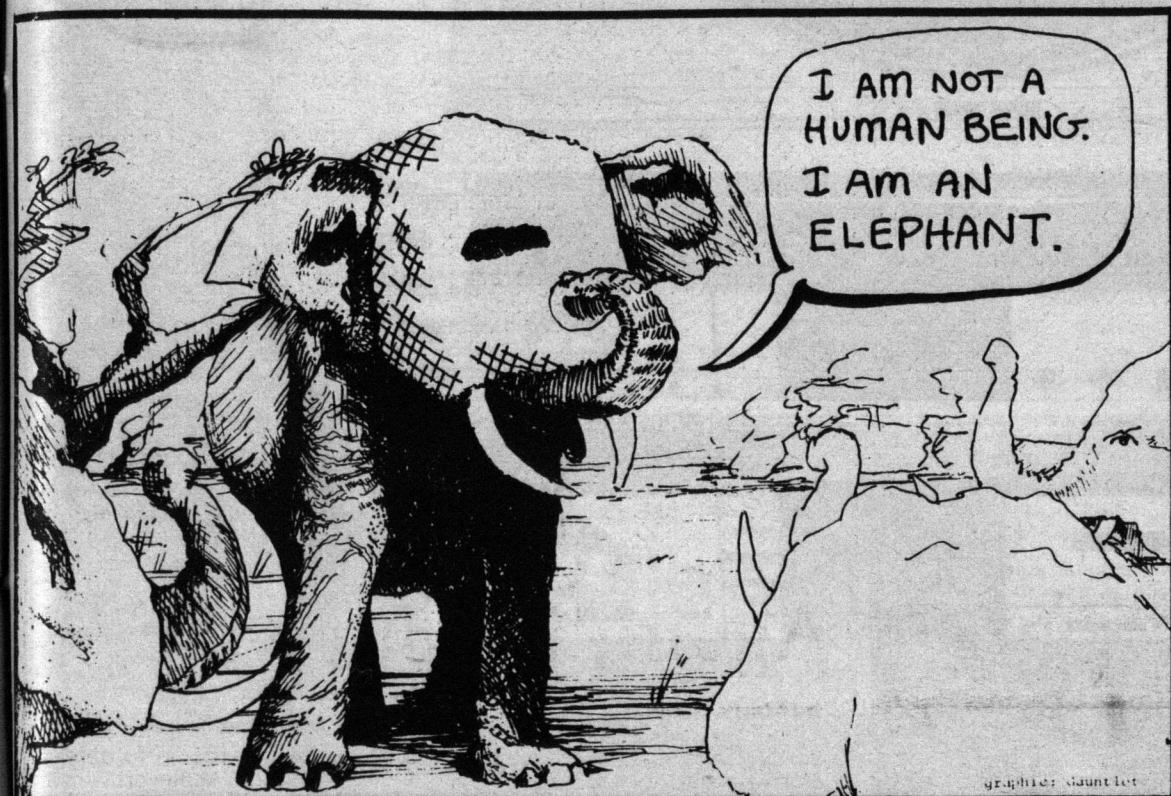
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