

Central America Day successful

by Cheryl Parsons

A full house turned out Sunday afternoon to participate in Central America Day.

The festival, the first of its kind for Edmonton, was held February 5 in the Citadel's Zeidler Hall. Though somewhat structured, the program contained enough variety to interest all who attended.

Four films, a slide show and two Central American speakers were featured. During breaks, people browsed among the dis-

plays of books, pamphlets, crafts and food, and listened to folksinging by local Latin American entertainers.

The first speaker, Esther Ramirez, a representative of the Women's Association of El Salvador (AMES), spoke of the struggle of Salvadoreans, particularly the women.

"We want one country for the Salvadoreans," stressed Ramirez.

"The Canadians are seen as allies to the US," she continued,

"this is why we make every attempt to inform the Canadians."

A second speaker, Juan Francisques, spoke on the deplorable conditions of the refugee camps in Mexico, where he himself spent time, and the persecution of Guatemala by the military.

With the aid of an interpreter, he asked Canadians to "lend their hands to the solidarity movement."

The first film, "Americas in Transition" looked at the

overwhelming extent of US interference in recent Latin American history. "Cold War" justifications for the US's military involvement were also addressed.

The second film, "Dawn of the People" described the success of Nicaragua's literacy campaign and the work of the young brigadistas in almost eliminating the country's high illiteracy rate.

In another Nicaraguan film, "El Compa Clodomiro", a cartoon character, was used to illustrate the exploitation of Nicaragua by the Somoza regime, and the

effects of reconstruction. Being extremely colourful and imaginative it appealed to the children in the audience.

A short slide presentation "Guatemala's nightmare", dealt with the plight of Guatemala's refugees in the Mexican border camps.

Central America Day was jointly sponsored by the Edmonton Learner Centre, Canadians for Non-intervention in Central America, Coalition for Aid to Nicaragua and the Farabundo Marti Solidarity Committee.

SU Building Code to be revamped

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formed they had the option to appeal to Students' Council, which to this date they have chosen not to," said Block.

Block and the BSB are also putting forward their own revisions to the Building Code. "Rather than have the VP Internal review the Med Show, and the Skit Nights, a committee of Engineers and Medical students should review their own shows. One Engineer rep and one Medicine

rep from Students' Council will sit on the committees," said Block.

"After all, it's the responsibility of Councillors to represent the views of Council to their own faculties, and represent to their faculties the views of Council. It will be up to the reps sitting on the committees to inform the skit directors of the Code and to make sure the shows conform. But BSB and the Students' Council could still overrule the committees and cancel the contracts," concluded Block.

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