

P.E.T.'s pep rally



By three o'clock last Friday, all seats for Trudeau's appearance at the Jubilee Auditorium were taken, and the full house enjoyed (or tolerated) an hour or more of music, banjo playing, and the standard political rally hoop-la.

Hu Harries, Liberal incumbent in Edmonton Strathcona then introduced Trudeau to the audience, who after a bit of political ice-breaking, dipped into the text of a prepared speech concerned primarily with physical fitness and athletics, not bothering Edmonton audiences with the issues of inflation and unemployment.

The reasons Trudeau gave for concentrating on fitness were that "...the total cost for health care in Canada is in excess of 5 billion dollars a year. And these costs are increasing at a rate faster than the growth of our gross national product. A properly designed athletic program contributes more than high performance competitive athletes, more than a vigorous population. It contributes to a healthier Canadian budget."

In this speech, Trudeau stressed "the provision of recreational facilities, and preservation of scenic areas" and "increasing the quality of life in the cities", the need for education--"Federal government transfers to the provinces for purposes of post-secondary education have increased from \$422 million in 1968 to the current figure of \$876 million"--and the "need to be fit".

After the delivery of the speech, Trudeau engaged in a short question and answer period, during the course of which he fielded questions on such issues as abortion (no changes planned) and women's position in society (he would like to see more female M.P.'s), unemployment ("it is not a national calamity, its a regional calamity; unemployment in Alberta is not high.")

Rally hassle

Before the Liberal rally at the Jubilee Auditorium Friday afternoon, several groups of leafleteers were told to leave before the police were called. The groups included the U of A Vietnam Action Committee, the U of A Committee for Abortion Law Repeal, some Howard Leeson campaigners, and some postal workers. The assistant manager of the auditorium, Larry Trahan, told them that there was a building rule against leafletting, and that they were harassing the people entering. He said that they could distribute their literature on the sidewalk of the street running past the building, but no closer. After questioning him briefly about the rule, most of the leafleteers left, and some went inside to the rally. kc

During this period, Trudeau mentioned his relationship with Mel Hurtig, Liberal candidate in Edmonton West, who is not a Trudeau supporter. "Mel Hurtig is sometimes a thorn in my flesh but that's what the Liberal party is all about."

The rally ended at five o'clock with Trudeau never once using a four letter word. From the Jubilee, he and his entourage went to the Londonderry shopping centre to do some electioneering and hand-shaking. ev

COURSE GUIDE

for whom?

Is the course guide simply a collection of student gossip, or is it acceptable for use in faculty salary, promotion and tenure discussions?

Representatives of 25 to 30 departments met Thursday with the compilers of last year's course guide to formulate a questionnaire for next year's guide.

Strong criticism of last year's guide came from department representatives who came down hard on the number of questions in last year's survey and the computer language in which the evaluations were printed.

Also under fire were several questions in the survey, including one which asked if the instructor was liberal or conservative, and whether his teaching methods were traditional or innovative.

VP academic Patrick Delaney stressed a number of times that the SU intended the guide only as information to students, and disclaimed any responsibility for other uses to which the guide's evaluations might be put, such as salary, promotion and tenure.

"We cannot tell departments you should use this, and we can't say you cannot use it," Delaney remarked.

"I agree that because this is being used by some departments and faculties that we have a responsibility to make the guide as accurate as possible," he added.

Opposition to the use of the guide came from Gwynn Nettler, professor of sociology, and E.J. Rose, chairman of the department of English.

Nettler distributed to the meeting copies of a report from *Science* which concluded that "good teaching is not validly measured by student evaluations in their current form."

One participant summarized the report by saying "if the guy's popular, he must be screwing up."

The organizers of the meeting had already provided participants with a copy of another study which argued that student evaluations are consistent and free from obvious sources of bias.

Rose raised further questions about the effect of "spotty attendance" and the "over-liberal withdrawal regulations of this university" on the reliability of student evaluations.

The departments of sociology, physics and anthropology all said that they were sympathetic to the course guide's aims but had reservations about several questions on the questionnaire.

Dale McIntosh, editor of the 1971 guide, defended the inclusion of some questions on the grounds that the staff was trying to "determine which questions were giving us information."

The SU saved \$5,000 by using the computer-composed paragraphs rather than having them individually written, McIntosh said.

A smaller committee was delegated from the group to actually select the questions to be included in the 1973-74 questionnaire.

Only fifteen questions are planned for next year's survey, with students answering on one side of a computer card and making comments on the other side.

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"no peace for decade"- anti-war meet.



Louise Swift of S.T.O.P. tells anti-war conference of the "devastation of the Vietnamese ecology" by US action in the Indochina war.

Despite Nixon's attempts to present an optimistic view of the situation in Vietnam, 'peace is not around the corner. In fact, we will be lucky to see it in this decade,' according to Richard DeGaetano of the Toronto Vietnam Mobilization Committee.

Speaking at the anti-war conference held in the SUB Meditation Room on Saturday, DeGaetano argued that Canadians must be made aware that their own country is involved in the war and is thus partially responsible for the mass destruction which is presently occurring in Indo-China.

Although the war is serving to support industry in Canada, with the unemployment rate at 7½%, it can hardly be said that the Indo-Chinese war has been successful in providing economic

security in Canada, DeGaetano continued.

He also pointed to racial discrimination as being a factor in the continuation of the war. He stated that is the population of Indo-China had been composed of Anglo-Saxons, the U.S. would never have gotten away with the destruction presently taking place in Vietnam. 'Racial discrimination,' he said, 'seems to be conditioned into Americans'. He then cited an example of a colored war veteran, who, upon return to America with only half of one leg and no prospects of a job, must face even further discrimination at home.

Henry Malta, of the U of A VAC, also expressed his concern in regard to Canada's complicity in the war and urged all students to join the struggle to

end war research on campus. He stated that at present there were 14 research projects being conducted at U. of A. that had direct military relevance.

Louise Swift of STOP expressed her concern not only in regard to the devastation of Vietnamese ecology caused by lethal weapons and defoliants being used in the war, but also in regard to civilian crop destruction. Due to the extensive destruction of rice fields in Vietnam, that country is now forced to import rice from the U.S.

Richard Taves, campaign manager for Howard Leeson, NDP Strathcona, also spoke. Participants in the conference were urged by all speakers to consult their federal candidates in the upcoming election in regard to the issue of Canada's complicity in the war. jc