

Immortality...

the Gateway

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...the condition of a
dead man who doesn't
believe he is dead.
H.L. Mencken.

Fieldhouse is finally born

by Wes Oginski

Athletes will have a facility to play in 1983, but the nights may be cool.

A ground breaking ceremony held Tuesday morning signified the start of construction of the field house for the 1983 World University Games.

"This day seems like a long time coming," says Dr. Ross McNab, v.p. University (World University Games).

The field house underwent a traumatic birth as the university tried to find a location for it.

"There were some days last year I doubted we knew where we were," says university president Myer Horowitz.

Originally the Board of Governors proposed to build on the parking lot of the Jubilee Auditorium.

This land belongs to the provincial government. It refused to sanction the use of the land for the fieldhouse.

Next came the selection of the location behind Corbett Hall.

This time the communities on the fringes of the university protested. They were afraid of an increase in traffic and greater off-campus parking congestion which is already a major problem.

Rumors then abounded. Suggestions such as the parking lot between the Humanities center and the Law Building arose.

Finally the university decided to locate the fieldhouse somewhere on the phys-ed ground. At first it looked as though Varsity Stadium would house a domed structure.

But residents in Windsor Park gathered a petition stating the same complaints as the Corbett Hall community residents.

That left only the field hockey area opposite the Jubilee Auditorium parking lot, where the new facility will be built. The field house had come almost full circle, but construction has begun.

But there are now other

problems.

"I think they will have a problem with student housing," says Phil Soper, president of the Students' Union.

"The problem is the financing arrangement," he says.

"No funding has been found for the entire project. We have only found money for smaller construction (only two phases of an original five phase project are to be built at present)," he adds.

"I doubt they will be in the ground for housing until November."

McNab disagrees.

"I am confident that housing will be completed on time," he says.

"You as a student need better accommodation. You need space for a bed, books, and a place to study, unlike the athletes who we can double up in the single accommodations," he says.

Campus Design and Construction also disagrees with Soper and projects construction to begin in mid-October or sooner.

"The student housing will be completed before the fieldhouse," says Design and Construction Projects Officer Blake Pratt.

"My information is that instead of doubling up, we will be tripling up, as in a bunkbed situation," he adds.

Alternate housing plans are being considered.

"The athletes will utilize Lister Hall, double up in North Garneau accommodations, stay in Pembina, St. Joseph's College, and various other residences on campus," Soper says, "but I believe there will be a shortfall in accommodation."

"It will have to be made up either by temporary accommodation (billets) or by accommodation somewhere removed from campus (trailers or Namao)."

These decisions will probably not be made until construction begins in North Garneau.



Photo Ray Giguere

No this is not the new fieldhouse, but it is a bulldozer building the basement. The 1983 World University Games facility will feature men's and women's basketball for 10,000 spectators. After the Games, the fieldhouse will be modified and integrated into the Phys. Ed. department, with 5200 spectators. It will then house a portable basketball court, tennis and volleyball courts, a 200 metre field hockey and handball court, and field events.

Students boycott for education

HALIFAX (CUP) — Seven hundred students from the Technical University of Nova Scotia (TUNS) took to the streets Tuesday in a boycott of classes designed to start talks between the university administration and faculty association to prevent faculty from going out on strike.

Student Union spokesperson Felicity Boyd said the action was taken by the students "because a strike would place their professional status in jeopardy."

The Union called on students to boycott classes all day, and a march around the campus was organized for the morning. Seven hundred students, the number registered at TUNS this semester, attended the march.

Students walked around the university for three hours chanting slogans, and were joined by a number of people from the general public. Boyd believes this demonstrates public support for the students' action.

The Faculty Association is threatening to strike over a number of issues. They have been

bargaining with the administration for 17 months with the assistance of a provincial mediator.

Faculty Association acting president Alan Penney says the university has been acting in bad faith and are refusing to bargain with the association. Faculty will go on strike September 21 if their demands are not met.

The university administration kept its silence on the matter for the second day. Monday they circulated a waiver form to registering students relieving the school of any responsibility if strike action took place.

The Students' Union objected to the waiver form, and although all students registered, Boyd said only 90 of 700 paid their tuition.

Calling the administration's move "A dirty blow" to the Students' Union, Boyd says the Union has contacted the Nova Scotia Department of Consumer Affairs to investigate the waiver form.

Boyd maintains the waiver is not an ordinary part of registration, and that forcing students to sign the form is "of questionable legality."

"The university calendar is the only contract that students have to go by when registering for university, and nowhere does it say that we have to sign this waiver form," said Boyd.

Boyd charges the idea of the waiver came from the chairman of the university's Board of Governors, Halifax lawyer Gordon MacDonald, and the university's lawyer. She says the waiver was not approved by the Board.

Boyd says the students will return to classes tomorrow and continue to attend them until the university forces them to pay their

tuition.

Boyd did not say what would happen if the university cracked down on students who had not paid their tuition.

In the meantime, the university has revoked all penalties for late payment of fees, and Boyd says this could mean the students could continue their protest indefinitely.

Mounties move over for CIA

VANCOUVER (CUP) — Solicitor-General Robert Kaplan says Canadian universities will no longer be a prime target for RCMP security service spying, countering an RCMP policy dating back 20 years.

"The RCMP has used quite a lot of intrusion on campuses in the past but this is going to change," Kaplan said in an interview with Canadian Press. "I'm definitely not going to make campuses a priority target."

Kaplan said the Government's new Civilian Intelligence Agency will be able to conduct specific investigations of faculty members and students but will need the approval of the Solicitor-General on each individual case.

The recently-released MacDonald Commission Report into RCMP Wrong-doing condemns Mountie spying on campuses, which became commonplace in the early 1960s.

The Commission found that a 1967 directive from the RCMP's Security and Intelligence Directorate ordered officers to maintain and strengthen surveillance of universities because they were "ripe targets for communist infiltration and manipulation."

"Universities are obviously being utilized as stepping stones for infiltration of other intellectual groups and, of particular concern to us, of 'key sectors' of society," the directive reads...