

# Edmonton gets NHL franchise

by Jack Faraday

A group of Seattle businessmen today unwrapped plans to purchase a financially-troubled National Hockey League team, and move it to Edmonton.

The consortium, headed by multi-millionaire industrialist Justin Case, claim that an agreement has already been reached with the league, and that the only obstacle in their path is a working arrangement to use the new Edmonton Coliseum as the team's home.

Case waved off the suggestion that there may be legal action taken by the WHA's Edmonton-based club. "I don't think we have anything to worry about there," he said. "If their (Oilers) intent was to ban a second major-league hockey club from competing here, I think they would first have to prove that there is one operating here at the moment."

Asked which club his group was planning to purchase, Case said he would be considering

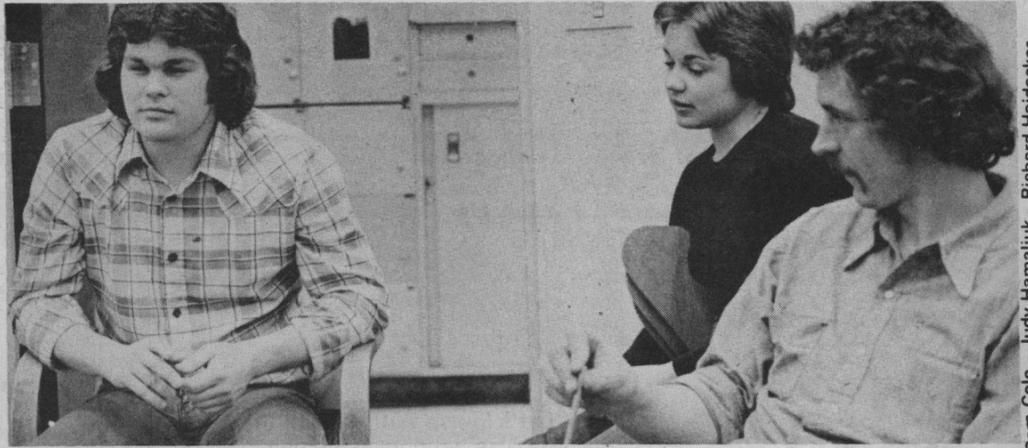
tenders from the seven NHL owners who are attempting to unload their franchises at the present.

Does he think an NHL club can prosper here? "Oh, definitely," he responded. "I believe the people of Edmonton will welcome professional hockey back to this city. As you know, they haven't had pro hockey here since the Flyers were in the Western League 20 years ago or so."

Case suggested that the University of Alberta's coach Clare Drake would be a prime candidate to coach the new team, tentatively named the Edmonton Golden Ducks.

"Not only does his name fit right into our scheme," chuckled Case, "but he has been very successful at the U of A, and is well respected as a coach, which would be quite a change for a pro team in this city."

Asked if he would consider the Ducks' offer, Drake commented, "Well, of course I



Case (left) and business partners announce their franchise acquisition at press conference.

Cam Cole - Judy Hamaliuk - Richard Heidecker

## Hunt causes UAB rift

by Wayne Galoshes

Outgoing President of Men's Athletics, Jerry C. Hunt, on the eve of his reign's end as Chairman of the UAB, has caused a serious rift in the Board's inner circle, by overruling all opposition to a proposal which would allocate vast sums of money to the Golden Bear hockey team, for a skate allowance plan.

Hunt's unprecedented move brought cries of "dictator" and "nasty fellow", as well as "woolen-headed guffin" from several members of the Board, particularly from Grad Students' rep Harold Nogas.

Nogas was especially upset over what he termed "the principle involved here."

He stated, "Certainly, Hunt's conduct in the handling of this affair is deplorable, but the real issue here, in my opinion at least, is the IDEA of just throwing away all that money on skates for the players, when there are children in India starving."

Nogas couldn't name the exact proportion of the UAB's \$8 million budget earmarked for the skate allowance scheme, but said he thought it might be as high as \$600.

"Not even the most insensitive dolt could justify the expenditure of that kind of money, when there are



Nogas ponders the situation.

Cam Cole

thousands of oppressed old people freezing in Siberia," added Nogas, once more returning to the point.

Hunt appeared shaken by the outbreak of name-calling and insults, but he defended the actions which led to the incident. "I had no idea of the plight of the people of India and Siberia, and I'm sure the Board will take these problems into consideration the next time we have a proposal involving this much money, but as it stands right now, I still feel my actions were justified. After all, the discussion was entering its third hour, and six of the members were asleep - I just wanted to end the argument," said Hunt.

haven't been formally approached by them yet, so I hesitate to make a firm decision just yet, but I think it would definitely be...well, sort of a challenge...well, maybe not a challenge exactly...well, yes it would be, wouldn't it? But I'd have to have more time to think about it."

No one from the Oilers' organization would comment on the matter until such time as a meeting of team officials could be held, but a source close to the team claims that management will "fight this thing through to the end, even if they have to call in Marc Lalonde to keep those shit disturbers from the States out of our province."

## B of G approves new martial arts school

by Wayne Galoshes

The Board of Governors has given preliminary approval of a proposal by an Oregon-based group, to convert one of the new gymnasiums into Edmonton's newest martial arts studio.

The Portland businessmen are headed by Dr. Him-Sing Lo, a black belt holder in the ancient art of Lyait-Sho, described as the most deadly of all the martial arts.

Him-Sing says that anyone

who is willing to pay a nominal fee (no more than \$100) can benefit from the perfect wisdom, control, and sadism imparted by the Discipline of Lyait-Sho. (pronounced ur dun - pl oy)

The B of G was primarily interested in the school as a money-making scheme, in order to help bail out the UAB from the burden of the costly skate-allowance plan, which has completely undermined the 1975 budget.

## Intramurals to boast new look

by Jack Faraday

The Intramurals program at the U of A will feature several new events next academic year.

Intramural director John Charles says the new wrinkles proposed are directed at those who haven't taken part in the program before, in any of the established events.

A few of the new programs include:

"The Dine and Dash" - an individual competition; the timer starts when competitor picks up tray in SUB Cafeteria. He must then consume a meal (value not less than \$1.00), escaping the eye of the cashier, sneak out without paying or returning his tray, and report back to the Intramurals desk, without throwing up.

"The Yule Log II" - can be played individually or in teams; competition is run by the rules and regulations as set down by the House Committee of Fifth Floor, Henday. The "end product" will be judged for technical merit



Contestant (L) consumes meal, while his partner (R) keeps eye on cashier.

Cliff Lacey - Heather King

(texture, consistency, length) and for artistic impression.

distance of no less than 50 yards (45.7 meters) across the quad.

"The 50-Yard Aggie Drag" - contestant must track and subdue an Agriculture student, bind his arms and legs together (3 will do), tether him to a Massey-Ferguson tractor (marks lost for using Allis-Chalmers), and drag him a

Charles believes the average student has remained aloof from the program in the past because the events have been dull and undemanding, and that the new competitions will "liven up the program immeasurably."

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