



"Down, down, down with the junta!" shouted a crowd of over 70 placard waving people demonstrating in support of the revolutionary forces trying to overthrow the U.S. backed military regime in El Salvador Saturday.

The march from the Legislature down Jasper Avenue was organized by the Edmonton Support Committee for El Salvador (ESCES).

The committee will also be sponsoring a conference on El Salvador October 27 and 8 p.m. in the Tory Turtle, room T1-12. There will be a slide show and first hand accounts of the situation in El Salvador.

Murray made many marvel

by Adrian Chamberlain

Edmonton will probably never again see a "Murray for Mayor" campaign, according to defeated mayoralty candidate Murray Trott.

Trott, the 21 year old U of A economics student who ran for mayor, received eight percent of the popular vote in last Wednesday's civic election.

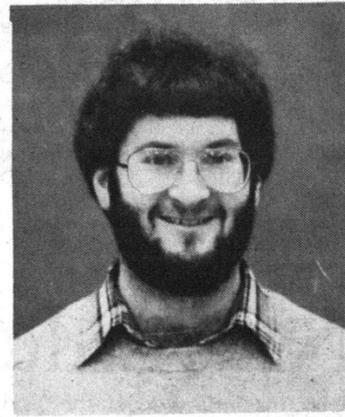
He said he is satisfied with his part in the election and feels he "made his point." However, he doesn't think Edmonton will see him again in 1983: "I doubt it very, very much," he said.

Trott, who received about the same number of votes as 62 year old Lester Adams wasn't really surprised to receive so much support. "People who voted for me were voting against Purves," says Trott. "I was seen as a moderately sane, rational alternative."

Edmonton suffers from "poor leadership and lack of interest," Trott said. "People aren't satisfied with Purves...4000 people voted blank for mayor on their ballots."

Many mayoralty and aldermanic candidates presented themselves as "egomaniacs," Trott said. "Some people think that because they're businessmen they're competent to be mayor...but they're not."

Trott says tightening up the regulations for mayoral candidates would be unfair. He feels candidates like the notorious John Buttrey, who promised to cut his throat if he won, should be allowed to have their say.



Murray Trott

"A lot of people condemned Buttrey without even hearing what he had to say," said Trott.

Campaigning didn't affect Trott's studies. His family and friends "supported me a lot, and did a lot of the campaigning for me. Pretty well all I had to do was make speeches," he said. "It's pretty easy to run for mayor."

Trott doesn't think he will run for any other political offices, including the U of A Students' Council.

"There's a lot of things about it (Council) I don't like, but most students don't care about what's going on at the U of A," he says. "If that's the way they feel about it...fine, that's the way its going to be."

Assassins to invade campus!

by Jim McElgunn

I was sitting in the library one day, quietly catching up on my studies when — suddenly, there she was — the assassin! I saw the dreaded blue rubber dart gun and I knew it was too late.

Thud! I was hit! The horror, the horror....

It's called the assassin's game, and U of A students will soon experience the thrill of it if med student Donna Dmitroca has her way.

The game began a few years ago in the Eastern United States and Canada, and quickly became a craze. This fall, Mitch McCormick, University of Calgary Students' Union vp programming, modified the rules and brought it to the U of C.

Almost 1000 students inquired about the Calgary Assassin's Club, and 250 signed up for the current game.

Now Dmitroca is trying to bring it to the U of A.

The rules are very simple. Participants pay a \$5 entry fee and supply a current picture of themselves, their faculty and an alias. They agree not to alter their appearance significantly during the game. This means they cannot shave off beards and moustaches or wear a disguise.

They then receive a blue rubber dart gun and one bright red rubber dart. They are given the photo, faculty and alias of their quarry.

Hunter and hunted are always the opposite sex—"to add interest," according to Dmitroca.

Assassins are given a few weeks to find and shoot their target in the torso with the rubber dart. "Kills" are verified by witnesses. Anyone "killed" is out of the game.

After the first round, survivors play a second round to further reduce their numbers. In the third and final round, the winner is whoever finds and shoots his or her victim first.

In Calgary, the winner of the game will receive a complete James Bond library.

The game is not without its critics.

The U of C chaplains have strongly attacked the game, saying it encourages violence among students. It has also been criticized in the United States because players were not permitted to drop out if they wished.

So much publicity has resulted that Calgary organizer McCormick has been flown by

CTV to Toronto to appear on television on "Canada A.M."

Dmitroca thinks objections to the game are "totally blown out of proportion." She says it is just a good way to have fun and meet people.

"It's definitely a cult thing," she says. "You have to be more than half crazy...but the students are like that anyway."

"I can't see it causing any injury," she says. Assassins are only permitted to shoot their victims in the torso. In Calgary, game organizers tested safety by shooting each other in the eye with the rubber darts. No injuries were reported.

Dmitroca thinks having an instant-out clause and restricting play to campus will also limit criticism.

She says she is talking with the SU executive to see if the SU will sponsor the activity.

Does this mean strange people with rubber dart guns will be roaming the U of A libraries?

"Actually, a library is not a very good place to look," says Dmitroca. "You could spend

hours there and never find your victim."

What about disruptions to classes?

In Calgary, a lot of profs signed up to play, so it wasn't that much of a problem."

Dmitroca hopes to have the game organized so it can run this winter, preferably in January-February when students are less distracted by classes. She says the game would only be run once during 1980-1981.

"It's strictly a one-shot affair."

Asbestos waste health hazard

WINNIPEG (CUP)Asbestos insulation in the food services area at the University of Manitoba, will be removed in September, will now wait until Christmas for removal.

Asbestos is a potential health hazard: should it be dislodged, fibres known to be a cause of lung cancer would be released.

But manager food services Ray McQuade is pleased with the delay since business will not be interrupted for the clean-up.

"It is a better time for us," McQuade said. "We won't have to close down and lay people off."

"The way other asbestos clean-ups went on campus, it would take longer than a week to remove the asbestos from food services. We would have had all kinds of staff problems," he said.

He commented that the asbestos threat "is not that great a hazard."

"They did an air test and it seems okay," he concluded.

Director of operations and maintenance at the University of Manitoba, Ralph Robins, said clean-up will start as soon as classes end for the Christmas break.

Robbins said the delay was made to prevent the "suspension of service to students."

Other areas affected by asbestos at the U of M have also been put off until the Christmas break, Robbins said.

The university's swimming pool, which also was closed because of asbestos removal, is now open after a month-long delay in repairs there.

Research fund misallocated

by Victor Tanti

Shortage of clinical instructors in Alberta's medical schools is resulting in less medical research and an increased reliance on the practising physician to educate med students.

Dr. D.H. Cameron, Dean of

Medicine at the U of A cites the problem as a lack of funding in the medical education programs. "We are just not well funded in this area", says Cameron, "and hence we rely heavily on the physicians of the community to ease the situation.

U of A is not alone in this problem. Dr. McLeod, Dean of Medicine at the U of C says it is a constant struggle to financially maintain a sufficient number of clinical instructors.

However, Cameron says the situation is worse at the U of A.

Last year's figures show there were 86 clinical instructors for the 462 students at the U of A. This means for every 5 or more students, there was only one clinical instructor in a program that was supposedly designed to operate on a one to one basis.

The problem does not stop there. The lack of clinical instructors is hampering the \$300 million Heritage Foundation for Medical Research.

Priority of staff time is placed on patient examination and teaching rather than research. Cameron says when there is a shortage of staff, research is the first to suffer.

This problem could be eliminated if research funds could be redirected to educational programs, however, the \$300 million research fund can only be used to support research.

"If there is not a lot of staff, not a lot (of research) is going to get done," says Cameron.

The obvious alternative would be to get more money from the university. Although Cameron says he is content with this year's budget, he adds, "Increased dollars is what get the people in."

Money on the way

If you've been badgering the Student Awards Office for your student loan, forget it.

The Gateway reported two weeks ago that the Students' Finance Board was sending loans to Awards offices rather than mailing them directly to students' residences.

However, now that the threat of a mail shutdown is past, loans are being mailed directly to students.

So keep checking that mailbox. It can't be long now.