

Games capital rerun

The university repeated its claim last Monday that government funding for the 1983 World University Games has not affected other U of A capital priorities.

"Government has indicated it (Games' funding) has not affected their priorities," said university Vice-President Facilities and Services Ron Phillips at General Faculties Council (GFC).

Phillips was responding to a question from Dean Roger Smith of Business and Commerce. Smith has protested in the past that last year's acquisition of the University Games, the largest sporting event next to the Olympics, had indeed affected government capital funding at the U of A.

The university received \$16 million this year for the Games, half the amount pledged by the Alberta government; another \$16 million is due next year.

However, the province did not provide capital funding to build the long-awaited new Business Administration and Commerce Building. The new structure would go up just south of the H.M. Tory Building, the two connected with a galleria similar to the one connecting Rutherford North and South Libraries, and the Chemistry East and West. Eventually the new center and HUB Mall would be joined by an overhead link.

Though Phillips maintained priorities have not been skewed, he admitted that university attempts to budget the Games capital separately from academic capital programs have failed.

"We isolate (budget items), government seems to put them back in the same melting pot," he said.

Phillips predicted next year's capital budget would list Games

funding along with other projects.

University president Myer Horowitz repeated after Phillips that Games funding had not affected academic priorities, and that the Business and Commerce Building remained the U of A's single most important capital initiative.

"I am very disturbed because Dean Smith is not alone," Horowitz said, in his concerns about university priorities and the 1983 World University Games.

He said in spite of such concerns, the U of A was doing its best to convince government of the need for the new academic building.

As for the recent massive cost overruns in the Universiade '83 budget, Horowitz answered a question about where the extra money would come from.

"Not from the university," Horowitz said.



The longer I live the more beautiful life becomes.

- Frank Lloyd Wright

EAB back on the road again

by Wes Oginski

Remember three weeks ago when it was reported that a motion to Students' Council would give them more input into the programs aspect of the External Affairs Board (EAB)? Last week the motion was passed.

Brian Bechtel, SU v.p. internal, made the motion because he felt the Students' Council should have input into campaigns run by the SU committee.

"It did not seem positive to pay for campaigns without our name (SU) on the banners," he said to council. "Do we want our names on these banners?" asked Bechtel. SU v.p. External Lisa Walter countered that the EAB does not run policy campaigns but rather information campaigns.

She also said that any comparison between EAB and other SU committees is not in line.

"Parallels to EAB with other types of boards does not hold," Walter explained. "There is an obvious difference."

"Those boards don't have this mandate to run campaigns," she added.

Bechtel had earlier said that one should not, "put the cart before the horse," when running these campaigns.

"We should never run a political policy before council

decides it wishes to support it," he said.

Walter countered that to decide if a campaign is to reflect policy, the programs could then appear slanted.

Walter then explained that the current bylaw 2800 already exists with inconsistencies. One statement says the EAB can not form policy, and another says EAB policy will become effective the day after it is announced to council. The addition of another statement on policy would confuse the bylaw more.

"Please make it clear. Overhaul the entire policy," she

said. "Make it clear what you want us to do."

The move to re-~~fer~~ the bylaw to BCC was eventually passed.

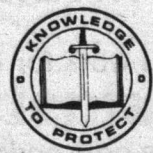
"It was necessary," says Liz Lunney, SU v.p. academic, "otherwise they're making policy and not sure what their role is."

Council decided to pass the Bechtel amendment and then have the bylaw referred to BCC so that the point of council input would act as a guideline.

"We should include this (Bechtel's) motion to make our intent clear," said councillor John Koch, "simple matter of clarification....it calls for input."

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