

## Afghan freedom fighters

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current and accurate information on the war fronts, such as how many Soviet and Afghan soldiers have died in the past few months.

Second, there will be discussion of the roles played by the seven political parties in the nationalist camp, their philosophies, and unity or lack thereof.

Finally, there will be discussion of the role of the superpowers, who are currently discussing the Afghan situation "behind closed doors", with the apparent aim of signing a treaty.

### Soviet morale is poor compared to that of the Majahidins

"We don't know about the treaty," said Ahmadyar, "We don't know if the Afghan people will accept it. There are no Americans, fighting. These are Afghans fighting. There should be no other power or source (at the table)." He also said that unless the people are satisfied with any potential USA-USSR treaty, "the war will continue."

Ahmadyar outlined the problems

encountered by the Soviets in their invasion and occupation. He noted that the first troops sent in were Muslims: Uzbeks and Tajiks. They wouldn't fight other Muslims and were replaced after three years by Red Army regular troops. Still, these soldiers were not told that they would be fighting Afghans, but rather they were told to expect "foreign troops", said Ahmadyar.

As a result, Soviet morale is poor compared to that of the Mujahidins, which Ahmadyar described as "higher and higher, year by year."

Ahmadyar also said that the Canadian government "hasn't fulfilled its commitments." Initially, they imposed sanctions, including a grain embargo in 1980, but these have been gradually relaxed. Canada now has completely normal relations with the Soviet Union, despite the continued presence of 150,000 occupation troops in Afghanistan, he said.

The government has also failed to provide relief for refugees, who number about 5 million. Canada has accepted "less than 1,000" according to Ahmadyar. "That doesn't even calculate in percentages," he said. "The Canadian government failed to consider special programs as they did for Southeast Asians for thirty years, and also for the Eastern Bloc (refugees). We don't know why."

In contrast, Ahmadyar characterized the response of the average Canadian as "wholehearted, morally aligned support."

The seminar is Wednesday, October 28, in room 034 SUB. It starts at 7 pm, and will run until about 10 pm.

Ahmadyar also thanked the SU for waiving the normal room charge for off-campus groups in this instance.

## History lost to future at Sask.

**SASKATOON (CUP)**—Funding cuts to the Saskatchewan Archives Board by the Saskatchewan provincial government may prevent the actions of that government from being historically documented.

"The board has a backlog of five years of government documents and industry submissions," says Peter Prebble, the NDP advanced education critic. He added that this backlog may ironically prevent the accurate and complete recording of provincial government proceedings over the past five years.

The primary functions of the

board, located on the University of Saskatchewan campus, is to preserve historical and political documents and artifacts. Its budget had been frozen at \$865,000 since 1983, and this year it dropped further to \$640,000. In constant 1983 dollars, these measures mean an actual funding cut of 50 per cent.

Students of U of S, especially those in fields such as History, Political Science, and graduate students are worst hurt by the cutbacks. Faculty is also affected. These groups have great difficulty obtaining recent information because their submissions to the board

simply cannot be processed.

The Archives Board was transferred this summer from the jurisdiction of the province's Department of Education to that of Parks, Recreation, and Culture. Prebble added that the transfer to the newly expanded department reflects the government's trivialization of the Archives Board as a "triffl".

"The board needs a minimum of \$900,000 to \$1,000,000 (annually) to provide first class service . . . if it were under a different government, it would have such funding," said Prebble.

## Constitution studied at U of A

by Gary Dhillon

The Faculty of Law is soon to house a Constitutional Studies Center.

The Center aims to draw scholars from among a variety of academic disciplines in a joint venture to study constitutional and human rights issues.

Professor Elmen of the Faculty of Law and a member of the management board said the published research "intends to present to the public potential solutions to problems in the constitution and that reflect the country". Some of these problems include the division of powers, the court structure or administration of justice and issues in regard to the charter of rights, said Elmen.

"The original idea for the creation of the Constitution Center came much earlier than the recent public current of constitutional issues

such as the Charter of Rights and the Meech Lake Accord. Elmen said "The proposal for the center emanates from some discussions that occurred in the Legislature a number of years ago." The creation of the center now, however, in the midst of all prevailing constitutional issues demonstrates its "timeliness", according to Dean Christian of the Law Faculty.

The funding for the center comes from the Law Foundation

on a one year contract. Elmen said "the future existence of the center is not guaranteed beyond one year." He added, "We hope that some time in the not too distant future we will have some private funding for it which will guarantee its existence."

As its first important event the center will sponsor a conference on Senate Reform on May 5 and 6 and expects to draw 200 people from around the country.

## Students replace strikers

**TORONTO (CUP)**—As negotiating stalemates continue between support staff and the administrations at the universities of York, Windsor and Western, students feel they are emerging as the strikes' biggest losers.

At the University of Windsor, where 167 custodial and support staff workers walked off the job October 3, students say they are in a 'no win' situation.

"If we clean up, the administration will say, 'okay, we don't have to hurry up and negotiate'; if we don't, then they close down the university and we lose again," said acting student council president Peter Ostojic.

"I don't think it's fair to let students be caught right in the middle," he said, adding residence students were being asked by student floor councillors to clean up after themselves and take out their own garbage.

Ostojic said the University of Windsor student council will be releasing a statement outlining their views on the strike situation early next week.

And while Ostojic said his council will soon decide to publicly support either the university or the union, the president of the University of Western Ontario's student council said they will continue their policy of neutrality.

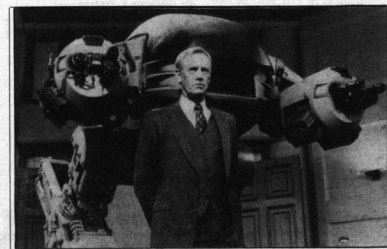
"I'm not interested really in getting involved in the dispute between the two sides," said Western student council president Allan Williams, "but I am interested in expressing the frustrations that students feel at being caught in the middle."

Williams said about 100 students showed up to protest the refusal of

both sides to be flexible in their negotiations so the strike could be resolved.

Williams said the turn-out of only 100 students illustrated that students aren't feeling the true effects of the four-week old strike involving food and maintenance workers. He said that is because a small number of university administrators are putting in 16-hour days, six days a week to provide students with essential services.

And while Western students are only missing out on some social events, students at York University have been locked out of the school's library and bookstores since more than 1,000 support staff workers walked off the job October 1.



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