

## Bootlegging by david r. jonah brunswickan staff

In the realm of international motorsport Canada suffered from a dead image of backwardness and financial bleakness as far as racing goes. It takes big money to run and promote racing successfully. Racing was centered in Europe and the U.S. and still is to a great extent. The advent of the Canadian-Grand-Prix race put Canada in the racing limelight.

An announcement in Toronto, Sept 16 shook the foundations of auto racing in Ontario, as well as other parts of race-starved Canada. Canada will host a race through the streets of Toronto much like the races at Monaco.

A Toronto-based promotion group is running the June 15, 1969 Telegram Trophy race for Indianapolis type cars on a special layout on the Canadian National Exhibition grounds and on Lakeshore Blvd, a provincial highway along Toronto's waterfront. The 1969 Canadian Grand Prix for championship points is also scheduled for the new 2.3 mile track. Estimated cost is one million dollars. This blows the mind of the staid Canadian motorsport enthusiast.

Just imagine 20-30, 600 hp racing cars careening crazily through sacred Argonaut territory and the Lakeshore highway. 100,000 people will pay anywhere from three to \$30 for the opportunity of watching the cream of international race-drivers competing against one another. Drivers like Denny Hulme, Graham Hill, Jackie Stewart and Chris Amon. Roughly, 30 drivers in the world have the skill and cool to drive in these Grand Prix races.

This all sounds like a dream come true for the native motorsport fan. This mass publicity will awaken an awareness to racing in this country.

But to the dismay of man reality is rearing its ugly head with some very disturbing truths. For instance, safety. People from all over Canada will line this course as cars approaching 200 mph fly by their mass. In 1958, at Le Mans, a race car crushed 83 people to death. A tragedy like that would end racing rather rapidly in Canada. A normal generation-gap Canadian blows his mind at hearing a snarly free-flow exhaust system. The sports car in Canada would be as popular as the Mafia at a church finance meeting.

There is a good chance that racing parks such as Mosport and St. Jovite would fold, setting racing back 10 years, because they depend on these big races for operating capital.

Whatever happens, the future of racing in Canada depends on the success or failure of this new venture.

*Next week a look at the safety craze and the dangers it holds for competitive cars and the sports car driver. Would you believe cars governed to a maximum speed of 75 mph. It's only as far away as Washington and Dr. William Haddon Jr.*

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## Athletic fees jump to \$25

Last week the student athletic association announced the first hike of the student athletic fee since 1962.

Association president Mike Peacock said Thursday that the fee was raised five dollars because students weren't pulling their weight in the athletics budget.

"When the association was set up, students were paying half the cost and the administration the rest," he said.

"But the fee hasn't risen proportionally to the cost of athletics and this year the administration was paying two-thirds.

"With the raise from \$20 to \$25, the students are now paying almost 40 percent of the cost."

There was some controversy when the SAA asked the SRC to approve the fee raise. Several SRC members felt the administration was trying to force them to be partly responsible for a tuition raise. The athletic fee is hidden in the tuition and the fee increase will show as a five-dollar increase in tuition.

At a meeting two weeks ago, the SRC decided to neither support nor reject the fee increase, leaving the matter to the SAA. This reaffirms the SRC's non-involvement in athletics and

athletic spending here.

Peacock said this action was important because now the SRC has said they felt they shouldn't have a say in athletics.



Mike Peacock

"It is according to the constitutions of the two groups. The SAA's power lies within athletics and the SRC's with non-athletic events and policies," he said.

He said that administration vicepresident MacAulay and president MacKay had first recommended that the SAA consult the SRC.

"As far as athletics were concerned, we (SAA) are the voice of the students. We didn't want SRC interference. If they wanted any say, we felt they should control the whole thing."

Peacock said he didn't anticipate much opposition to the fee raise.

"There might be a small amount of reaction. The thing that worries me is that people will question athletics' worth. It could get into a great debate. But I feel convinced I can convince anybody it's worth it.

"But it will make people more aware that the SAA exists and that we're representing the students."

The SAA is made up of one elected rep from each faculty and four executive members. It's responsible to the athletic board, which seats six students two faculty, two administration members, one alumnus and one member of the athletics department.

Peacock said the raise was passed through the board unanimously.

Three of the students on the board are SAA members and the other three are SRC members.

## Lakewood police keep students off picket lines

PORT ARTHUR (CUP) — Police Thursday tried to prevent students from Lakehead University from joining a picket line set up by retail clerks striking against Lakehead department stores.

The students issued a statement saying: "We believe that

students should actively support groups of people in the non-university community who are consciously struggling to improve their working and/or living conditions. Alliances should be formed on the basis of mutual respect, a sharing of decision-making power, and a pooling of resources."

One Port Arthur cop told the students to "pack it in."

"Any demonstrations," he said, "and you're all arrested. Put that damn camera down and don't use it."

In Fort William, a police sergeant stormed down the picket line and broke up a television interview between students and CKPR-TV.

"If you're going to do it, keep moving, no stalling. If my picture is in there cut it out. If I see it on TV you'll hear about it," he told the cameramen.

The students were invited to use the picket lines by Mrs. Irene Hogan chief executive officer for local 409 of the Retail Clerks Union. The Union has been on strike since Oct. 3 — its principal demand is union security in the various shops.

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