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## The Glen Sather University of Alberta Sports Medicine Clinic



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Opening Nov. 1, the Glen Sather Memorial Sports Medicine Clinic still needs a variety of equipment. Assistant Director Chisholm is hoping to raise money at the Carnival of Champions this Saturday.

### New sports docs

by Boris Zvonkovic

After existing for nearly twenty years as merely an idea and a dream, the University of Alberta, Glen Sather Sports Medicine Clinic, will finally become a reality on November 1 of this year.

The million dollar clinic, located in the Van Vliet Physical Education Centre, will open its doors, not only to U of A athletes, students, and staff, but to Edmontonians in general.

The new Glen Sather Clinic was established with three general goals in mind. As Nancy Jette Chisholm, Assistant Director of the clinic, explains, "the mandate of the new clinic is basically teaching, research, and service." Toward this end the new clinic will be a teaching and research facility for the Faculties of Medicine, Rehabilitation Medicine (in particular the Department of Physical Therapy), and the Faculty of Physical Education (particularly the Athletic Training pro-

gram).

Chisholm also explains that the new clinic will be "a very multi-faceted clinic", in that it will work with dietitians, pharmacists, orthopedists, and will be linked with other programs such as the Sports Performance Unit, the Public Fitness Testing Unit, and the Rick Hansen Centre. "We really have a joint project with many departments and faculties on campus involved. Teaching wise and research wise, the athlete and the public can only benefit," said Chisholm.

Although the U of A has had a small Athletic Therapy Clinic for the past twenty-five years (located in the Varsity Arena), this clinic had limited facilities and equipment, and basically consisted of one or two physiotherapists who addressed the ailments of varsity athletes.

In terms of service, treatment in the new clinic will be open to

all by doctor referral. The clinic will be staffed by physicians, such as Dr. David Reid, an orthopedic surgeon and director of the clinic, and a number of physiotherapists and special therapists.

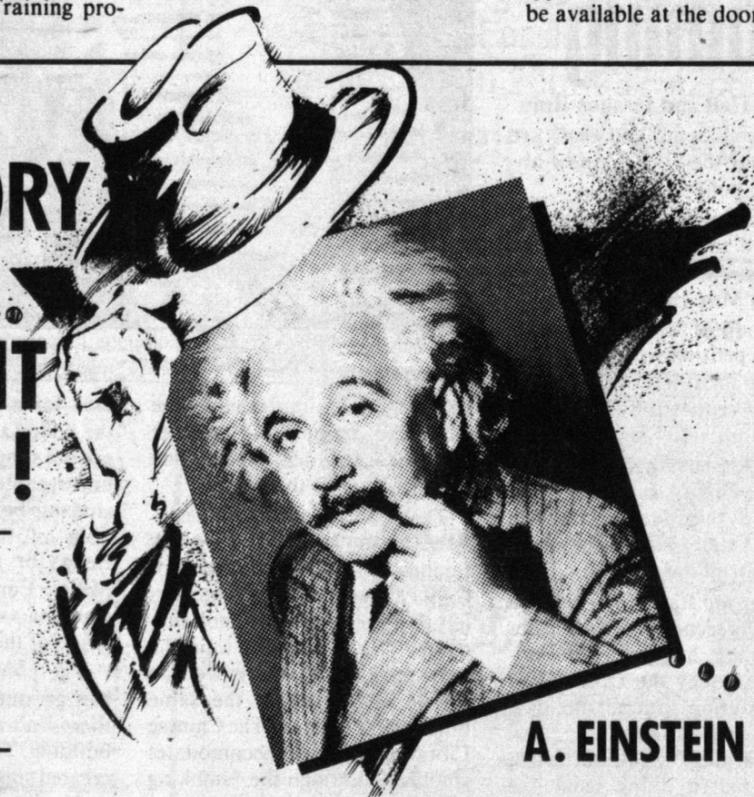
The clinic itself has on-site X-ray capabilities, examining rooms, treatment cubicles, a hydrotherapy room, and will eventually have a variety of exercise and testing equipment. The clinic will also serve as a first aid station during its hours of operation.

Funding for the construction of the clinic was provided mainly through private donations, a large part coming from Edmonton businessman Peter Pocklington, and matching provincial government grants.

However, the clinic still requires a variety of equipment and hopes to raise some funds through activities such as the Carnival of Champions, which will be held this Saturday in the Butterdome. Members of the Edmonton Oilers and Eskimos have donated their time to take part in this family type of carnival, and tickets will be available at the door.

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