

## Do you know what's going on down there?

As students toil away at their books with the knowledge that the long warm summer months are just an exam away, beckoning them to escape from their academic slavery of the past eight months, forget it. You can't pack your books up after April, you need to cram for 2½ months if you're intent on watching TV this summer.

Chances are if you happen to turn on the tube during the end of July on CBC it can be only one thing, coverage of the 21st Olympiad from Montreal, you know, the summer Olympics. That little surprise party Mayor Drapeau planned for all of Canada.

The CBC programmers must have been war strategists in World War II because the broadcasting schedule resembles something very close to saturation bombing. Spread over the 16 day extravaganza from July 17 to August 1, the CBC will be providing or strangling us (depending on how you look at it) with over 175 hours of live coverage, the majority of it in prime time, compared to ABC who purchased the U.S. broadcast rights, who will grace American viewers with a mere 76 hours.

For Canadians that means 11 hours a day, more than half of the entire broadcasting time in one day. That's more than 10 episodes of Star Trek, or an equivalent of 4 Oiler broadcasts. CBC is taking a big gamble, that means there will be no Tommy Hunter show for more than three weeks, what will Canadians do? Probably turn the channel. But if by chance they get hooked on the Olympics and stay glued to their sets for 11 hours a day, ignoring the beautiful summer weather, they had better get back to the books so they will be able to answer the most frequent question heard in the grand stand during the Olympic games: What's going on down there?

To take this problem away from the viewer, plus \$6.95 for the book, two newspapers and one television network may have come up with the most widely read book by Canadians since More Hockey Basics From Howie Meeker.

The Complete ABC/Montreal Star New York Times Guide — *How To Watch the Olympic Games Summer 1976*, is a 320 page guide with text written by well known Canadian sports writer Andy O'Brien. The Olympics aren't as simple as one might expect. The games are divided into 21 disciplines, many of which are subdivided. For example, Olympic Swimming includes diving and water polo which are completely different from the actual sport of swimming, likewise the pentathlon is a combination of five sports. There will be 194 gold medal events, competed for by 132 countries.

It is impossible for any spectator to be equally proficient in his study of all Olympic sports, so to provide a working knowledge of the sports for the uninitiated in areas like yachting, weightlifting and archery the guide provides a history of the sport, players and teams to watch, rules and strategy. Along with this there are pictures of each sport in Olympic action and diagrammatical graphics to explain technique and strategy, something which most people are lacking in sports like diving and wrestling (being a Stampede Wrestling fan will get you nowhere when it comes to Olympic wrestling). Also mostly for the benefit of those who will be attending the games there is a where and when section providing the location of the site and the times the competition will be underway.

Every discipline has a history of the sport, procedure, where and when, and a list of the medal winners since inception of the event. Many of the sports also have watching tips included.

Most people look at it this way, we're going to end up paying for the '\$#@%&' Olympics anyway so we might as well enjoy them, the best way to do that is to know what's going on down there, that way you'll be one up on Drapeau.

Darrell Semenuk



## More bodies wanted!



The game of rugby has been the forerunner of most of the football codes played in the

world today. The history of rugby in Canada goes back as far as the pre-Grey Cup era and

has been slowly growing ever since. During the last ten to twenty years the game has exploded into a wave of popularity all over Canada. There is some form of rugby competition in most major Canadian towns and has been played in Edmonton for many years. There is now a need for instruction and coaching in this great game and the university seems to be the obvious source.

The Golden Bear rugby team has formed once again and will be competing in the Edmonton Rugby Union second division during the 1976 season. The opportunity is open for students to play a fast contact game whether you have a knowledge of the game or not. The opportunity is now provided for all those students who will be spending their summer involved in little or no physical activity. Individuals who have played any ball game will more than likely have a talent and inclination toward the game. If you are interested, contact Mr. Tony Bauer, Physical Education Faculty, University of Alberta.



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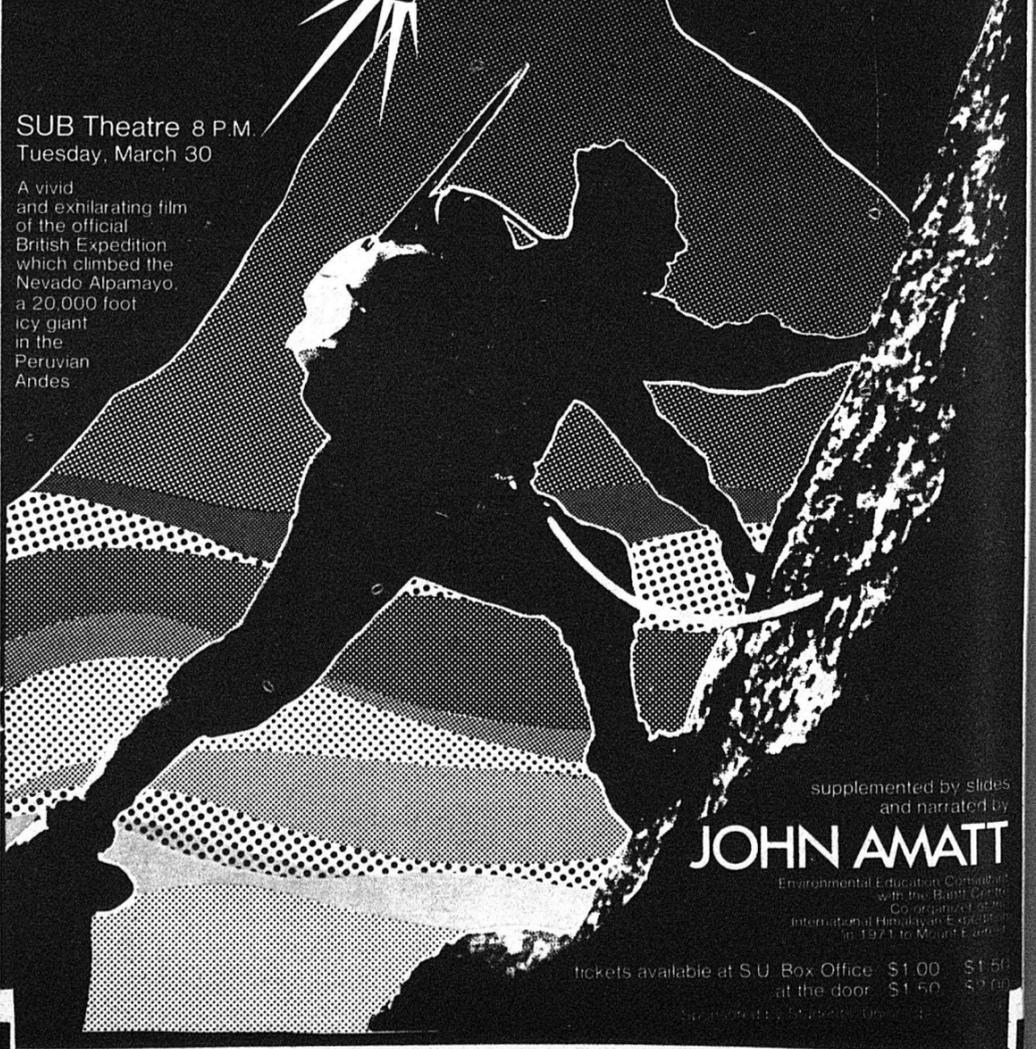
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