

Campus shines for CCFF

by Leah-Ann Lymer

On Friday, September 29, University of Alberta students will go around campus shining shoes to raise funds for the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (CCFF). They will be participating in the CCFF's 26th annual Shinerama. They will then take to the streets, malls, hotels, airports, and surrounding areas on Saturday, September 30.

Students from NAIT, Grant MacEwan College, and the Royal Alexandra and Misericordia Nursing Schools will also take part in this nationwide event.

Cystic Fibrosis (CF) is a terrible inherited disease. It is caused by a gene that affects the lungs and/or the digestive system.

According to Lois Sim, Community Health Coordinator for the Medical Students' Association, this gene makes the body secrete "a thick mucus that clogs the lungs."

This clogging not only makes breathing difficult, but it harvests bacteria. For this reason, said Sim, "the child must always be on antibiotics because they're prone to bad infections."

The bacteria eventually becomes immune to the drugs so that the child must take drugs of increasingly higher potency. Eventually, all antibiotics become useless to the child.

Sometimes CF affects the pancreas, the organ which produces digestive enzymes. Children with this form of CF, Sim said, "have to eat pills of digestive enzymes along with food so they can digest their food."

All CF children must undergo a

rigorous therapy program everyday. It is painful for the child as well as the parent, who must administer it.

The "stress [the therapy causes] is just awful," said Sim.

CF is truly a young people's disease. It takes the lives of more Canadian children than any other inherited disease. The life expectancy of a CF child is about 25 years. Before CF research, it was two to three years.

Canada is a world leader in CF research because of the efforts of the CCFF. Funds raised from its campaigns are not wasted on administration.

"The CCFF is a special organization," Sim said, "for every dollar raised, 73 cents goes to straight research."

Sim is careful to point out that although the CF gene has recently been isolated, "this is only the beginning." Funds are still needed to find a cure.

Shinerama is the only CCFF campaign for young people to get involved in.

Sim wants more U of A involvement in the event this year. "Right now a small role is being played by the U of A," she says. Last year the U of A raised close to \$4500; NAIT raised \$21 000.

Sim stresses, "we have a larger population. We can beat that [amount]. If all students unite; if we go out and shine shoes." Last year the city of Edmonton raised a total of \$27 000 for Shinerama.

How can you be a part of Shinerama 1989? On Friday, September 29

interested students should go to SUB room 278 at 12:30 to receive instructions and to pick up shoe shine kits.

"You don't have to bring anything," said Sim, "just bring yourself and your enthusiasm."

Besides the reward of working for a cause, the event has social benefits. "You get to meet people you're shining with," said Sim, "it's good student interaction."

For more details, T-shirts, and dance tickets, look for the Shinerama display in HUB from 11:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 27.

Wildlife reserves needed

by Greg Pommen

Last Wednesday, the Wildlands Wildlife Club hosted a presentation by Monte Hummel, the president of the World Wildlife Fund's Canadian chapter. The presentation is part of the WWF's Endangered Species campaign to reserve areas representative of Canada's natural ecological communities.

The campaign's primary goal is to get the federal and provincial governments of Canada to plan and reserve these areas. Currently six percent of Canada is marked off as wildlife reserves. Even less is marked off if areas open to mining, logging, and sport hunting are factored in. The World

Wildlife Fund's objective is to have 12 percent of Canada reserved by the year 2000. It is hoped that by maintaining the natural habitats wildlife would be preserved in the process. Twelve percent is an estimate of what is considered necessary to maintain populations at viable levels.

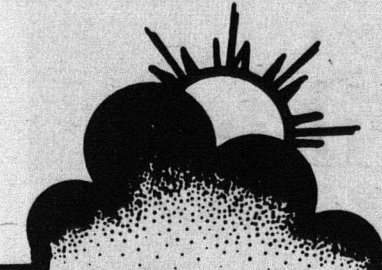
The program is also being endorsed by several other environmental groups across the country such as the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society and the Alberta Wildlife Society. Hummel stressed the need to work with all levels of government as well as for individual Canadians to get involved with such programs.



Colin Northcott

Toxic dump in Lister

Every year Lister floor co-ordinators leave for a week-end retreat and return to find strange things done to their rooms. The residents on third floor Mac turned this co-ordinator's room into a toxic waste dump.



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