

Urban salvation

Ideas to save the world are far from reaching any form of consensus as was revealed by Gateway's recent effort. But some Edmontonians do have a plan to save Edmonton itself. They go by the name of the Urban Reform Group Edmonton (URGE).

"URGE is primarily for people who share the same value structure, the same philosophy," said John Weinlick, a spokesperson, in an interview Thursday. He seemed to feel that it was the civic administration's narrowed focus of concern, their ordering of priorities which produced Edmonton's "bigger and better" syndrome. Images of glass and steel and "concrete jungles" were visions that Edmonton could work to avoid.

URGE is a community coalition of Edmontonians interested in the quality of life in this city. They hope to elect city council members in the 1974 municipal election in October.

Their campaign strategy thus far has stressed the importance of values as the origin of the issues rather than

the more traditionalist approach of letting the issues raised reflect the values involved. When asked if citizens would be able to sufficiently grasp this concept, Weinlick wavered.

There were still enough immediate physical realities, such as the prospect of light rapid transit, he said, that could accommodate this problem. URGE is "still not sure of the exact methodology to be used in the campaign."

URGE's appeal, however, is not calculated to cater to people within a strict philosophical mold. Rather, he envisioned a wide cross-section of citizens being attracted - students, housewives, professionals, businessmen, and labourers. It is pointed towards a balance of business and aesthetic concerns. So far Weinlick has been "intrigued to find the number of businessmen who share these concerns." Indeed, "if a businessman can't take the profits to enjoy the life surrounding him, what then?"

Their plan for light rapid transit, as formulated by Gerry Wright, Weinlick, and others, is a vital part of policy. It involves a

light rail commuter system - "a technology that's been proven in Europe." It would be integrated with and compliment existing modes of public and private transportation.

Instead of a freeway nightmare Weinlick would like to see more parks, natural open spaces, and the protection of ravines. The opportunities are only limited by the imagination - "It could be anything," he said.

This group also feels that the present ward system is unable to generate any feeling of community. Edmonton is presently divided into 4 wards with 3 council members representing each ward. People as a community are unsure of who to turn to or to identify with. He also discussed the possibility of providing council members with research assistants or ward officers to ease the work load and decrease the reliance on city commissioners.

Surprisingly, URGE has no definite stand on the 1978 Commonwealth Games for Edmonton. As Weinlick understood it the plebiscite is to determine the city's expenditure towards the games, not the games itself. With many additional interests to look after the membership had just not had time to organize for this particular issue.

From now until the civic election on October leaves very little time for URGE's organization, canvassing, policy decisions, and other facets of campaign work. Weinlick even mentioned the possibility of interested students running as candidates on their slate. If you share their vision and would like to help, you could contact Gerry Wright, 432-5068; John Weinlick, 487-0211 or 429-7952; or Leslie Bella, 435-8467.

Finance investigation urged

by Brian Tucker

The University of Alberta Senate set up a committee Friday to inform the public about the financial woes of the university.

The Senate was told that inflation has eroded the university budget, frozen by the provincial government as a result of a decline in enrolment two years ago.

Meanwhile, enrollment has gone up but government grants have stayed frozen.

The question arose out of a letter from H.A. Hargreaves, an English professor, who said that budget restraints have created a serious problem for the university library.

Max Wyman, University president, told the meeting that the budget has risen to \$5.1 million from \$4.7 million, not enough to cover the purchasing of books let alone paying salaries.

Hargreaves said the situation started several years ago when the library budget was not increased in proportion to those of other segments of the University.

The problem was further exaggerated two years ago with the removal of the library's reserve fund, used to order books among other things.

Loss of the reserve fund has seriously hurt the library's ability to function in an unstable book market, which has been compounded by inflation of book and journal subscription prices by as much as 50 per cent and international dollar devaluations.

"I need not stress the importance of the library to the faculty of Arts, Hargreaves added. "If it cannot be maintained at the present level, much less grow, we will be literally crippled."

Men's Intramurals

J.S. MacLauchlan

Welcome back after Ski Week! All activities will be wrapped up in a couple of weeks. Snooker started on March 5, table tennis begins on March 10, volleyball is finished and the play-off schedules are up and hockey will soon be finished.

Also finishing on Wednesday was Co-Rec Innertube Waterpolo. It was a great activity this year and I would like to thank all those teams that participated. Congratulations to the curling rink of Gary

Croxton, Gary Romanchuk, Ken Fordham and Rick Pieschel in winning the "A" Event and the same to the rink of Rich Schmidt, Ken Tamke, Ted Leew and Jim Snowdon for winning the "B" Event.

A closing reminder of the up and coming Intramural Awards Night for both the Men and the Women's Intramural Programs combined. Also I would like to squelch any circulating rumors that there are going to be several raw streakers entered in next year's Turkey Trot.

Bowling Bears get spare in Calgary

On Friday March 1st, the U of A men's and women's bowling teams travelled to Calgary to take part in the Canada West Bowling Tournament. Teams from the University of Calgary, U of Saskatoon, UBC, U of A and a men's team from the U of Lethbridge took part.

The first of a total of 12 games began Sat. March 2, 1:00 p.m. at the Chinook Ridge Bowladrome. After six exciting games, the U of A women and the UBC men held top spot in total pinfall. Going into the remaining six games Sunday, fierce rivalry emerged between the U of A and UBC clubs. By the end of the 11th game, it was evident that the U of A women would be the champs when they rolled a 1125 game. This was the extra boost needed that brought them up and over the top to a

first place finish, well over 1000 pins ahead of 2nd UBC women, for the third consecutive year. The U of A men fought a hard but losing battle against UBC. They finished in 3rd place behind UBC and the U of C.

Congratulations should go to Lynne Hurley, who won High Average - 212, High Game 349, and High Triple 710; to the Women's team consisting of Linda Bulycz, Carolyn Burford, Clarece Mather, Liz Wrona, Lynne Hurley, Liz Kirzchuk, Anne Turner and their coach Lynda McDowell.

Congratulations also to Saren Nielsen for the High Triple trophy of 823 and for the good effort to: Jerry Widgiz, Bruce Dean, Bruce McCurdy, Saren Nielsen, Colin Matheson, Ron Moore, Ken McKenzie and their coach Ron Senda.

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After four days' orientation at C.L.C., the group will go to the Brazeau Mountains, with return via the North Saskatchewan. Material to be covered will include basic camping techniques, survival skills, orienteering, mountain scrambling, fishing and canoeing, as well as ecological relationships and flora and fauna. Enrollment limited to 24 persons. Medical exam required. Instructors will screen applicants to select participants. Biology 298 requires Biology 30 or 130 as prerequisite. Auditing may be possible for those without prerequisite, depending on number applying. Participation in all activities required of all students.

Tuition for a full course.....\$135.00*
Registration Fee.....\$ 5.00
Equipment Deposit and Rental.....\$ 50.00
(Up to \$25.00 Refundable)
Books and Lab Supplies.....\$20.00
Anticipated Food Costs.....\$ 60.00 to 80.00

*If only one half-course taken for credit, \$70.00 plus \$35.00 audit fee.

Applications: Write to Admissions Department, Camrose Lutheran College, prior to April 22, enclosing Registration Fee and deposit of \$100.00 (if not accepted, deposit will be returned.) For further information, contact Director of Admissions.

2. Courses for Kindergarten Teachers (and Early Childhood Education Majors) - July 2 to August 9

Two full courses to be offered if enrollment warrants. English 398 (Children's Literature) - Professor Ed Friesen, and Music 210* (Foundations of Music) - Professor James Neff. (* There is a remote possibility of substitution of another course - in the same pattern - for Music 210)

Courses will be offered if sufficient applications received - enrollment of 20 in each considered viable number. (Those who wish to reserve possibility of application to University of Alberta should make applications to C.L.C. by April 20. Such applicants will be informed before April 30 whether courses are to be offered.)

Tuition for each full course.....\$135.00
(half payable on application and balance on July 2)
Registration Fee up to April 20.....\$5.00
April 20 to June 24.....\$10.00

Send Applications with deposit to Admissions Department, Camrose Lutheran College.

3. Courses in Aquatics and Advanced Basketball - July 29 to August 16

Two half-courses will be offered if enrollment warrants: Physical Education 215 (Aquatics) and 335 (Advanced Basketball)

Prerequisite for Physical Education 335: Physical Education 305.
Tuition per half-course.....\$70.00
Registration Fee.....\$5.00

Applications, together with registration fee and one-half of applicable tuition fee, should be sent to the Admissions Department, Camrose Lutheran College, by July 15. Balance of fee payable July 29.

NOTE: In the event of insufficient enrollment, Camrose Lutheran College retains the right to cancel any of the above courses. If such takes place, deposits will be returned. However, if the courses are offered but the person registered does not attend, deposits will be retained.

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