

# Rec students sing for supper

by Lucinda Chodan

*I know an old lady who swallowed a... a, er, spider ....*

If you can't remember the words to this song — or 299 others — you're not alone. And the provincial government may be contributing up to \$50,000 to a group of university students who want to immortalize these songs for Alberta's 75th anniversary.

The Recreation Students Society (RSS) Songbook, a collection of traditional campfire songs, has been accepted as a project by the Alberta 75th Anniversary Commission. If their budget is approved, 10,000 all-weather, coil-bound copies of the songbook will be printed by early July.

Chairman of the songbook committee Glen McMahon says the RSS is just waiting for the financial go-ahead for the project.

"We've finished all the housekeeping details," he says. His committee will meet with government representatives some time in March to negotiate a contract for the songbook's production.

The songbook has been a recreation faculty tradition since 1975, when it was created as a fund-raising project for the RSS. However, the special 75th anniversary edition started as a glint in recreation student Craig Broddy's eye last September, says McMahon.

"Craig sent our proposal to the 75th Anniversary Commission to see what they had to say," he says. "Then he contacted Alberta Culture to see what support we could get."

Alberta Culture, which had started a similar project several years earlier, was enthusiastic.

"We decided to join forces," says McMahon.

The songbook was approved by the anniversary commission in early January 1980.

McMahon says the songbook committee and Alberta Culture have been working since then to get the project going.

The group is working on a projected budget of between \$40,000 and \$50,000 — and that doesn't include any salaries. McMahon says the biggest expense is getting copyrights for many of the songs they hope to include in the book.

"We may not have as wide a range as we'd like because of copyright limitations," he says. "For instance, it'll cost \$1500 to get the copyright for 'Alberta Bound' from Gordon Lightfoot. That really pushes costs up."

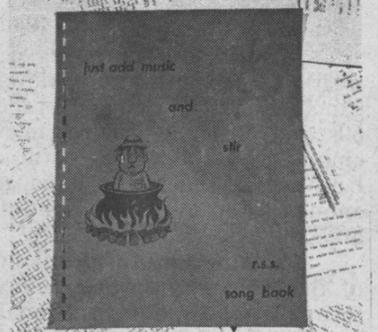
The all-volunteer staff will compile the songs and music, apply for copyrights and submit

this information to the printer, all by early June, McMahon says. The final copies of the book, which McMahon says will cost less than \$8, will be distributed through school boards, the Alberta Recreation and Parks Association and some bookstores throughout the summer.

The book may also contain an added bonus — the winner of the Alberta 75th anniversary Song Competition.

"If the song is representative, we'll have the rights to it," McMahon says.

As for the proceeds of the songbook sales, McMahon says the money will go to the RSS. "We want to establish something ongoing or permanent at the university — something that will be accessible to the entire student body."



The 1978-79 version of the Recreation Students Society Songbook.

"We're certainly not going to have one wild party at the end of it all."

Anyone know the words to "We're in the Money?"

## Members want to discuss FAS' role and activities

A meeting of dissatisfied Federation of Alberta Students (FAS) members helped to clear the air around FAS, according to U of A Students' Union president Dean Olmstead.

The meeting, held the February 23 weekend in Red Deer, passed a recommendation a workshop to discuss members' concerns about FAS be held at the FAS annual conference at the end of March.

Olmstead says the complaints leveled at FAS included charges that FAS is too radical, and paradoxically too conservative; that it doesn't represent students and that its involvement with the provincial government is sporadic.

Olmstead says his main concern is the communication problem between FAS and member campuses.

"Some of the complaints showed that campuses' perceptions about FAS are not correct," he said.

Olmstead says possible solutions to this communications breakdown may involve a restructuring of FAS or a more concerted effort by the FAS executive and member campuses to improve the situation.

The U of A has no intention of considering withdrawal from

FAS, says Olmstead. And he says the general consensus at the meeting was to work toward a betterment of FAS.

Olmstead says he expects FAS to accept the meeting's recommendation and implement the workshops.

About ten provincial post-secondary institutions attended the meeting.

## MLAs take a rain check

The Students' Union's evening date with Alberta MLAs is off for this year.

But we weren't stood up, vp external Tema Frank says. The scheduling just got mixed up.

"We happened to pick a night (March 27) when the legislature was sitting," Frank says, but Students' Council only realized this after they passed the resolution on January 15.

"We would have them here for only two hours if they came

on March 27, so we decided to cancel the evening until next fall," she says.

On top of that, the Federation of Alberta Students (FAS) are planning to lobby the legislature the same day, Frank says.

No suitable alternate date was available, she says. However, the university still backs the idea, and Frank says she hopes next year's council follows through with the idea.

## Fewer students may be tested

by Julie Green

Universal testing of incoming students to determine their writing competence might be modified to test only 1200 of the 4500 new students.

A General Faculties Council (GFC) decision to enforce the universal testing might apply to only 600 students in September this year and a further 600 in January next year, if GFC approves its executive committee's recommendation.

How students will be selected for testing has not yet been determined. One proposal

suggests that the group of students tested in September be from the education faculty while the group tested in January be from the science faculty.

A writing program would be established by this September to administer and mark the writing competency tests. The program would also provide students tested with remediation as needed, states the GFC executive committee's proposal.

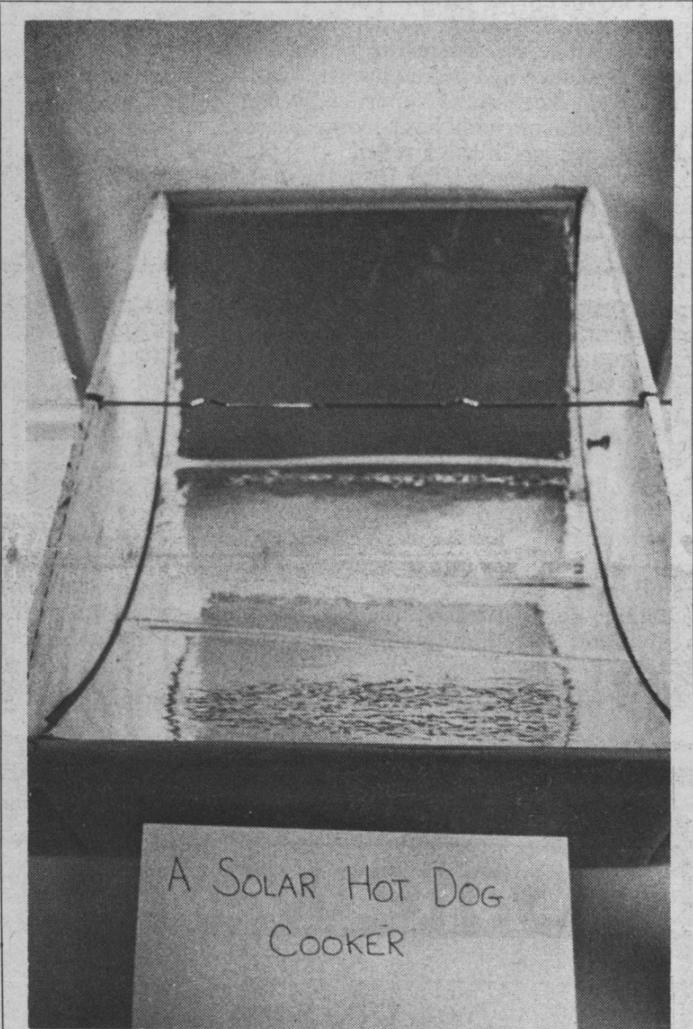
A President's Committee on Testing and Remediation would be established to monitor the progress of the tests and the

writing centre.

Testing and marking is estimated to cost \$18,000 while the remediation program itself would cost about \$120,000, says the proposal.

The President's Committee would report about the programs to the GFC executive in January 1981 with recommendations for the possible expansion of the program in the second and third year.

GFC will consider this proposal at its March 26 meeting.



This Solar Hot Dog Cooker was part of last Sunday's Solar Fair, sponsored by the Solar Energy Society of Canada's Northern Alberta Chapter. Now all they have to do is find a solar hot dog.

photo Rick Lawrence

## Garlic won't stop clinic

If Dracula sucks ... blood, the Red Cross wants to sign him up.

The Red Cross and the Faculty of Nursing are sponsoring a blood donor clinic this week in SUB. And nursing faculty representative Deb McDougall says the groups are hoping for a good turnout at this clinic.

"Over 90 per cent of all blood collected in Northern Alberta is separated into fractions to be used in special

circumstances," she says. "However, it must be separated within a few hours of collection — that's why we need donors at these Edmonton clinics."

McDougall says the Red Cross is hoping for 4,000 university donors this year at various clinics. Last year, just over 3,000 donors gave blood on campus.

The Red Cross blood donor clinic will be held in Room 142 SUB from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. daily.

## Council briefs

Tuition fee increases will be discussed at Tuesday night's Students' Council meeting.

And vp external Tema Frank urges all students who are "even faintly interested" to attend the meeting.

Further assaults on the student budget will be discussed when vp finance Willie Gruber brings forward his motion to raise beer prices in RATT and Friday's by 10 cents a bottle, if the ALCB raises prices to \$5.00 a case.

If either, or both, of these issues fires you with indignation, you are urged to attend the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday in the Council Chambers of University Hall.



Indian Winter? Quad resumes its normal icy posture, welcoming us back to a dreary March.