

SU boss Bert Best shown door

by Keith Krause

The Students' Union has suspended its general manager, Bert Best.

"Best has been relieved of his duties, pending Tuesday's Students' Council meeting where his contract will be discussed," said SU president Nolan Astley.

Best was released last Wednesday, after the executive decided to bring his contract before council.

"We have decided to bring his contract to council on the advice of a solicitor," said Astley. "The executive will recommend that the contract not be ratified."

The contract Best is working under was signed by last year's SU executives, and never ratified by council. If council decides not to ratify the contract, this would terminate Best's employment, according to the SU's legal advisors.

Astley refused to comment on why the executive was recommending that the contract be rejected, saying only that he would be giving an explanation to council. This will probably occur in closed session.

"There is the possibility of some legal action," said Astley.

Best refused to comment on his suspension.

"I have retained the services of an attorney and he has recommended that I make no comment," he said.

Best's performance came under scrutiny after last year's \$320,000 SU deficit was revealed last fall.

But it won't be business as usual for the Students' Union if and when Best leaves.

"There will be some changes," said Astley. "We haven't come to a definite conclusion yet, but we do have some plans."

These plans include the elimination of the general manager's position.

It might be replaced by a "Board of Directors" structure with area business managers and student executives making the preliminary financial decisions for the business areas, before taking them to council. Council will be discussing these plans at tonight's meeting, as well as making a decision on Best's contract.



Roll over Khomeini

Princess Theatre air guitar contest winners the Rockin' Ayatollahs cutting loose at the Princess during the finals.

Photo Ray Giguere

U irresponsible in Garneau

by Mike Walker

The university was accused Monday of irresponsibility in its dealings with North Garneau residents, but university officials weren't there to answer the charge.

"Students, staff and residents of the surrounding area have not

been listened to" in planning new student housing in the 3½ block university-owned area, said Phil Soper, Students' Union president-elect and North Garneau Tenants' Association vice-president.

Soper recalled that university president Myer Horowitz said last

fall to the Board of Governors, "The vice-presidents and I will not be party to any recommendation that doesn't preserve the character of the area."

He called on Horowitz to honor his commitment.

"We'd like Dr. Horowitz to stand by that statement and look to the best interests of the university as a whole and... declare North Garneau as a permanent student housing neighborhood," Soper said.

University director of Design and Construction Tim Miner was the only university official present, but he said he was not authorized to speak, only to observe. Horowitz and B of G chairperson John Schlosser were asked to attend, but neither showed.

"Their present plans for North Garneau... make use of, and lock into student housing, only a portion of the area, leaving the great majority of the neighborhood open for future development," said Soper. Eighty houses now stand on the site.

Future development, Soper said, could call for tennis courts and a large carpark among the student housing units. Indeed, current plans call for these to take up about a third of a city block in the new housing development.

They "would be a categorical ruin of the neighborhood," Soper said.

He pointed out that most of the houses in the neighborhood were built between 1910 and 1920, and said they have architectural and aesthetic value. The university is committed to tearing down at least some of them by this summer and building new housing of some sort in their place by summer 1983 for the 1983 World University Games.

The university rated each house for architectural value and condition as the basis for which will be saved and which razed, but Soper said the methods were questionable: the houses were judged from the outside, he said.

"They didn't even come into the houses to check."

Rights charter no use

OTTAWA (CUP) — The federal government's proposed charter of rights will not guarantee women's rights unless it is extensively changed, according to a conference on women and the constitution held here February 14 and 15.

The conference, which attracted over 1,000 women from across Canada, said it could not support including the charter in the package to be sent to Britain unless seven changes were made to remove its serious wording problems.

Participants at the conference said the proposed charter was so vague and so poorly worded that even the guarantees of equality of the sexes could be

challenged in the courts, or overridden by the federal government.

Furthermore, they said, it would not prevent sex discrimination; its wording is the same as current laws that allow the federal government to deny treaty status to Indian women who marry white men.

Deborah Acheson, one of the conference speakers, suggested a clause that says the entire charter should be interpreted consistent with Canada's multicultural heritage could be distorted by the courts to mean that any discrimination against women, up to and including genital mutilation (which is practiced in some third world countries), would be accep-

table if culturally based.

Other speakers pointed out that a clause allowing affirmative action programs would not necessarily allow women to qualify. They also said the clause dealing with equality and affirmative action will not be implemented until three years after the charter is passed, unlike the other clauses.

The conference was called in late January after the Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women cancelled a conference on the constitution planned for February 14.

Council president Doris Anderson resigned over the incident, charging that Lloyd Axworthy, minister responsible for the status of women, had pressured council members to cancel to avoid embarrassment to the government.

The conference passed a motion of support for Anderson's stand and called for Axworthy's removal as minister responsible for the status of women.

Participants at the conference plan to lobby all MPs and Senators to change the charter during the upcoming third reading. If the revisions are not made before the bill passes, they ask that the charter not be sent to Britain but instead be amended in Canada by a constituent assembly with 50 per cent female composition.

WE'RE BACK

This Saturday is International Women's Day. So, today's paper includes a detailed discussion of the federal government's constitutional proposal and its effect on Canadian women.

GARNEAU RALLY

University president Myer Horowitz will be invited to speak about the university's North Garneau redevelopment plans Thursday in front of University Hall. Will he do it?

Find out be at the North Garneau rally Thursday at 12:15 p.m. in front of University Hall. There will be music and singing as well.

Bears capture gold

JACA, SPAIN - Special to the Gateway by Shaune Impey

Team Canada '81 scored three third period goals to defeat the Finnish National team 6-1 last night and capture the gold medal at the Winter Universiade hockey competition in Jaca, Spain.

Canada, composed of a nucleus of University of Alberta Golden Bear players, controlled the game totally and outshot Finland 68-15.

Jim Lomas had two goals to lead Canada, with Bruce Rolin, Chris Helland, Jim McLaughlin and Mike Broadfoot getting singles. McLaughlin, from the University of British Columbia, was an addition to the roster along with teammates Ron Paterson

and Bill Holowaty. Former Bears Randy Gregg and Larry Riggan also joined the squad from their club teams in Japan and Switzerland respectively.

Finland's only goal came on the powerplay, in the second period with Canada up 2-0.

Paterson went most of the way in the nets for Canada, yielding to Bear Terry Clark for the last seven minutes. Terry Lescisin dressed but did not play because of a knee injury suffered in an earlier game against Japan which Canada won 7-3. Canada also beat Spain 9-0 and Korea 31-0 enroute to first place.

In a bronze medal match earlier in the evening, the host Spanish Team lost 9-3 to Japan.