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Academic committee formed

by Brian Tucker

A standing committee designed to provide a liaison between the university and the community on academic program planning was approved by the University of Alberta Senate Friday.

The committee, to consist of four Senate members and four others, would help to identify and isolate issues regarding university academic planning through advertising, letters, meetings and media. It was a result of one of several reports presented to the Senate Friday at Lister Hall.

Created for a trial period of two years, the committee replaces the task force on academic planning. It will assist and advise the Senate executive on academic matters.

Hopefully, the committee can stimulate "public interest and influence" in the planning process, leading to the sponsorship of joint meetings, conferences, seminars and other functions with the public.

The first task of the committee will be to investigate the establishment of an Indian Education Centre at the university.

A meeting will be held between representatives from the university and the Indian communities to discuss the proposal.

In other business, the Senate was told that a task force into the status of women has encountered difficulty in getting women employees to come forward for interviews.

June Sheppard, task force head, told the Senate there seems to be a pervading fear - "a very strong feeling" - of recrimination.

Noting that "this is something we should think about," she again stressed that confidentiality would be maintained.

Sheppard reported that the task force is compiling more new evidence for a statistical study on discrimination.

An earlier study testing staff perceptions of discrimination revealed that there appears to be a discrepancy in hiring.

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Cookson appointment confirmed

F.B. Cookson, who has served as acting director of the University Health Services for more than a year, has now been named director of that service.

His appointment will take effect on July 1.

Cookson has been acting director since Michael Ball went on sabbatical leave from that position in November of 1972.

Ball has accepted a research post in Britain.

Born in Preston, England, Cookson entered Manchester University as a medical student in 1949, after two years in the British Army. He graduated with a bachelor of science degree with honors in 1953.

After six years of general practice in Blackpool,



Photo by Doug Moore

Commonwealth Games forum panelists from left to right - Winston Gereluk, Batya Chivers, Moderator Fil Fraser, Lloyd Mildon, Bill Bagshaw

No Vote, no Games, says official

by Satya Das

"If the plebiscite on the money bylaw is defeated, Edmonton will very likely lose the Commonwealth Games," said Bill Bagshaw, director of the Games Foundation, at a student union forum Tuesday night.

Elaborating after the forum,

Bagshaw said "The purpose of the bylaw is to determine whether Edmontonians are willing to chip in their share for the expenses of the games, and if we indicate that we aren't willing, then the federal and provincial governments will not pay."

"All the bylaw does is authorise the city to borrow a maximum of \$11.6 million by debenture to offset the cost of the Games, it does not necessarily mean that this much money will need to be spent. In fact, there is a good chance that we will have to pay nothing for the Games, as revenue will come in from projects like a lottery and special currency."

The forum, moderated by well known local broadcaster Fil Fraser, featured a panel of Winston Gereluk, member of the NDP, Batya Chivers, of the Edmonton Social Planning Council, Lloyd Mildon, citizen at large with loose affiliations with the facilities for the future group, and Bagshaw.

Fraser started out by asking each panelist for a brief introductory statement; the ones that followed were heavy on propaganda and short on fact. The only facts we gather were that the stadium is envisaged as an athletic centre containing a fieldhouse and indoor facilities, and that the swimming pool would primarily be a competition centre, basically ruling out community use.

A few good points were brought up during the question period.

An audience member said it was all very fine to haggle about prices and facilities in Alberta, but considering the current shortage of manpower in the construction industry it was unlikely that the facilities would be finished on time.

Exactly what the cost would be was never determined in the forum, as "facts" and "figures" were bandied about. The panelists generally came up with supportive evidence for their contentions, and the audience was certainly amused by the spontaneous reactions of panelist Lloyd Mildon, who had prefaced his statements with "I get angry very easily."

Batya Chivers was of the opinion that a "no" vote would mean a simple downscaling of facilities, not that the Games would not be held.

We heard a lot of platitudes about growth, development, and social injustices from the panel and the audience. The only other real issue apart from Bagshaw's contention was Chiver's objection to the centralized location of the facilities which would, she said, create a transportation jumble of severe proportions.

About 100 people were in attendance.

Male bias charged

by Greg Neiman

"The increased emphasis among women in the field (of ethnographies)...is in making up for the male bias in the corpus of material," said Eleanor Leacock at a forum March 11.

Leacock, who has spent many years studying different societies from Labrador to the mid-west to South Africa, says some of the problems she encounters in her studies are

that many people ignore changes that have taken place in different societies up to the time the studies of these societies has been made and "...the tendency to lump all non-European societies...as primitive or tribal."

She also made reference to the fact that many studies that have been made were very male-oriented, pointing out this was probably due to the fact that it was the males who approached the ethnologist and answered his questions.

One example to correct this was a recent study made of the Iroquois society in western North America.

"The elder women are playing very important roles in making decisions of a political nature in the group," she said.

"When one looks deeper into the types of decisions that are made and who makes them..." one finds that the female faction of the society is a very powerful force.

Decisions such as the allocation of land, war and peace, the preservation of traditions and ceremonies, and the supernatural, were usually made by women in the Iroquois society.

Another example of ethnologists who made careful studies into the status of women in societies is that of the Ebo tribe in Nigeria.

There the ideal of "separate but equal" is very prevalent, the women having final say in

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Supply crux of problem

by Satya Das

"The current oil problem is one of supply, not lack of reserves," says Hans Maciej, chairman of the Canadian Petroleum Association.

In a recent Gateway interview, Maciej said, "right now, there is a lack of oil throughout the world because the Arabs have cut production back and placed an embargo on shipments to various countries on political grounds."

An economist by profession, Maciej defines the Canadian

Petroleum Association as an organization whose members are all the companies in Canada engaged in various phases of petroleum exploration and production. 98% of the membership is Albertan. He adds that the CPA should not be regarded as a mouthpiece for the oil companies, rather it is simply an organization which provides a pool of knowledge for member companies to draw from.

There are forty committees formed by the CPA, and

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