

U of A may host student games

by Keith Krause

After unsuccessful negotiations for the 1981 World Student Games, the University of Alberta may prepare a bid to host the 1983 games.

In June, the university made headlines when it was revealed it was negotiating with the city of Edmonton about holding the 1981 Games. Ed Zemrau, chairman of the department of athletic services and president of the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union (CIAU), was the initiator then.

"I personally was the one that was pushed," said Zemrau. "Unfortunately, there wasn't enough time to prepare for the Games."

The subject arose because there was a problem with the 1981 host country, said Zemrau.

The 1983 Games, held dur-

ing the summer, would attract about 4,000 competitors, almost double the number involved with the Commonwealth Games. The university would also be the hosts of the Games, playing a far larger role than they did in the Commonwealth Games.

"If we are going to make the application (for the 1983 Games) it would probably be in the spring of next year," said Mel Poole, chairman of the committee exploring the feasibility of the Games. The committee is a joint university-city effort, and the municipal government is working closely with the university on this project.

The city is also exploring the possibility of hosting other world class athletic events.

"Because of the facilities we have, we would like to see them used," said Doug Milne, a city

parks and recreation representative.

"We are backing the university in this," he said.

Preparation for the games will take about three years, and a final decision will not have to be made until late next year. The Board of Governors (B of G) will decide whether the university will bid for the games on the recommendation of the joint committee.

"I feel there is sufficient merit in the idea to warrant an investigation into the feasibility of it," said Myer Horowitz, U of A president.

"I think it's a very good thing to attract international events," he said.

But there are some difficulties with the university holding the Games, including cost.

The British connection

"Inevitably, Canada is going to become more integrated with the United States," said Sir John Ford, British High Commissioner to Canada.

Ford spoke Friday to an audience of about 30 at a forum sponsored by the department of political science. His topic was *Canada: The European Option*.

"You are inevitably dependent on the U.S., and the U.S. is inevitably dependent on you," he said.

But his message was not all gloomy for Canadian nationalists. His warnings were part of a message encouraging greater ties between Canada and Europe, specifically with Britain — the so-called "third option".

This policy was initiated by the Trudeau government, but is generally regarded as a failure.

"Trudeau wanted Canada to develop a relationship with Europe which would act as a counterbalance to the U.S.," said Ford. "Unfortunately, Canada hoped to get something out of Europe for nothing."

Ford said Canada's recent decision to purchase cheaper American fighter planes rather than European ones is an il-

lustration of the problem. Independence from a strong trading partner can only be gained at a price, he said.

But Alberta, at least, can afford the economic cost of independence, according to Ford.

Alberta has investment options which could be used to

bring in European technology and trade, especially in the fields of agriculture and oil research. This would provide an alternative to the overwhelming U.S. presence, while emphasizing our natural attributes.

"You need to look at what Canada is good at," said Ford.



Aggies, Engineers ignore fund

Two of the largest student associations on campus have decided not to support the Students' Union plan to adopt a Vietnamese refugee family.

Both the Engineering Students' Society (ESS) and the Agricultural Club announced late last week that they will not endeavour to raise or contribute any money to the fund-raising campaign.

Council preview

Students' Council will consider a mainly financial agenda at its regular meeting tonight at 7:00 p.m. in University Hall.

Various club grants will be considered, including at total of \$1715 to two of the engineering clubs, and \$2,072.50 to the Engineering Students' Association.

Council will also consider the club grant policy, which was tabled at the last meeting.

The most potentially controversial motion is a motion by vp academic Chanchal Bhattacharya to appoint Colin Wong as the Student Advocate for the rest of the term.

Students are welcome to attend the council meeting.

The ESS issued a statement which said they have decided "that each engineering student as a member of the Students' Union should individually voice his or her opinion to the agency of the Students' Union."

Doug Kent, president of the ESS, said this was an "adequate decision" and as president, he is "happy with it." Kent added that the adoption plan is not within the mandate of the Students' Union.

Rod MacMillan, president of the Agricultural Club issued a

statement expressing similar views. Instead of contributing to the refugee fund, the club has decided to donate some money to the Crippled Children's Fund.

SU vp external Tema Frank expressed disappointment in the decisions by the two organizations. "We're not asking groups to take money from their own funds," explained Frank, "but rather hope they would hold a fund-raising event."

Frank also told *Gateway* that a \$250 cheque has been received by the fund-raising group from a student who wishes to remain anonymous.

Street talk walks

The Canadian public affairs program *Street Talk* will be filming some segments on the University of Alberta campus, beginning in the second week of October.

Street Talk operates with a man-in-the-street format, with the host of the show asking passers-by questions dealing with current issues. The program will be filmed in HUB Mall October 11 and 12.

The producers of the program hope to film fourteen shows in HUB and questions

they will be asking the audience include: "Should university education be free?", "Are Universities breeding grounds for radical beliefs?", "Should foreign students be required to pay higher tuition fees?", and "Is there an energy shortage or are we just being led to believe so?"

Students and professors are invited to participate in the taping of the shows by offering their comments. According to the producers, comments from participants are not edited.

Street Talk is currently shown on ITV.

"The university has no hard cash to contribute to these Games," said Zemrau. "Nothing has been submitted on costs at all."

"We may be looking at possibly quite extensive expenditures," he said. The provincial and federal governments would have to be the main sources of funding for the Games.

Disruptions of the activities of the Faculty of Physical Education and of summer programs and student accommodations are also serious considerations.

"We're going to try to assess the monetary value of the people who would be involved with the Games," said Horowitz.

The university hopes to staff the Games primarily with volunteers, both from within the Phys. Ed. faculty and from external sources. This is one of the main areas of research for the committee.

A bid for the 1985 Games may be launched if the 1983 Games cannot be held here. Brazil is also planning a bid for the 1983 Games.

Advocate dispute

by Portia Priegert

A second-year law student has been named Students' Advocate, but his appointment may be in direct violation of a Students' Union (SU) bylaw.

Colin Wong, previously Academic Commissioner for the SU, was appointed last week by the SU executive after the resignation of Greg Schmidt.

However, Schmidt says he feels Wong's appointment was an arbitrary decision and that a selection committee should have been set up to choose the new advocate.

Vp academic Chanchal Bhattacharya says he was forced to make an emergency decision about the position.

"We've already had a substantial number of complaints and if we set up a selection committee now we would not have an effective advocate until the end of November," he says.

He says Wong is familiar with the advocate's duties and is presently the most competent

person available.

There is no provision in the SU constitution for replacing the advocate in mid-term. Bhattacharya says his decision does not violate the bylaw, which states a selection committee is necessary at the end of an advocate's term.

But he says he foresees "a big fight" in today's Students' Council meeting when the appointment is to be brought up for ratification.

The Student Advocate normally serves a two-year term and aids students with academic grievances.

Wong, who will serve at least until April 30, 1980, is pleased with the appointment, though he says he is willing to compete for the position if necessary.

If his appointment is ratified by Students' Council he says he hopes to keep students as informed as possible and to analyze changes made to the academic system.

Bart Evanski

A column for the old farts

My oh my, this young city of ours is becoming something. I was walking down Jasper Avenue last week when an extremely well cut, young salesman approached me. Now I've been to Europe and New York so I know how much street vendors add to a city's vitality. I was very pleased to see this type of thing in Edmonton. This pleasant young man was trying to sell books and records.

I have to go into detail about his appearance as I was quite impressed. His hair reminded me of my boot camp days, it was so short. I really do not understand why these kids these days have long hair. His eyes went blank: in fact rather empty looking. They looked intense, almost hypnotised. First and foremost though, he was always smiling.

"Hi. I'm promoting this record for a local recording studio," he said, "It is by a new Edmonton band."

"Oh yes," I said, enamoured by his constant smile and blank eyes.

I bought the record. I'm always willing to support local talent. I asked the smiling salesman how much he wanted for it.

"Most people give me ten dollars," he said.

So I gave him ten dollars also.

"But my last customer only gave me eight."

I passed him two more dollars to make up for the last guy's impoliteness.

"Since you are so kind, I'm going to be nice to you," he said.

"I am going to offer you this book by a new Canadian author for half price. Only five dollars."

It was a real impressive looking book. The paper cover was yellow and bordered with squiggly brown lines. In the center of the cover was a picture of a golden hunting chariot flying through the clouds.

I was sure it was science fiction so I bought it for my son, who likes the stuff.

When I got home I played the record. It was not to my liking. It was noisy and all the lyrics sounded the same: "Omm, Omm." I do not know, all this modern ya-ya music sounds the same to me. I gave the record to my son.

I'm quite certain they were a good buy. My son is always reading the book and playing the record. He even is developing that same intense, blank look in his eyes. He's always smiling and I am pleased to report he even wants his hair cut short.

Salesmen like that are a pleasure to see in our fine city. They are far more pleasurable than those bloody Hare Krishna creeps that you see in other cities. They walk around with shaven heads, orange robes, and empty eyes that remind you of zombies. They always pester you for money. And they are always smiling.

No siree, I wouldn't want that weird bunch in this beautiful town trying to brainwash my kids. Give me people like that nice salesman any day.