

Marathon proceedings for Games

by Ruth Hillerud

The University of Alberta and the City of Edmonton will host the prestigious 1983 World Student Games, but how many realize the process in obtaining such an event?

Besides the process of acquisition, many do not know about the Games themselves, the events they entail, and about the Game's organizing structure. Here follows a brief description of Edmonton's involvement in the event.

In September of 1979, a joint committee of the University and the City was named to look at the feasibility of bidding for the 1983 World University Games. This committee made a recommendation that a bid should be made to both the Board of Governors of the University and the City Council. In January of 1980, a presentation was made by President Horowitz and Mayor Purves to the Canadian Inter-university Athletic Union to be the Canadian city which would make a presentation to the Federation Internationale du Sport Universitaire to host the 1983 Games. This presentation, in Toronto, was successful, and as a result a bid was made in September of 1980 in Rome, Italy to be the



host of the 1983 Games. Also making representations at that time were Brazil and Yugoslavia. Edmonton emerged as the successful candidate and this decision was later endorsed in Madrid, Spain by the full Board of Governors of the international governing body.

Universiade '83, also known as the Games, will be more than a grand sporting event. In conjunction with competitive sports — basketball, volleyball, cycling, tennis, fencing, diving, swimming, water polo, and track and field, an International Sports Congress and Cultural Festival will be held. The International Sports Congress will be of great significance to scholars from Edmonton as well as those visiting

Edmonton. The conference will be held one week prior to the Games. Topics for the conference include:

- History of Sport and Physical Education,
- University Sport and Emerging Nations Sports Programs,
- Sports Medicine in University Sport, and
- University Sport and the Community.

A Cultural Festival, 'Kaleidoscope '83', will run with the sport competitions. A variety of exhibitions and performances are planned to be held throughout the city. Dance, music, theatre, sculptures and photography are a few of the cultural events we can expect to see. This gala affair will provide the athletes, officials and visitors with an opportunity to exchange ideas.

The University will benefit considerably from this international event. The presence of high calibre competitors from Germany, Russia and the U.S. will function to increase the level of inter-collegiate sports, not only at the University of Alberta, but at Universities across Canada. The sports conference will provide many with academic opportunities. With the Games will come new facilities which are direly needed by the University. Such facilities include a new housing complex, campus tennis courts and a fieldhouse.

Construction of the fieldhouse began in September of 1981. The anticipated completion date is April 1, 1983. Seating 10,000 spectators, the fieldhouse will be the basketball venue. In addition to basketball, the fieldhouse may be used for tennis, volleyball, soccer, field hockey, team handball, and will be a useful tool in integrating the University with the community, particularly with the handicapped and youth groups.

An independent corporation, named Universiade '83 Edmonton Corporation, was established to organize and conduct the 1983 World University Games. This body was set up by the City of Edmonton and the University of Alberta. The Board of Governors of the Corporation consists of nine people. Of these nine people, three were named by the City, three were named by the University, and the last three were named jointly by the City and the University. The president constitutes the tenth member of the Board of Governors. Mr. Ed Zemrau was selected by majority vote of the Board of Governors to serve as President. The two Vice-Presidents play very significant roles. Dr. Ross Macnab (University) and Mr. Ron Ferguson (City), liaise the Corporation with their respective universities. U of A President Myer Horowitz and Mayor Cec Purves have been named honorary Board members.

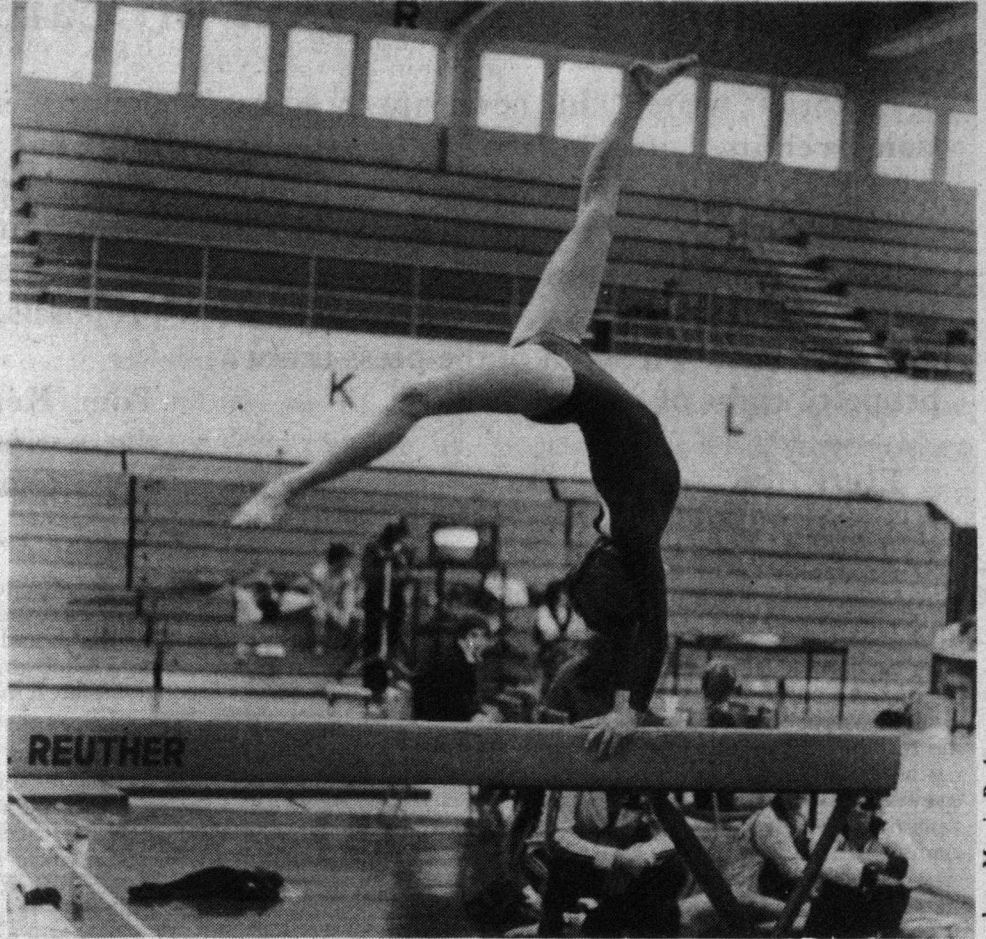


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Gymnastics will be one of the many events to be featured at the '83 Games.

Games to include a cultural Campus 'kaleidoscope'

Universiade '83 will be more than a grand sporting event. A dynamic Cultural Festival will be held in conjunction with the World University Games.

Kaleidoscope '83, the name chosen for the festival, will draw participants from nearly 101 countries. Each country sending athletic representation is expected to contribute a taste of their culture to the festive affair. The 500 anticipated participants will be housed in the Cultural Village, St. John's Institute on the University of Alberta campus.

The cultural events will start July 1, 1983, the same time as the Games and run throughout the competitions. Some of the displays are expected to extend longer than the Games. The cultural events will run continuously, though major shows will be

scheduled to complement the sporting events.

The International Performing Arts Festival will be a major component of the festival. Folk Art groups from the various countries will perform at shopping malls and outdoor stages throughout the City. Jugglers, mime artists, and various other trained performers will contribute to the city-wide festive atmosphere.

Another aspect will have the City clad in approximately 2,000 decorative banners. These banners, constructed by an education program entitled "Show Your Colors", will be the work of schools, families and specific interest groups from all across Edmonton.

There are two components of Kaleidoscope '83 which directly involve the post secondary institutes of Edmonton.

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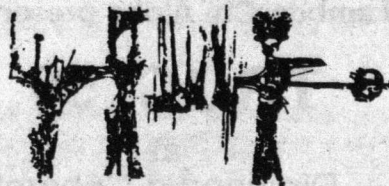
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