

Auto racketeer hits the streets

Has the university hired a racketeer to tow away illegally parked cars on campus?

University vp (planning and development) Ron Phillips said in a GFC meeting Monday that he hadn't really looked into it.

"I can't ask him (Cliff) if he's a racketeer," Phillips said, but added that he runs his business "in a much less democratic

fashion" than the university.

The answer was in response to questions arising out of Cliff's announced 50% raise in towing fees.

Other questions on the subject were if the university might be enforcing its parking regulations a bit too stringently. Cars have been towed away during times when there were

very few cars parked on campus anyway, like Friday nights behind the Physical Education Building.

Phillips said cars were towed away only when they violated 24-hour reserved spaces, or in fire lanes, but did not comment if the regulations were actually enforced too tightly.

Services sought by students

Students' Union services and academic affairs were the focus of attention during a Western Canadian Services conference held at the U of C this past weekend, according to incoming SU president Len Zoeteman.

Zoeteman, who takes office Thursday, April 1, said he felt the conference was very valuable to himself and his incoming executive "because it offered us the chance to speak with a number of different students' union people from a number of different campuses."

The incoming and outgoing SU executives both attended the conference, which hosted 45 people from ten western Canadian campuses.

Zoeteman said the conference was run as an information exchange, rather than as an attempt to develop student political philosophies, such as one might expect of FAS and NUS conferences.

"A conference of this type is intended to improve services through information exchange between different campuses, and thus we had workshop discussion revolving around such things as SU services programming, services, the academic situations on various campuses and SU finances," he said.

The next services conference would be held on our own campus in the fall.

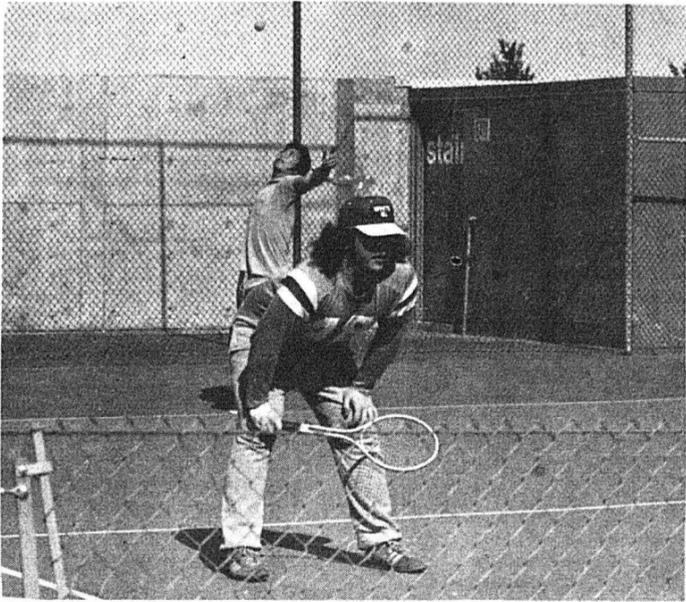
Climbing mountains!!

The Magnificent Mountain, a vivid and exhilarating film and slide presentation of the official British Expedition which climbed the Nevado Alpamayo, a 20,000-foot icy giant in the Peruvian Andes, narrated by John Amatt, Environmental Education Consultant with the Banff Centre, and Co-organizer of the 1971 International Himalayan Expedition to Mt. Everest, Tuesday, March 30, 8 p.m. SUB Theatre.

For John Amatt it's never been good enough simply to climb some of the world's toughest mountains - he always had to get to the top by the most difficult and treacherous routes. But, then, that's his style - and that, to him is the challenge of mountaineering.

At 30, Amatt is one of North America's most experienced mountaineers. Born in Manchester England, Amatt served with the official British expedition which successfully climbed Nevado Alpamayo, a 20,000 foot icy giant in the Peruvian Andes in 1966.

Tickets for the presentation are available at the HUB Box Office for \$1.00 and \$1.50, or at the door for \$1.50 and \$2.00.



Tennis courts on Windsor car park have been open since the middle of last week. It is definitely spring. Photo Greg Neiman.

Favour seekers squashed

Now it's official - university staff athletic associations have the same status regarding use of recreational facilities, as student associations. Neither has any real power to reserve facilities through the Faculty of Physical Education.

When asked if the faculty would allow privileged booking periods or telephone bookings of physical education facilities for staff members, Herbert McLachlin, acting Dean of Physical Education, said "no."

The rec facilities have as their main priority the servicing of students' recreational needs and no special status will be given to either staff or student associations for privileged use of facilities.

The question arose when a university squash club's reserved booking of courts had been withdrawn. The club is composed of about sixty staff and students.

The written reply was that, because only a few members were seen to make regular use of the courts, those courts should be open to all.

"Faculty members should also be reminded that they are eligible for participation in the intramural program," the squash club was informed. "The Faculty of Physical Education is in favor of all programs that promote physical fitness. We are, however, severely restricted by lack of facilities."

Summer national follows NUS revival

OTTAWA (CUP) - The fourth annual meeting of the National Union of Students this summer will probably be the most important in the four-year history of the revived national student organization.

The major issue which the expected 150 delegates will have to deal with when they meet at the University of Winnipeg May 12-16 is how the national union will serve its greatly increased membership and spend its vastly augmented resources next year.

At the start of the 1975-76 academic year, the national union had a membership of about 120 thousand post-secondary students from 20 institutions, and a budget of about \$58 thousand.

Next year, as a result of a referendum campaign approving an increase in annual fees from 30 cents per student to \$1.00 per student for member institutions and the budget of the 1976-77 academic year will

almost triple to approximately \$165 thousand.

NUS executive secretary Dan O'Connor feels the "major overall issue" of the May meeting will be "how students of Canada are going to work together next year to deal with impending government decisions on financing post-secondary education, student aid, and the question of accessibility."

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