

The Lister Hall Ice Statue Contest... a publicity snow job. We know what really goes on.



"...that ain't no way to have fun," she said. But then she was wrong about a lot of things.



'Deja Vu'



Where does he live? ...anywhere he wants to.

photos by Linda Fair

VOTE NO GO

There are no candidates for SU executive positions. As of 7 p.m. last night, SU Discipline and Interpretation Board declared all nomination forms "null and void." Elections have been postponed until March 9.

The D.I.E. Board decision, which was upheld by an appeal board, made the investigation after it was discovered that Kimball Cariou, a candidate for v-p finance did not have enough valid signatures on his nomination forms.

Cariou and his running mate Beth Kuhnke then asked D.I.E. Board to investigate other breaches of election by-laws. The Board found sufficient breach of regulations to necessitate the invalidation of all nominations.

At a meeting of candidates yesterday afternoon, SU returning officer, Bruce Ney announced that if the D.I.E. Board ruled against all nominees, he would appeal their decision to the Council of Student Affairs.

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Games row

Confrontation seems inevitable between the Board of Governors and one of its recent offspring, the Board's advisory committee on the Commonwealth Games.

Friday's meeting of the Board saw board member A. D. McTavish challenge the membership of David Rankin, as the academic staff nominee to serve on the committee set up to consider the implications of the university's participation in the Games.

Rankin, chairman of the Joint Committee of Garneau Community League and the North Garneau Tenants' Association, and an associate professor of physics, has been an outspoken opponent of the Games stadium proposed for North Garneau. McTavish charged that Rankin was "pre-judging" the matter to be considered by the committee.

Fears that Rankin would "only represent North Garneau," were voiced by Frans Slatter, a student rep on the board who pointed out that the student nominee to the committee, Jim Tanner, is also on record as opposing the stadium.

"There's a good chance that the committee won't be all that productive," Slatter said.

While board chairman F. T. Jenner conceded that the board "might have a rebellion on its hands," he reminded the board that in contesting Rankin's appointment, it was "pre-judging" him in the same way they had feared Rankin would prejudge the Games.

Board criticism came after the submission of two letters to the board by Rankin as chairman of the joint committee, and a recent *Edmonton Journal* interview in which Rankin said that he was afraid that the advisory committee would be by-passed by the board.

Contacted by the *Gateway* Monday, Rankin again said that he felt the commissioning of a study to be done by the office of campus development was "improper" before the advisory committee had been given a chance to

do its study.

"I have never made a single statement on the Games," Rankin said. "I have spoken from the point of view that it is ridiculous to put a stadium in Garneau." But, he added, "the university's involvement doesn't rise or fall on that issue."

Chancellor Louis Desrochers convinced fellow members of the board to accept Rankin's appointment with the reassurance that "it's just an advisory committee..."

four-year ed course

The agenda entry read "to receive the information that the Government is prepared to approve an initial four-year certification."

Board of Governors chairman F.T. Jenner asked "Do we have a choice?"

President Max Wyman said "The minister has the power and he has exercised it."

The board was reacting Friday to a letter from the ministers of education and advanced education, Lou Hyndman and James Foster, informing the board that beginning in June, 1977, teachers seeking certification would be required to present four-year degrees.

"Nothing short of cancellation of the agreement" (made with the government in 1966) could change the policy, Wyman said.

Board member Jean Forrest, who also serves on the Edmonton public school board, said that from the point of view of school boards, the announcement was a "very desirable development."

She was especially enthusiastic about the government's recommendation that the longer programme be used to provide for a longer period of student teaching.

organic farming: danger and benefit

by Art Neuman

"Our agriculture systems require constant attention to their maintenance," he said. "We supply energy subsidies in the form of fossil fuels to run the farms."

"Dependence on this is hazardous," he said. Massive input of this auxiliary energy is not only a drain on the world's fossil fuel supply, but removes the need for competition and species adaptation.

"Organic agriculture is less dependent on fossil fuels; there is conservation of energy; food webs are short; and it sustains as little energy loss as is possible," he said.

Not "organic", but "quality" farming is what Phillip Hastings would like to call it.

He is a farmer who uses no pesticides, has home-grown produce, and grain-fed animals. ("They're not fat.")

"And it sells," he said. "It is quality food."

The "little farmer"--the quality farmer--provides "extremely fresh produce," he said.

Hastings is aware of the need for care

with fertilizer: he does not "overfertilize."

"I use fertilizers that release nutrients over a long period of time," he said. He is not interested in "high yield."

Hastings insists on controlling insects, but not chemically. Biological controls work adequately," he said. "Pesticide residues can become a health hazard." He rotates his crops and destroys eggs of grasshoppers by cultivation.

"Any crops not so controlled, I do not grow," he said.

Hastings is currently organizing a course on organic farming.

Organic farming is potentially dangerous if practiced to excess. Furthermore, it does not result in more nutritious products than farming for which inorganic fertilizers are used.

These were but two objections to organic farming that were expressed during Thursday night's panel discussion hosted by the Faculty of Agriculture. Speaking before a large and skeptical audience, six panelists from various biological and agricultural disciplines ran

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