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Speech and hearing awareness time

by Debbie Blayney

On the far south end of campus lies an old brick building named Corbett Hall. Many of you probably think that the 'real' U of A campus ends at the Education Building or, for you engineers, a little farther north. I think it is time that the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine, housed in Corbett Hall, began to be recognized as part of this university. Yes, we really do have real-live students (mostly of the female variety) in Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, and Speech Pathology and Audiology.

Many of you may think you know all about these professions — occupational therapists make baskets, physiotherapists just give massages, and speech therapists are equivalent to Dale Carnegie instructors. Well you're wrong. These professions require four years of study that includes an intensive medical base and specialized training.

Because your life will never be completely satisfying without more information on the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine I will enlighten you as to the true nature of Speech Pathology and Audiology. First of all, it is important to note that it is a 'helping' profession. It deals with the many disorders of speech, language, and hearing. We diagnose each disorder then plan and instigate a treatment program. We treat such things as stuttering, voice problems, articulation disorders (ie. 'w' for 'r' as in 'wabbit'), aphasia (language problem often due to stroke), language disorders, and other speech and language problems associated with mental retardation, neurological impairment, cleft palate, cerebral palsy, autism, and hearing impairment. We also screen preschool and school-aged children for any speech, language, or hearing disorders. We do not give public

speaking courses or coach aspiring singers or actors!

So why am I really telling you all this? Well, May is Speech and Hearing Awareness Month across Canada, its purpose being to increase public awareness as to the function and services offered by speech pathologists and audiologists. There are several events going on in May which will help you pass the time while recuperating from final exams:

Londonderry Mall — May 4: 4 pm - 9 pm; May 5: 10 pm - 5 pm — display of speech and hearing information and materials.
 — free hearing tests done by qualified audiologists.
 Southgate Shopping Center — May 11: 4 pm - 9 pm; May 12: 4 pm - 5 pm.
 — same set-up as for Londonderry.

Other events will be publicized through the media during May. Watch for them.

Cloud over Katimavik

WINNIPEG (CUP) — Definition of Katimavik: "It's a program whereby young people between the ages of 17 and 21 are put to work doing jobs that are supposedly in the best interests of Canada, but are in fact, just slave labour."

Another definition of Katimavik: "An action-learning challenge for young Canadians."

The first definition is from Terrance Reagan, a Western field worker for the National Union of Students (NUS). The second one is on the title page of the Katimavik promotion pamphlet.

Katimavik is a federally funded program. Young people in the program work for nine months: three months in a French-speaking community, three months in a coastal province, and three months in a northern community.

Each participant is paid a dollar a day, room and board, and \$1,000 if he or she completes the length of the program. Some of the jobs are challenging, according to program participants Phil Lee and Jacques Herard, while others are not very challenging at all.

Herard said painting the YWCA in Thompson, Manitoba was not fun. A former Katimavik member said she was not enthusiastic about helping a school janitor, which was one of their projects. But she enjoyed building log cabins in another project.

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facilities through the Canada Assistance Program, under which 50% of the costs are borne by the federal government.

An NDP government would change federal legislation to make part time workers eligible for holiday and pension plans on a prorated basis; it would encourage provinces to do the same.

Finally, the program would allow women who work in their homes to contribute into and receive benefits from the Canada Pension Plan, according to Broadbent.

Fenna strikes again

Arts Representative Alan Fenna has embroiled himself in controversy again.

At Tuesday's Student Council meeting he asked VP Academic Chanchal Bhattacharya if the Students' Unions could intervene in what he believes to be a miscarriage of justice in the Political Science Undergraduate Association (PSUA).

The PSUA held their elections last Friday. There were two candidates for president: Bill Tatarchuk and Rod McFarlane. Tatarchuk was elected; however the election was disallowed by the PSUA executive on the grounds that there had been interference.

This interference consisted of political science prof Max Baird letting his class out early to go and vote, after having told them they should vote for Tatarchuk.

However, Fenna contends the real reason the election was disallowed was that the meeting had been "packed" by supporters of Tatarchuk, and this is no reason to disallow the election.

Family commitments

Native adviser leaving

Marilyn Buffalo MacDonald, advisor on native affairs at the University of Alberta since 1975, is leaving the position April 30.

Mrs. MacDonald, a 28-year-old native, says family commitments prompted her resignation. Married to geology consultant Frank MacDonald, she is the mother of three children and is expecting a fourth.

"I feel comfortable about leaving, particularly since the office has evolved into a permanent part of the university and has been fully accepted by the native community," she says.

The office of the advisor on native affairs was created on a trial basis in November, 1975, by the university's Board of Governors. After receiving the appointment, Mrs. MacDonald set about assisting native students on campus and communicating with those who were considering enrolling at the university.

During her years as advisor, the number of native students

Bhattacharya replied that although the S.U. does indeed have jurisdiction over student groups he believed the correct action to take would be to take the matter to the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement (DIE) Board. He added he would request the PSUA to delay the re-election until the matter has been investigated.

Songbook ready

The Recreation Student Society is pleased to announce its Songbook Time. Distribution and sales of the songbook will begin Friday, April 6th, Main Floor SUB — beside the Information Desk. 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Cost is \$4.00.

If you cannot make it at these times, contact Lyle Row or Glen McMahon at the R.S.S. Lounge, or leave a message at W1-08 Phys. Ed. building (The R.S.S. Office).

attending the university increased from 17 to 65.

Native students have a much higher profile on campus and the university has a much higher profile in the native community, largely as a result of her efforts, says Dr. William Allen, associate vice-president (academic) of the university.

Under Mrs. MacDonald's direction, a student orientation program, a tutoring program and the Native Student Club were established.

In June, 1977, the Board of Governors accorded the office permanent status and additional staff were hired.

Mrs. MacDonald was born and raised in Hobbema, Alberta. Prior to coming to the University of Alberta, she worked with a number of native and Métis organizations including the Indian Association of Alberta, the Alberta Native Communication Society, the Tree of Peace Child Development Centre in Yellowknife and the Métis Association of the Northwest Territories.