

# Prospective students check out U of A offerings

by Bruce Pollock

The University of Alberta's second annual "Orientation Days" will be held on the 26th and 27th of this month.

Replacing Varsity Guest Weekend (VGW), which had attendance figures of approximately 14,000 in its final year, Orientation Days is designed to appeal to prospective students, guidance counsellors, and interested parents.

Expected to draw ten to twelve thousand individuals, Orientation Days will likely appeal to a far higher percentage of prospective students than Varsity Guest Weekend ever did.

"While Orientation Days will obtain participants from a smaller sector of the population, we feel that it will be more relevant," says Lorne Gunter, the coordinator of Orientation Days.

The basic philosophy behind Orientation Days is to show prospective students exactly what the university has to offer. According to Gunter, the purpose is to provide "prospective students with a general idea of the various facets of University life from academic programs and facilities at the U of A through to the social aspect of a University."

More structured than VGW, Orientation Days will place more emphasis on organized tours and presentation.

The presentations will incorporate lectures on the programs offered by the various academic units at the university, as well as displays by these academic units, departmental and student organizations.

At present there will be

displays by at least 77 organizations, including academic units, student organizations and government agencies (including the Students' Finance board).

As well, there will be concerts and experiments, and the various museums will remain

open for these days.

Prospective attendants are required to preregister with the registrar's office. They will then fill out a timetable stating the seminars they wish to attend.

Funded in part by a grant from the Board of Governors,

Orientation Days is expected to cost approximately \$25,000. While not sure of what the final costs would be, Gunter said that they had allocated \$25,000 to the project, although would probably cost less than that.

# Faculty reps urged to stand and speak

by Rich Watts

Elections for faculty representatives to Students' Council will take place within the next few weeks.

"These positions are very important," says Jan Byer, SU vice-president internal. "Faculty reps are the major voice of their faculties on Students' Council.

Engineering reps speak for over 1,700 people."

Nevertheless, response to the faculty rep elections is often poor.

"Response from the more unified faculties, such as Agriculture and Engineering, is always good," says Byer. "But elections for Nursing, Dentistry, and Science reps have become

almost traditional problems."

Nominations and elections are conducted by the various faculty associations. The major exception is Science, which has no faculty association. Science nominations and elections are conducted through the SU returning office.

Anyone interested in running to be a faculty rep or wanting

additional information about the elections should contact the president of their respective faculty association. Science students should contact SU returning officer Dave Tharle in 271 SUB (432-5166). Information about

faculty associations can be obtained from the Students' Union, 259 SUB (432-4236).

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bringing guest speakers, be holding seminars on career opportunities, and be providing program information, a book exchange and a resource library," she says.

Membership in the association is not restricted to psychology students, but is open to any interested Students' Union member.

"We are always looking for new members and volunteers for our numerous activities," says Jack Verme, another student involved in the UPA.

Verme is especially concerned about support from students in the faculty of Education.

"We want Ed. Psych. students to join the association, but there may be problems in communication with them," he says.

Anyone interested in the association is welcome to drop into the office, located in room P-303 in the Biological Sciences Building.

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