

Consumer dilemma, educational defect

by Mary MacDonald

"There is a defect in education both formal and informal. Education totally ignores corporate development and teaches only history."

This lack of education is one of the many reasons for the present consumer dilemma in trying to cope with corporate development, said Ralph Nader last Wednesday.

He believed that the main aims of schools were to keep control over the class, and to force memorization of facts.

University students he described as "unused assets deprived of their free years of thinking and doing."

He felt the education system stunted idealism, free thinking and development of individualism. The system, he said, teaches in too general terms but nothing of practical things of every day use such as nutrition and health.

He gave an example of a student upon graduation being asked to write 100 words on the top 10 companies in the country and not being able to do this because he had not been in economics or political science. When this graduate was then asked to write on food nutrition

his excuse was that he had not been in home economics.

"Students should develop their analytic skills, contribute to society and to citizenship," Nader believed.

This could be done if the university combined studies with the challenge of real life problems to be solved in the community.

When students become bored with their studies he said there was a corrosive effect which tended to destroy idealism.

"When a student is given responsible activity, deadlines and subjects of interest, the problem will be solved."

Nader said that they could contribute to society and also do valuable work instead of memorization of facts if given a certain problem in the community to solve. This would challenge the student and give him a sense of accomplishment as well as being a valuable asset to society.

The university with all its technical equipment and resources would be the logical place for this study. Students, he felt, would receive a meaningful education only when this goal would be realized.

Adjustment hard for foreign students

by Mary MacDonald

About a third of the population on this campus is composed of foreign students, many of whom must first adjust to a radical change in both climate and culture before then can begin to study here.

Also, once having done the adjustment, many find it just as difficult, if not more so, to readjust to back to the culture they came from if they expect to return.

Kaur, an Indian foreign

student, gives us some of her views.

"I could never go back there to live. Things are just too bad."

Kaur is one of the students on campus who was born in and lived in India half her life.

Like so many foreign students here, she is caught in the middle of two cultures trying to live as a Canadian but is expected by her elders to still be loyal to Indian customs. She is expected to submit to having a husband chosen for her, and hot

to adhere to Canadian customs although she had grown up here in her teens.

"This type of marriage does succeed very well in India,"

Kaur admits, "And you do not have divorce much at all."

Marriage may be successful, but India has some even greater problems. "The rich are so very rich and the poor are discriminated against by them." Poverty, she felt was the most hopeless problem. Wages are extremely low with 7 rupees equivalent to \$1 Canadian. Some of the poor work by pulling carts similar to rickshaws for one rupee a trip.

Kaur described one depressing sight: "They pull two or three fat rich in their carts. It was 100 degrees F and you could see every tendon in the man's body straining under the load and his body covered in perspiration. When he got out the passenger dated to haggle over the price."

Most of the rich would not even look at a beggar much less try to give him a few crumbs from his food to eat.

Canada has tried to send money there to relieve the conditions but many feel that not much aid gets to the needy. "I saw and heard from some that every one whose hands these funds pass through seem to take their share first. Most of the food or money passes through so many hands."

The government officials do not seem to be able to reduce this poverty. They themselves however, seem to personally manage quite well with the ownership of some factories or have other incomes.

"The people in the country must help each other. If the riches of the country could be spread out more evenly there would be hope. Something must happen!"

Dog wins weaving competition

Galesburg (ENS) - Alexis Boyar, of Galesburg, Illinois, is the proud winner of the annual Mid-Mississippi Art Competition. Alexis' prize-winning entry, entitled "Anitra's Dance," took first place in the weaving competition. It was sort of an abstract tangle of knots and dangling yarn.

Officials at the Davenport Art Gallery, who handed out the prize money, were shocked to discover that the bright young artist happens to be an Afghan

Hound, belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Elliott McDonald.

After accepting the \$50 prize, they explained that Alexis had worked for several months on the entry, which was originally a knitted mitten. After patient and diligent chewing, the mitten took on a curiously artsy look, and they decided to enter it in the show.

Fellow artists in the competition termed the hoax an "all-time low in good taste."

CUSO recruiters visit Edmonton this month

Two recruiters for the Canadian University Services Overseas will visit Edmonton and the University of Alberta CUSO Committee early in December.

On Monday, December 2, Margaret Paterson, CUSO's education recruiter will be in Edmonton looking for trained teachers and university graduates to teach and work overseas. These people are being asked to share their expertise with the developing nations of Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean, and the South Pacific.

An information session with Ms. Paterson will be held at 8

p.m. Monday, December 2, in room 129 of the university's Education Centre. All interested persons are invited to attend, meet Ms. Paterson, and view a film.

The following Monday, December 9, Margaret Cockman, the CUSO health recruiter will be in Edmonton. She is asking doctors, dentists, nurses, dieticians, pharmacists, lab technicians, and physio and occupational therapists to serve in developing countries. Appropriate degrees, diplomas, or experience and maturity and good health are the

requirements. There is no age limit.

An information session for health personnel will be held Monday, December 9 in the auditorium of the Royal Alexandra Hospital, 10240 Kingsway Avenue, beginning at 8 p.m.

CUSO volunteers are asked to sign two-year contracts. Their transportation costs are paid and medical, dental and life insurance provided. Salaries are

generally approximate to those earned by persons in a similar position in the developing country. Couples may be accepted if suitable positions can be found for both and families with school-age children can sometimes be accepted.

Additional information can be provided by the CUSO office at the University of Alberta; contact Carrol Burkard at 432-4145.

THANK YOU for your overwhelming response to the HUB Restaurant Name Contest. Winner and name to be announced at Jan. 6th Grand Opening.

NEED INFORMATION?
GOT A PROBLEM?
JUST FEEL LIKE TALKING?

CALL
STUDENT
HELP

432-HELP
432-5288
432-4358

or drop in to
Room 250 SUB

12 - Midnite - Monday to Friday
7 - midnite - Saturday - Sunday

Texas Instruments slide rule calculator SR-50



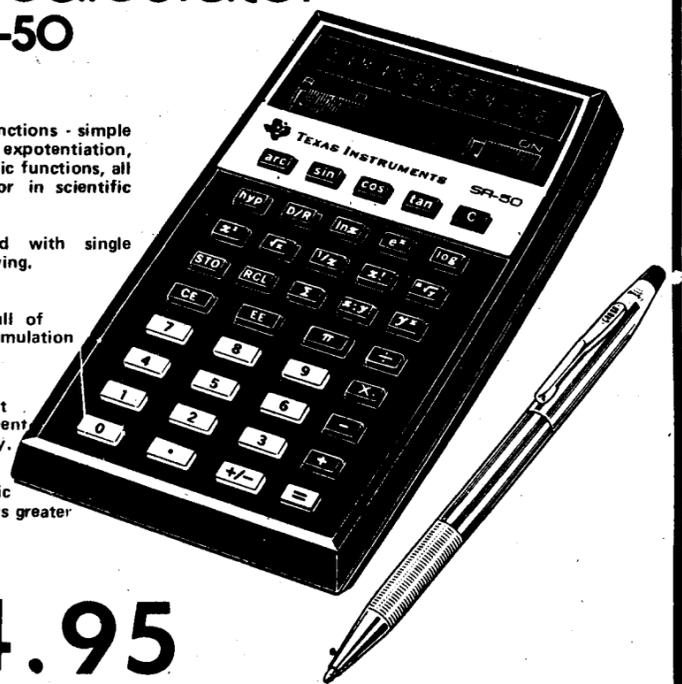
Performs all classical slide rule functions - simple arithmetic, reciprocals, factorials, exponentiation, roots, trigonometric and logarithmic functions, all in free floating decimal point or in scientific notation.

Features an algebraic keyboard with single function keys for easy problem solving.

Memory allows storage and recall of numbers. features sum key for accumulation to memory.

Calculates answers to 13 significant digits; uses all 13 digits in subsequent calculations for maximum accuracy.

Converts automatically to scientific notation when calculated answer is greater than 10^{10} or less than 10^{-10} .



\$184.95

IN STOCK NOW

Canadian Electronics Ltd.

16120-114 AVE. PHONE 452-9393

ASK FOR STUDENT
DISCOUNT
WITH UofA ID.