

Debut of womens' magazine

by Sheila Thompson

A new women's magazine, called *Branching Out*, will appear on newsstands beginning next week.

The idea began with Sue McMaster, poet and teacher, as recently as August. She stated it this way: "There is nothing in Canada for women that is intellectual, artistic and just plain interesting." These are the holes that *Branching Out* plans to fill.

The philosophy behind the magazine is for it to be an outlet for the work of women in the arts, the professions, the home, and to provide a forum for the discussion of issues relevant to Canadian women.

McMaster feels the time is right for *Branching Out*. There is a market, people are interested and it is a good period for the

arts. Artists are producing a lot of good work and they are finding financial backing. Things are flourishing.

The short time between its inception and production has been exciting for the women behind *Branching Out*. They suffered from inexperience at the technical level, and from lack of money.

But a good source of material for the magazine has made this insignificant. The issue appearing on the stands next week is a preview. Monthly editions will begin in January.

Contributions thus far include articles by: Jenny Margetts, National Chairman of Indian Rights for Indian Women; Dorothy Livesay, well known poet who used to be at the U of A, but now resides in Vancouver; Canadian writer

Margaret Atwood; and June Sheppard talking to novelist Margaret Laurence.

Some of the feature columns include: "Bookends", a section of reviews on novels, poetry and children's books; and "Both Sides Now" an open column to which readers are invited to contribute. Also included are good fiction, photographs and drawings.

Branching Out is on its way to becoming a national magazine. Women from both eastern and western Canada are sharing their ideas and displaying their work. It is seen as a forum for all ranges of age and interests.

Branching Out will be available at SUB and other newsstands in the city for the price of one dollar.

Standing committees urged for GFC

General Faculties Council took action Monday to deal with the proliferation of committees. It decided to establish another committee to study the problem.

Councillors were considering a report on the role of GFC. The report suggested the formation of five standing committees, to which all GFC matter would be referred. 'Umbrella' committees suggested were: planning, academic operations, academic support, administrative support and personnel.

These large committees would in turn refer matters to sub-committees. Don Bellow, chairman of the special committee, noted that several GFC committees are inactive.

"I'm on one committee that hasn't met in three years, yet it's still on the books," Bellow said. There are about 50 GFC committees still on the books.

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the U of A are enrolled in professional faculties.

Gunning noted that with an operating budget of \$70 million and a population of 50,000 (including full-time and part-time students), the U of A may well be the city's largest industry.

Getty here

On Wednesday, November 28 at 8 p.m. in SUB theatre the Honourable Donald R. Getty, Alberta Minister of Federal and intergovernmental Affairs, will speak on the topic, "Federal-Provincial Energy Problems."

Delaney critical of Senate report

by Greg Neiman

Pat Delaney vice-president academic feels that the Senate Task Force didn't look into the issue of student loans very deeply at all.

"The statement from Gerry Pearson task force chairman that people can afford to go to university is ridiculous... he (Pearson) is ignoring the findings of sociologists," he refers to recent studies like *Who Gets to Go to University and Why*, as well as a report from the Association of Universities and Colleges in Canada which stated that people from low income groups are reluctant to go into debt.

In reply to Pearson's statement that there aren't too many students, if any that can't go to University if they want to, Delaney states that it is a fact that some people don't have as much access to loans and grants

as others.

He agrees that students who are over 18 should not have to show their parents' incomes on the loan forms, and that students in High School should receive financial counselling, but, "That...last paragraph is ridiculous." (Referring to the *Gateway* article which stated in effect that the fact that students were more interested in listening to the Happy Hooker than the Task Force showed poor support for the present financial system)

Delaney suggests that the March meeting of the Task Force was a) poorly advertised, and b) poorly organised. He suggests that because students would rather see Ms. Hollander than the Task Force does not represent a lack of support for the system.

He also takes exception to Pearson's statement that about

50 percent of the loans taken out by students are unpaid. He states that student loans, like Farm Improvement loans are government-guaranteed, adding that student loans enjoy a high rate of repayment.

"I think the statement was misleading."

Delaney would like to see the present system take a more generous view of student grants. He feels that many students from low-income families are reluctant to incur debts in going to university. He feels that if people who want to go to university and need grants, they should receive them.

In principle, Delaney is in favor of the present scheme but there are many flaws in it "...and if the last issue of *Gateway* was correct, the Senate Task Force will not solve them."

Forums

Photographer Brown

A 55 minute film titled "Ernest Brown - Pioneer Photographer" will be the subject of a forum to be held Mon., Nov 26, at noon in the SUB Theatre.

The film will be followed by a discussion on the film by two members of one of the production crews - Tom Radford, Director and Mills Parker Public Relations Director of Northwestern Utilities, one of the main sponsors of the film.

Witchcraft on campus

A public forum on the topic "Beyond the Beyond; An Insight into Magic With Witchcraft and the Occult" will take place on Tues., Nov. 27, at 8:00 p.m. in SUB Theatre.

Guest speaker will be Bill Meilin, well-known occultist. He is presently teaching acting, speech communication and dialects at the U of A department of drama.

The presentation will be supplemented with a large array of projection slides.

Famine in Africa

A panel discussion on "The Famine Zone in Africa" within the more recently disclosed information about Ethiopia will be held Nov. 29, at 12:30 p.m. in T LB-1, U of A.

Participants will include: Terrance S. Veeman, assistant professor of economic and agricultural economics; C.F. Bentley, agronomist and professor of soil science; Yilma Telkemarian, graduate student, department of agricultural economics; R.E. McKown, department of political science (panel chairperson); and Dabra Mar-Gaalga, student, department of economics and advisor to the Pan-African Cultural Society, (moderator).

Status of women

June Menzies, vice chairperson of the Federal Council on the Status of Women, will speak on the "Equality, Dignity, Opportunity" on Wed., Nov. 28, at 7:30 p.m. in the downstairs Theatre of the Centennial Library.

Open university concept discussed

A western regional conference focusing on the theme "Curriculum Decision Making" will be held Nov. 23-24, at the Education Centre, U of A. The conference begins Friday night at 7:45 p.m.

The conference is sponsored by the Canadian Association for Curriculum Studies, a member organization of the Canadian Society for the Study of Education.

Conference speakers and their topics of discussion will be: Sir John Eggleston, from the University of Keele, England; Michael Connelly, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, and D.F. Swift, of the Open University in Buckinghamshire, England.

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