



Meg? Lizzie? Chuck? We weren't sure which member of the royal family this file in Rutherford's card catalogue was referring to. The answer lies . . . in File 2404.

You mean there is a purpose?

by Peter Michalyshyn

Students will get a chance to discuss the meaning of the university during the next two years, as the U of A Senate has created a Commission on University Purpose.

The Commission's mandate is primarily to spark interest and debate among students, academics and the public about the "nature, purpose, and function" of a university, according to its co-chairman George Cormack.

And while he admits this inquiry will join hundreds of similar reports since the beginning of universities, Cormack says each generation interprets university purpose differently.

Moreover, he says if you ask ten different people what the purpose of the university is, you'll get ten different answers.

This is neither good nor bad, as far as Cormack is concerned, for he admits neither the Commission nor any one else could possibly find one definition to suit all people.

The idea for a university purpose commission came from the Senate two years ago, but it was shelved because of failure to obtain a consensus on how the

proposed Commission would act.

The Students Union has been promoting revival of the Commission.

Another factor in reviving the Commission has been recent Alberta government threats to set priorities unless the U of A does as it's told, according to Cormack.

Cormack is also concerned about a government proposal to combine universities with other post-secondary educational institutions. Although the

proposal has since been shelved, Cormack says he fears it may be reconsidered soon.

"I see a crisis brewing in all of this, on the very idea of a university," he says.

"We'll have to decide whether the university should preserve and promote knowledge, teach that knowledge, or simply grant degrees and help people get jobs," he says.

The proposed budget for the Commission is \$40,000.

New department formed?

by Julie Green

East Asian Languages and Literatures may soon become a new department in the Faculty of Arts bringing staff and students of Chinese and Japanese into one academic and administrative unit.

The department will have seven academic staff and will cost about \$155,000 to operate in its first year.

The department's sponsors say they hope that BA Honours, MA and PhD degrees will be developed. At present a BA

Special in East Asian Studies is obtainable.

The department will be located in the Garneau house on Saskatchewan Drive which houses East Asian Studies, until Arts building renovations are completed.

About 160 students are enrolled in Japanese studies at the U of A this year.

General Faculties Council (GFC) executive committee approved the proposal Monday, and it will go before GFC at its March 26 meeting.



A judge ponders the case of this first-year Law student in the faculty's moot court. A two-hour ordeal for all first-year legal beagles, moot court places students in a simulated courtroom situation. This year's moots end today.

Nutrients a way of life for this week

Nutrition Week, March 3 to 8, has been set aside to let people know that eating fit and feeling fit go hand-in-hand. The foods and nutrition division and the physical education department have joined forces in an all-out attempt to rid the campus of all persons lacking physical fitness and terrible eating habits.

There will be numerous activities during the week to emphasize the importance between what we eat and how we feel. CAB will be the site of a display each day of the week to deal with the theme, "Eat Fit, Feel Fit." This will include films,

posters, handouts and displays dealing with topics like diet balancing and sensible foods.

Tuesday and Thursday of the week will be set aside to give you a chance to see how fit you really are and how well you eat. Between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., fitness testing will be conducted on willing participants. While at the display in CAB, pick up a questionnaire and test your knowledge of food and how it affects you. The questionnaire will also be published in *The Gateway*. Completed questionnaires can be brought to the CAB booth and a

competition will be held between faculty groups to see how well they stand up to each other concerning physical and nutritional fitness. An award will be presented to the winning faculty by the Guba bear himself.

But that's not all Nutrition Week has to offer. Displays will be set up in Lister Hall and Cameron Library. Look for the Snack Shack in SUB on Wednesday afternoon. Wholesome snacks will be sold and recipes and ideas will be available. The two cafeterias will do their part as well in promoting Nutrition Week.

Test yourself Do you write rite?

Below are five sample questions from the Writing Competence Exam administered to 406 first-year students last fall.

The startling discovery that over 50 percent of the students tested had "unsatisfactory" scores prompted the General Faculties Council to recommend that a similar test be administered to all incoming freshmen.

The samples illustrate the two types of questions included in the test. The instructions have been slightly abridged but their meaning is unchanged. Exam answers on page 3.

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Directions: The following sentences contain problems in grammar, usage, diction (choice of words), and idiom.

You will find that the error, if there is one, is underlined and lettered. Assume that all other elements of the sentence are correct and cannot be changed.

If there is an error, select the one underlined part that must be changed in order to make the sentence correct, and blacken the corresponding space on the answer sheet. If there is no error, mark answer space (E).

- The Secretary of State, as well as the other members of the cabinet, were summoned suddenly to the bedside of the ailing President. No error
A B C D E
- Prefabricated housing is economical because they reduce labor costs considerably. No error
A B C D E
- Shirley Chisholm is clearly determined to giving blacks more voice in the selection of national candidates. No error
A B C D E

Directions: In each of the following sentences, some part of the sentence or the entire sentence is underlined. Beneath each sentence you will find five ways of phrasing the underlined part. The first of these repeats the original; the other four are different. If you think the original is better than any of the alternatives, choose answer (A); otherwise choose one of the others.

This is a test of correctness and effectiveness of expression. In choosing answers, follow the requirements of standard written English; that is, pay attention to grammar, choice of words, sentence construction, and punctuation. Choose the answer that produces the most effective sentence — clear and exact, without awkwardness or ambiguity. Do not make a choice that changes the meaning of the original sentence.

- Eddie was as angry as Linda was when he discovered that thieves had stripped her car.
(A) Eddie was as angry as Linda was
(B) Eddie had anger like Linda's
(C) Eddie's anger was like Linda was
(D) Eddie's anger was as great as Linda
(E) Eddie had an anger as great as Linda
- The world famous actress, Sarah Bernhardt, born in 1844.
(A) The world-famous actress, Sarah Bernhardt, born in 1844.
(B) A world-famous actress was Sarah Bernhardt, born in 1844.
(C) Sarah Bernhardt, the world-famous actress, was born in 1844.
(D) Born in 1844 was Sarah Bernhardt, being a world-famous actress.
(E) She was a world-famous actress and Sarah Bernhardt was born in 1844.

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