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among the whites populating Oklahoma, also at about that time.

McPherson showed colourful books and magazines, now in use in NWT schools, printed in native languages. The youngster can read traditional children's stuff, but also about his ancestors and life styles.

There were also collected folk tales, a Loucheux dictionary and a "school magazine". ("The only one in Canada.")

"We are well aware," he explained, "that the language of trade and commerce will be English. Why, then, are we stressing biculturalism?"

"The old immersion approach we tried was a disastrous failure, both educationally and psychologically. I know, I did it myself. The percentage of high school graduates was very low. Only one per cent of all Indian people reach matriculation.

"So we are making English a target language."

"In the past, our approach to the 'culturally disadvantaged' people meant that the minorities would have to adapt. Children who start learning in their native language will progress better toward their target language. We are using the indigenous language as a bridge, and to help them gain self confidence."

This idea, he pointed out, had worked elsewhere.

He stressed a rejection of the "empty vessel assumption", i.e., that a child knew nothing, and that the teacher would fill him in. Instead, he said, capitalize on the strengths of the five-year-old: his mastery of language, his culture, etc.

"Don't start again at ground zero." Instead of arrogantly claiming that little of what the child knows is of any value, and teaching him English and life in southern Canada, teach him life as it already exists around him, and how to satisfy his particular needs. Make it relevant.

Schools in the NWT are already doing this and are committed to it.

"We're not building a ghetto in the Northwest Territories," he concluded. "We're trying to open doors for better opportunities."

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meetings as students and quiz council during question period.

Riskin said that it was a good cause but felt that they were already represented by faculties.

"Maybe we should give representation to Newton Place and North Garneau or anyone else that wants them," quipped West.

Further motions dealing with a "priorities meeting" for student services and a commission to study the art gallery were also rejected. The priorities meeting was seen by some councillors as too late for this year's council and binding on the incoming council. bt

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dealing with and where will I find them.

7) What initial capital will I need and how can I obtain it?

- loans
- grants
- donations

8) What about business regulations?

- licensing, etc.

In order to help minimize these problems, Operation Placement is again setting up a body of resource personnel to encourage, advise, and promote prospective student enterprises. As well as this individual assistance to student entrepreneurs, Operation Placement is looking into new and possible student commercial ventures.

There is now a recognized market for student-operated sub-contractors for light construction, lawn maintenance and gardening services, semi-professional wedding photography, painting and clean-up services, as well as the familiar rose sales outside A.L.C.B. Stores.

There are, however, many more exploitable areas for the short-term summer period. For example: Hiring out to clean up cottages and grounds for persons in and around Edmonton;

**'Ireland today' forum March 26**

Lord Terence O'Neill, the former Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, will be on campus March 26, 1973. At 7:00 p.m. in room 270-A of the Students' Union Building, he will speak on the topic "What's Really Happening in Ireland Today?"

Lord O'Neill was Prime Minister from 1963 to 1969, when his own party forced him out of office upon the rejection by both factions in Londonderry of his efforts at peace-keeping. Described as a political moderate in his strife-torn country, Lord O'Neill will discuss the prospects for harmony in Ireland and relates the latest developments in the years-old civil turmoil that he tried to prevent.

student-run concessions at beaches and parks in the Edmonton area.

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