

New centre first for Canada

by Suzette C. Chan

A unique centre for accounting education opens officially today.

The Centre for the Advancement of Professional Accounting Education is a joint undertaking of the University of Alberta Accounting Department and the Accounting Education Foundation of Alberta.

Mike Gibbins, the centre's director, says it will serve as a resource for the business and commerce faculty.

"We have a mandate to develop curricula and audio-visual materials to be used in class," he said.

He added that the centre does not have a staff as yet. "It's not really a physical centre, it's just an idea," he said.

Gibbins hopes the centre will eventually act as "a liaison between educators and institutes, and as a catalyst for all sorts of things, such as on-going curriculum development."

But Gibbins is also interested to know what students would like to see in the centre.

"Our ultimate goal is to help students," Gibbins said. "I've been meeting with campus accounting clubs to see what they think."

Gibbins said the centre is the only one in Canada specifically devoted to curriculum development.

"There are several in the U.S. but they are usually associated with educational centres", he said. "This one is very much a joint effort between professionals and the university."

Gibbins said he is very enthusiastic about the centre. "The university environment has been so discouraged lately, it's nice to be among optimists."

The opening reception of the accounting education centre is in University House at 4:30 pm today.



Photo Tim Kubash

would-be computer wizards prepare for a brave new high-tech world.

Society open to all

by Neal Watson

One of the most popular clubs on campus, the Computing Society, offers a service that is increasingly important to students: an opportunity to learn about computers.

When a student joins the Society, he receives a computer account and a personal password that enables him to gain access to the university's main computer system.

With that access, the student can use the system to learn programming, write essays play games or for whatever purpose the student may

have.

Jim Laycock of the Society says the club will be conducting seminars. The seminars are useful for the student who has little knowledge of computers.

Laycock said the society had close to 400 members last year, including many students from Arts and other faculties not normally associated with the use of computers. "A lot of students from Arts use the service for writing essays," said Laycock.

Another important part of the society is the annual programming contest. Students compete in teams

of four in an effort to solve programming problems.

Last year the U of A team placed third in the internationals held in Philadelphia. The road to the internationals begins this year on Oct. 13 when the locals are held.

All students are encouraged to drop in to the Computing Society office located in Assiniboia Hall 136, said Laycock.

The Society will be holding its "Come as your favorite drink or computer component Dance tomorrow in the SUB basement.

SU credibility hurt

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important issues and the failure of this year's executive to live up to campaign promises.

President Floyd Hodgins called the campaign unsuccessful and said the whole issue only contributed to destroying the credibility of the students' union.

VP External Paul Alpern said, "in my opinion, they had no reason to start the campaign and I'll try my best not to give them a reason."

Rutter charged that Hodgins and the executive had not delivered on

the hard line they promised in dealing with the provincial government.

Rutter called for a new initiative on the part of the executive saying, "now more than ever what council should be doing is having massive awareness campaign whether it's a post card campaign or a march."

Although the impeachment campaign is over Rutter said the campaigners would channel their energies in a different direction. Rutter said his group may call for the formation of an "action committee" to lobby the provincial government.

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Club chooses name

by Suzette C. Chan

Gays and Lesbians on Campus is the name of the new homosexuals organization at the U of A.

The membership decided on the name at an organizational meeting Tuesday.

The next step for the group is to elect an executive.

Nominations for two chair positions, a treasurer, and two members without portfolio will be taken at

the next meeting of the group on Oct. 9 in SUB 034.

Nominations will be heard at 5 pm, followed by the elections. The evening will end with a small social.

The initial mandate of the executive will be to draft a constitution for the organization.

Membership to the group is still open, although it may charge fees in the future. The membership list is strictly confidential.

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