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proposal, may be embarking on much the same trip, he said.

Blair Bennett, dentistry rep on Student Council, and a graduating dentist himself, thinks otherwise.

"When you get a dentistry degree," he said, "you get a degree in human relations."

He doesn't feel the proposal to shorten the pre-dentistry years to one would discourage students from obtaining the type of well-rounded education the university wants.

The types of courses one must take in pre-dentistry, like pedodontics, (child dentistry), are good sociological preparations for the dentistry student.

Dr. J. McCutcheon, Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, said that Girton's fears, although they were valid, were largely unnecessary. In his estimates, only about 35% of those entering the Dentistry faculty would be products of the one year pre-dental program. The others would be degree holders from other faculties, as is now the case.

Free courses for long time taxpayers

Alberta's senior citizens now have the opportunity to attend a wide range of general interest courses at the U of A or take classes for credit.

Under a new program for senior citizens to be held during the spring session May 5 to May 23, they can take courses ranging from creative writing to living on a reduced income, at no direct cost to themselves.

They can also take courses for credit under a special fee rebate system.

The session, a joint venture of the university's department of extension and special sessions office, will be financed by a \$20,000 grant from the provincial government's department of advanced education.

The grant to the Alberta Council on Aging will be administered by the university. It will be used to cover the cost of non-credit courses, room and board for senior citizens from outside Edmonton, tuition fees for credit courses for spouses of senior citizens and transportation costs for participants.

There will be eleven courses of general interest, non-credit variety. During the

first week (May 5-9) the general interest session will offer daily classes in "Creative Writing"; "Living on a Reduced Income"; "Indoor Gardening"; and "The Phenomenon of Aging" (mental and physical alertness, the use of one's skills, etc.).

Daily classes in "Creative Writing"; "Wills, Estates, and other Finances"; "Rocks and Minerals"; and "Outdoor Gardening" will be taught during the second week (May 12-16).

Daily classes in "Music Appreciation"; "Literature"; and "Contemporary Canadian Issues" will be taught during the third week (May 20-23).

The registration deadline for the general interest courses is April 17, and since registration is limited, the first-come first served principle will be in effect.

All residents of Alberta 65 years of age or over and their spouses who may not yet be 65 are eligible to attend the session.

The courses were selected by senior citizens as individuals and as members of the Alberta Council on Aging and the

Society for the Retired and Semi-Retired.

The credit courses available are those included in the regular Spring Session which will be held May 5 to June 13, 1975. Those persons wishing to take courses for credit must have university entrance requirements or meet mature student qualifications. The registration deadline for credit courses is April 1.

No tuition fees will be charged for the general interest

courses. It will be necessary to assess fees to all registrants in credit courses but payment will be waived upon personal application to the fees division of the office of the university comptroller.

Additional information regarding the session may be obtained by telephoning 432-3033 or by writing The Director, Department of Extension, 228 Corbett Hall, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta T6G 2G4.

Last chance for volunteers

The Royal Alexandra Hospital needs volunteers of any age who would be willing to give two hours once or twice a week in the morning to assist in providing a social programme for elderly patients. The programme would include handicrafts, films, music and socializing. For further information contact the Volunteer Action Centre at 482-6431.

The Alberta Society for Autistic Children requests volunteer help to assist at Knight of Columbus bingo's once per month until December. This is only one evening per month and your voluntary help would mean so much to parents and children.

The Kidney Foundation of Alberta provides blood pressure testing clinics throughout the city. Volunteers conduct these clinics with equipment provided by the Foundation. But help in training volunteers is desperately needed. Have you the knowledge to teach the subject of high blood pressure to groups and individuals?

Big Sisters are now recruiting volunteers. The positions involve one-to-one supportive friendship roles with young girls. Maturity and commitment are vital to these programmes. Orientation and training are given.

Marydale Residential Treatment Centre urgently requests volunteer couples to work with several emotionally disturbed children. The applicant couple should possess an abundance of patience. Staff backup will be available at all times.

Volunteers for work in probation are needed by various social service agencies in Edmonton. Training and orientation is provided for people over 18 years of age.



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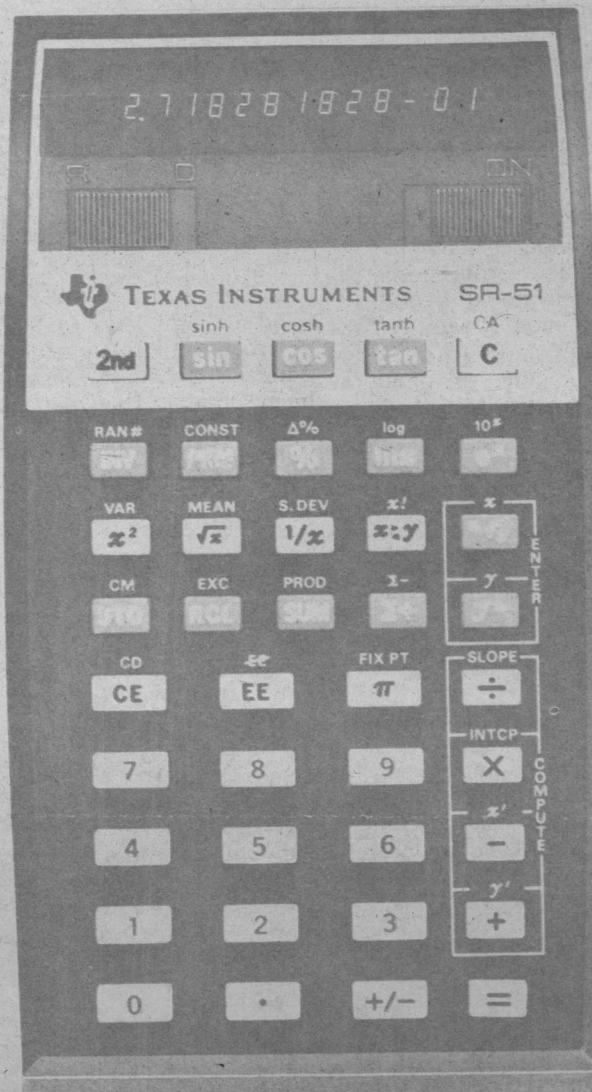
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