

Commerce drops Quality Index

More GFC Exec recommendations

General Faculties Council Executive approved a proposal at their Monday meeting allowing the Faculty of Business Administration and Commerce to drop the Quality Index as a measure of academic standing. The Council will now judge students on the basis of their grade-point average. This procedure is already in use by many faculties, so it is

not a radical departure from present practices.

GFC Executive also sent information to GFC regarding a study conducted into the rationale and implications of quotas. The study gave a detailed account of the numbers of students accepted per year, the number of qualified students who were refused, and the options and requirements for the expansion of quota programs.

GFC policy on service

courses also came under review. Service courses are those offered by one faculty to fulfill the requirements of other faculty programs. Problems arise when the standards and marking procedures differ between sections and programs, creating difficulties for students.

The Executive moved to strike a committee to study the problems and bring down recommendations for future changes.

The Undergraduate Scholarship Committee recommendations for new awards were also sent back for a clarification of the terms of these awards. The Executive expressed concern over the lack of stipulation of the need for high academic standing. A more detailed annual report of the Committee's activities was also requested.

A proposal for restructuring the GFC Library Committee was also sent to GFC for approval at their next meeting.

Mandel describes cultural crisis

Julie Green

Dr. Eli Mandel, Canadian poet and critic, evaluated literacy and culture in this country in a public lecture on January 31.

"The old disciplines and learning have been taken over by popular concern about relevance," he said, in the last lecture of the Canadian Studies Lecture Series Wednesday. The results in education, culture and society have been disastrous, according to Mandel. The demands of the public now battle with the demands of arts in the classroom.

"Literature is a paradise, the center and model of a liberal, humanist education," Mandel said. Studying it provides a necessary base for other studies. Committing great poetry to memory is an important part of studying literature. This practice, however, has now been neglected and even abandoned. Pressure from popular culture makes the tradition of memorization difficult to maintain. "It is time to return to our literacy," he said.

Mandel also said the problem with Canadian culture is the "crisis it faces of humane values in a contemporary society." The issue is technology or business versus literature, he said. People are educated to conduct business not to study literature critically.

Contemporary Canadian culture affords no place for past cultural values and standards, said Mandel. The development of an anti-social, counterculture in the sixties has become the social culture of the seventies, he said. "Art has become popular but not academic and its field of reference is no longer in the tradition of humane letters but

the imagery and values of popular culture itself."

He concluded no one can say with certainty what literacy means or what the demand for literacy implies. The value distinctions that should be made between structured and unstructured learning are also unknown.



The Students' Union requires Student Representatives for

- (a) Environmental Council of Alberta
 - 2 student members (1 member will serve as an alternate)
 - 1-year term
- (b) Students' Union Nominating Committee
 - 1 student member
 - term effective immediately to 31 March 1979
- (c) Students' Union External Affairs Board
 - 2 student members
 - term effective immediately to 31 March 1979

Deadline for Applications: Tuesday, 13 February 1979 at 4:00 p.m.

For applications and information, contact Cheryl Hume, President, Room 259 SUB or phone 432-4236.

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Circle K makes life brighter

Well, the groundhog saw his shadow last Friday so there isn't going to be much sunshine for the next six weeks. Unless you want to be responsible for creating a little bit of sunshine, that is.

One group on campus dedicated to making life brighter is the Circle K club. Circle K is an international service club who do volunteer work wherever it is needed. Circle K understands the problems students face, and makes it easy for them to do whatever they can. There are no membership fees and no minimum demand on one's time.

The spirit of the organiza-

tion is to do whatever you can whenever you can. Circle K can help you to get involved with children, the disabled or your fellows here on campus. Social functions are often necessary for easing tension and Circle K needs people to help organize them.

You can get to know Circle K at one of their regular meetings, held every second Tuesday in room 280 SUB, 6:30 p.m. The office in room 618 SUB is open to inquiries, or call Donna (420-6030) or Ian (469-5993). Find out about other people who care.

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For further information and registration Contact Student Counselling Services, Room 102 Athabasca Hall. Telephone 432-5205.

Planning a priority

Arts Quiz answers

1. It was Angria at first, and then the new land of Gondal was created". 1 point each.

- a) Robert Browning's "Childhood To The Dark Tower"
- b) Alfred Lord Tennyson's "Maud".
- c) Edward Fitzgerald's "The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam".
- d) Matthew Arnold's "Switzerland - 4. Isolation To Marguerite".

2. a) Far From the Maddening Crowd b) The Return of the Native c) Jude the Obscure d) The Mayor of Casterbridge

3. It's from Dicken's *Hard Times*, and it was said by the character working, always scrounging, Harold Skimpole.

4. Both a) and c) - 1 point each. 5. a) News from Nowhere and b) The Obscure and others.



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