

Cultural minorities core of new program

By EUGENE BRODY

U of A has introduced a new program in intercultural education to prepare teachers for the special problems of teaching in areas of Alberta's minority groups.

Thirty-two first-year students are registered in the specialized program designed to give more adequate training to teachers planning to teach children of other cultures.

The faculty of education is encouraging more students to enter the program, since it is in the field of education that minorities in Canada most need special attention.

In this program teachers learn to work with students in communities where the cultural pattern of life differs from the teacher's. The course prepares students for work among the Indians, Eskimos and Metis whose position in society is undergoing rapid change, causing special problems.

DUAL EMPHASIS

The U of A program is designed to:

- Provide a thorough, general, professional education for the teacher, with appropriate specialization in elementary, secondary, industrial arts, or vocational education.

- Provide through the use of optional subjects in the four year B.Ed. program or the general three year program, following the first degree in another faculty, a basic background in social science and linguistics. The purposes of this dual emphasis is to assure the understanding of social relationships and the problems of communication involved in working with persons of different cultural background.

- Provide through a sequence of field experience, practical opportunities for working with persons whose background, language and outlook may be considerably different from those of the teacher.

INTERDISCIPLINARY GUIDE

An interdisciplinary committee of staff from the faculty of education and the department of sociology and anthropology has been appointed by the dean of education to guide the intercultural program. This committee is being assisted on an ex officio basis by officials from provincial and federal agencies concerned with education.

Teachers with a background in intercultural education find roles in various fields:

- Federal Government schools, operated by the Indian affairs branch of the department of citizenship and immigration, and the education division, department of northern affairs and national resources.
- School systems which are located in Alberta, particularly the Northland School Division.
- Schools in or outside Canada where cultural and language differences present special problems in education.
- There is also a growing demand for community development officers. These are often recruited from among teachers with intercultural training and experience.

ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Since intercultural education is part of the regular teacher education program, prospective teachers taking this program as part of the B.Ed. program are entitled to the same financial assistance as other students in the faculty of education. The forms of assistance are:

- Scholarships, grants, and loans which are administered by the students assistance board.
- Scholarships, bursaries or loans from school boards.
- Scholarships, bursaries and loans from other agencies such as the Indian affairs branch or the education division, department of northern affairs.



—Dave Applewhaite photo

GLITTERING ACTORS—Two members of the Chinese Students Association perform as part of the displays of the Chinese exhibition in SUB last Saturday.

Chastity advocates violate law?

TORONTO (CUP)—Clergymen advocating chastity may be guilty of an offense under Canada's Criminal Code.

A practicing criminal lawyer told a panel discussion on birth control that the vagueness of the code made it difficult to decide what constitutes dissemination of information leading to the prevention of contraception.

The Criminal Code forbids such actions.

The consensus of the panel was that the "law is an ass" on the question of birth control.

But as a lawyer, Mr. Fisher said, he had taken an oath to "uphold the law of Canada" and he could not advise anyone to break the law—in spite of his feelings about it.

If anyone "laid an information" about the distribution of birth control information the police would have to prosecute, he pointed out.

Canada's laws, however, are less inclined to enter the confines of private bedrooms than are American laws, he said.

He noted that 36 American states still have laws against fornication. The Criminal Code has no such provision.

One panel member advocated that all laws pertinent to birth control be stricken from the Code.

Birth control is a private and medical matter, she said.

Plans for closing hot caf heard by students' council

By EKKEHARD KOTTKE

Hot Caf is to be closed in order to make the operation of the new SUB cafeteria profitable.

Another auxiliary cafeteria is to be built off the Saskatchewan Drive, as far away from the Lister Hall complex as possible.

The plans were explained at Monday's Students' Council meeting by Joel Stoneham of the U of A Housing and Food Service.

The new auxiliary cafeteria is to serve the north high density area of the campus.

The plans have been accepted by the campus planning commission.

Seating for an additional 80 students will be provided in the vending areas of new structures like the Marshall Tory building.

High food prices were attacked by a council member who claimed that a meal sold down-town for 90 cents cost \$1.15 if the university serves it.

Mr. Stoneham replied, "we are not a self liquidating corporation."

"But this does not mean that we operate with losses."

FOOD BY TENDER

"All food is being purchased on a tender basis. We serve quality for quality at the same price as other establishments down-town."

Mr. Stoneham also reported on the progress of student housing.

Married quarters including 200 two-bed-room units are about to be drafted by the architects.

The site is to be developed in 6 weeks with a 1967 target for completion.

These quarters will not be subsidized either and are expected to rent for at least \$90.

In an interview Mr. Stoneham told The Gateway that low rent housing for \$50 or less will always be available to those students who are willing to accept the lower standards associated with these dwellings.

A third tower for single students is expected for 1968.

"The university operates on a crisis basis here," Mr. Stoneham said.

"It will take a new housing crisis until a new complex will definitely be built."

"There is not a chance to get an architect from the department of public works for the next five months," he said.

Mr. Stoneham did commit himself to a stable rental cost structure for the near future, however.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

The Returning Officer will receive nominations for the following positions:

- The President of the Students' Union
- The Vice-President of the Students' Union
- The Secretary-Treasurer of the Students' Union
- The Co-ordinator of Student Activities
- The Chairman of the CUS Committee
- The President of Mens' Athletics
- The President of Womens' Athletics

Deadline: 2 p.m. Wednesday. Nominations must conform to the provisions of the Nominations and Elections Bylaw of the Students' Union.

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