

The International Student Centre

Alberta's window on the world

by Heather Moore

Do you have a yearning to learn more about other countries in the world? Does the thought of Europe and Asia fill you with images of exotic places and foreign languages? Or maybe you just have some free time on your hands and would like to meet some new people that can show you how other countries and cultures live. If so, the people at the International Student Center would like to see you.

The International Student Center (ISC) is located at 11023-90 Avenue. It is primarily a drop-in center for foreign students to feel a little more at home. It emphasizes the meeting of Canadian and foreign students in social, educational, and cultural aspects. ISC's facilities, which are available for meetings and socials, include a computer, meeting rooms and a fully equipped kitchen. As well, the staff stresses the fact that they are a drop-in center and anyone can go and watch the television or listen to the stereo and meet other students.

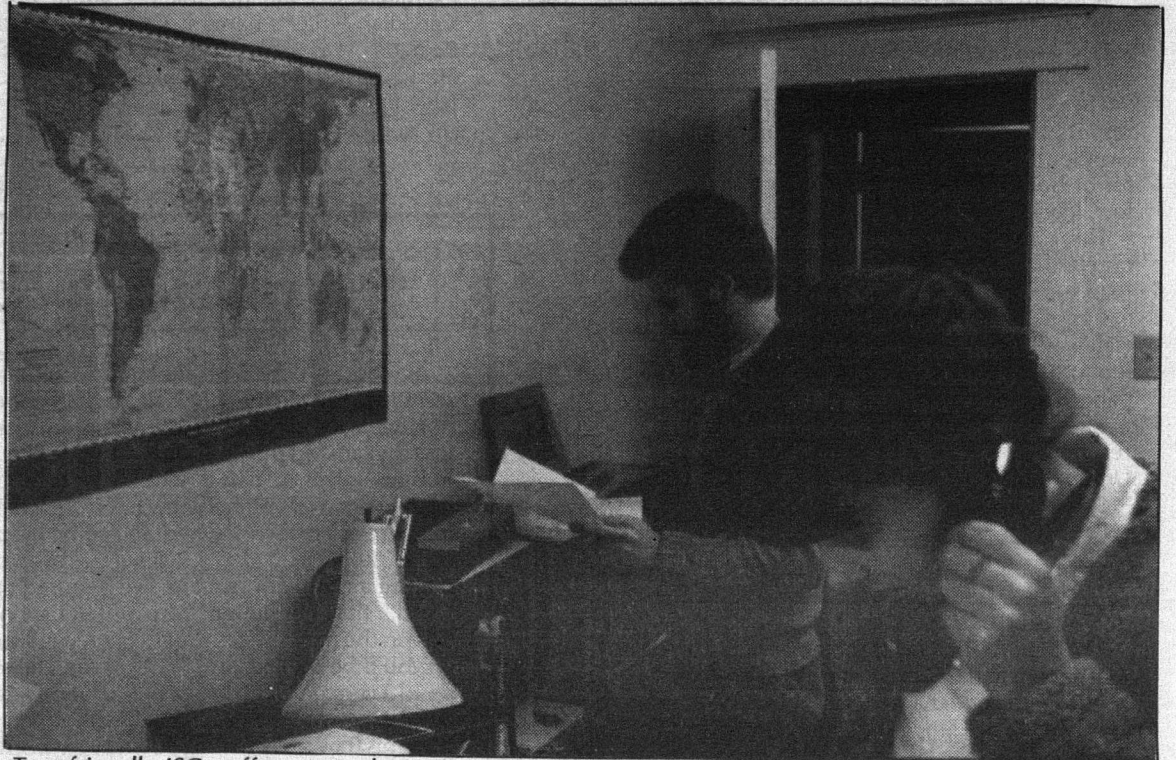
The second function of the ISC is educational. It is proud of the

knowledge and experience it has brought to U of A students. On the second floor is a Resource Room that anyone is welcome to use. It has a vast collection of university calendars from the United States, Europe, and many foreign countries. There is information on jobs abroad and volunteer programs. And one wall displays magazines and newspapers from all over the world that enable foreign students to keep updated on their countries while they are away.

The ISC co-sponsors other student groups and helps with their publicity, resources and organization. Also, they direct workshops for other groups to learn how to organize and conduct their groups. They have a program called "The Spouse's Program" for the spouses of international students. This offers English language courses and social groups and functions. The ISC boasts a "language bank" of 32 translators. They publish a newsletter four times a year which is available free on campus or by mail. The newsletter provides specific and general information about the Center and gives a list of the programs as they are available.

If anyone is interested in volunteering for the ISC they should contact Ardis (Ann) Kolbt at 432-5950.

Right now the Center is in a thinking and re-evaluation stage of the services and programs it offers. There should be new programs ready after Christmas, according to



Two friendly ISC staffers at work

photo Matt Welsh

Jan Gelfand who is the Program Director. Two programs that are definite right now are: Perspectives On International Development, which is a political forum that takes place every Thursday at 12:30, and International Awareness Week which takes place after Reading Week. The Center co-sponsors this event with other student groups and it focusses on cultural seminars, discussions, displays, performances,

and food.

Both Carmen Michaud (the Director) and Jan Gelfand were enthusiastic, informative and very optimistic about the role the ISC plays in our university and in society. They emphasized that the ISC is a meeting and learning place for Canadian and foreign students to learn more about the world and themselves as well. As Carmen Michaud so aptly phrased it, "....as

the world is getting smaller we need to be aware of others and of other countries and cultures in order to be able to work together in the future and be able to understand the issues that face us every day. Only by growth and understanding of other people in this world can we put awareness into action and achieve peace and harmony."

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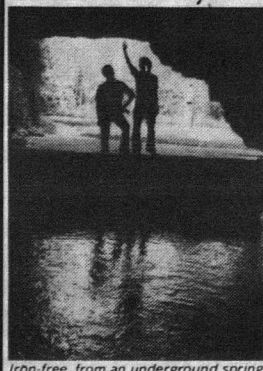
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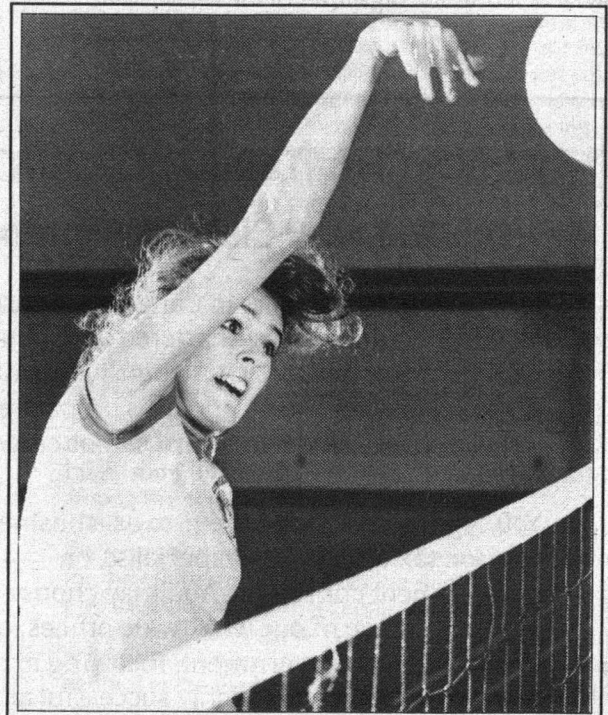
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