

Mormon church is "a cult"

by Ann Grever

The Mormon church is a cult, according to Leslie Jevne, the education coordinator of the Society against Mind Abuse.

The society had a day long conference on Tuesday, October 22 to discuss cults and warn people from them.

A cult, says Jevne, is a group "that uses unethical methods to recruit members and control their minds."

The Mormon church for instance

"trains their members to lie and uses psychological coercion. Their methods include peer group pressure, removal of privacy, disinhibition and financial commitment."

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"There is a difference between indoctrination and conditioning. In many churches there is pressure to

ples Church in Red Deer. I thought they were legitimate. It did not take long for me to get caught."

Even professors here at the university belong to cults. "They re-

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believe and to confirm but the members still have freedom of choice. Many churches have control systems and are accountable for their methods. Cults isolate themselves from society."

"Every cult group in North America has bases here in Edmonton. Even if the cult doesn't have a club on campus they recruit heavily from university students. . . Cults won't advertise on a poster 'we are a cult'."

"Cults' methods are very subtle. A student meets a very friendly person who introduces them to a group. I was recruited in the Peo-

cruit in sincerity and in love but their main priority is to recruit and that means trouble."

Another speaker at the seminar was Dr. Robb, a professor of law at the U of A. He spoke on how the law deals with cults and religious freedom.

"In law the term cult refers to a specific ritual, or method in worship. . . the question must be whether the methods a cult uses are acceptable in a contemporary society. If the methods are unacceptable, then we're going to step in. It is better to concentrate on the objectionable methods."

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talent and expertise. "We openly admit that if Canada's economy grows, we will face a severe shortage of research talent," says NSERC advisor Arnet Sheppard.

"We have to produce our own home-grown talent if we can become more R&D intensive," he says.

The mid-term review of the MRC has left the council in a funding crunch, said president Pierre Bois. Although government officials are sympathetic to MRC funding requests, Bois says that is not enough.

"The trust has been approved but the funding has not. If we don't receive that funding, we will have too many projects that we can't support financially," he says.

The minister of state for science and technology, Tom Siddon has publicly endorsed the plans, but

recognizes the problems in having the proposals passed by cabinet.

According to Louis Lavoie, an official in his minority, the problem lies in educating cabinet members. "They have to know exactly what the five year plans say and mean," he says.

University presidents, such University of Manitoba's Arnold Naimark and Doug Wright of the University of Waterloo, have also endorsed the proposals and welcome increased industrial presence in university laboratories. Marking a turn from earlier days when corporate sponsorship was shunned rather than encouraged, university officials and researchers are now scrambling for what funds are available from the private sector.

The councils are expecting to hear about their funding before the end of November.

Visa panel questions MP

by Ken Hui

Edmonton South MP Jim Edwards will be on campus Tuesday to hear the concerns of international students.

A panel of international students from Iran, Bangladesh, West Germany and Hong Kong will question Edwards during the meeting, said Clau Otto, president of the International Student Organization (ISO).

Most complaints are with the federal government. For example, a foreign student who works as a graduate assistant must pay unemployment insurance and pension plan premiums but cannot claim any benefits.

The proposed cost recovery fee of \$50 each of application, student VISA and employment authorizations and their extensions be-

ginning Jan. 1, 1986 implies that a student with his family in Canada may face an annual cost as high as \$400.

The considerable inconsistency between immigration centres as to how the regulations are applied is reflected in the fact that there are no clearly published guidelines on the amount of funds students are required to have.

Federal government opportunities such as National Science and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) grants, scholarships and bursaries are not available to foreign students.

Wilf Allan, the director of International Student Affairs, will moderate the meeting which takes place in the Arts Court Lounge in HUB at 7 to 9 p.m. on Oct. 29.

Conference on health

As part of the celebration of Expo '86, the U of A and the U of A Hospital are hosting a conference on "Research into Health issues."

The topics included include talks on medical technology, health care costs, genetic engineering and health in the work place.

The conference is aimed at giving a broader coverage to "relevant issues for the general public" said Diana Casey, who is in charge of Publicity and Marketing for Expo 86.

The Edmonton conference is in a series of eight conferences held in cities across Canada that are part of the "celebration of the Expo 86 year". "These conferences are to

remind the world of Canadian leadership throughout areas of science and technology. . . and to provide insight into ideas and recent advancements."

Issues that will be brought up in the different cities include the economy, agriculture and the environment. Edmonton was chosen for the conference on health issues because of its "high profile medical community and hospital. Edmonton is recognized as a major health centre.

The conference will be held on October 28 and 29, in the Bernard Snell Hall at the Walter C. MacKenzie Health Sciences Centre at the U of A. All are welcome.

PASAG networks

by Bill Doskoch

Networking between "progressive" clubs and increasing student awareness of issues like South Africa are some of the goals of PASAG, a recently formed campus club.

"PASAG stand for Public Affairs Study and Awareness Group," said spokesperson John Towers.

Some of the issues they wish to deal with include sexual equality, gay and lesbian rights, nuclear disarmament and youth unemploy-

ment.

Towers said the club has 40 members at the moment and are currently working with the Women's Centre on their anti-pornography campaign and with the Citizens Against Racism and Apartheid on the South Africa question.

Future plans include attempting to develop a "forum" program for discussion through CJSR.

Students seeking more information can contact Towers at the PASAG office in Room 620 SUB.

Pacific Rim trade

On Thursday, October 31, 1985, at 12:00 noon in Room 231/237 of the Law Centre, the International Law Student's Association will be presenting their second event of the 1985/86 year. The event will consist of a one-hour, two-part session on Trade and the Pacific Rim.

The first half of the session will consist of the presentation of the film "The Alberta Advantage", which is the promotional film that the Alberta Government shows to incoming trade delegations from all over the world.

The second half will consist of a

speech on the Pacific Rim by Mr. Aki Nawata. Since 1977, Mr. Nawata has been employed as a Trade Director for the Pacific Rim by the Government of Alberta.

His present duties include work with large international financial institutions such as CIDA and the World Bank, the administration of trade shows around the world and an emphasis on projects in the Middle East and Africa.

There is a campus-wide interest in the Pacific Rim, so all interested students are advised to come early to insure themselves of seats.

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