

Last chance for Library courses

by Kristan McLeod

The last Library Skills courses offered this term have been re-scheduled for next week due to computer breakdowns.

At the beginning of each term, the Cameron Library offers library courses in five areas, ranging from on-line catalogue introduction to specific researching techniques. The last regularly scheduled courses, the on-line catalogue lab sessions, were to be held during the final week of January.

The classes were cancelled because "the mainframe computer kept crashing," said Fern Russell, reference librarian, "... and we're limited to the number of computers." This was an inconvenience for students who wished to increase their proficiency on the on-line

catalogue system, and for students whose profs required them to take the course for credit purposes.

"Last chance courses" will be held next week, says Russell, "and attendance slips will be offered then." Librarians who have a few extra hours next week will be instructing the sessions.

The on-line catalogue labs are designed to help students learn to search for material effectively using the on-line system.

The classes are held in the General Services Building Lab 221 and registration is handled at the Information Desk in Cameron Library. Class times: Mon. 15—6:45 to 8:15 p.m., Tues. 16—1:30 to 3:00 p.m., Wed. 17—8:30 to 10:00 a.m., Thurs. 18—1:30 to 3:00 p.m.



The torch relay became a broadcast opportunity for Lubicon supporters

Photo: Rob Galbraith

Education on AIDS

ST. JOHN'S (CUP)—Memorial and Dalhousie universities have set up AIDS committees to educate the university community about the disease and establish policies on campus AIDS cases.

"Our priority will probably be students, since they tend to be at an age where they are likely to be experimenting with new relationships and multiple partners. We want them to be able to make informed and responsible decisions about their lifestyles," said Dr. Russell Harpur, director of Student Health Services at Memorial University of Newfoundland (MUN).

The eight-member MUN committee was struck in December. The Dalhousie group, set up last summer, has already released a policy on AIDS at the university.

The Dalhousie policy states that the university is committed to "individual rights (including confidentiality) and true regard for community public health interests."

AIDS cases will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis, the document states.

MUN's Harpur said his commission will look at issues like confidentiality, whether to allow an AIDS

sufferer to live in residence, informing cleaning staff, and whether infected staff should teach.

"If you can't change attitudes in a place like this, where can you? That's our hope," said Dalhousie committee chair Rosemary Gill, a physician at the university's health clinic.

Gill wants to concentrate on education. The committee shows AIDS educational videos and is currently preparing a survey which will ask students and staff about their sexual practices and knowledge of AIDS. The committee has no budget, and is relying on donations to finance the poll.

But campus gay and lesbian groups are concerned that there are no representatives of the gay community on either of the campus committees.

"Even though AIDS is not a 'gay disease', the homosexual community has been dealing with it since 1981, which is seven years more than the university has, so (the gay community) should have a valuable contribution to make," said Ron Knowling, president of MUN's student lesbian and gay association.

Harpur said that the lesbian and

gay community's head start on education means they represent less of a problem.

"The actual groups to be represented (on the committee) were also discussed, and there was no way to represent every group in the university community. The homosexual sector was not the only one omitted," Harpur added.

Health officials on both campuses are aware of students or staff testing positive to the antibody. But there are as yet no cases of AIDS or AIDS-related complex (ARC) at MUN or Dalhousie.

The AIDS virus attacks the body's immune system, leaving victims susceptible to any infection, and is often fatal. ARC is a less severe form. Current medical evidence suggests AIDS is transmitted through semen or contaminated blood.

WC benefits students

by Dana Nyquist

Students attending university may claim Worker's Compensation for injuries suffered on campus.

Student eligibility for compensation is based on three criteria, according to the Worker's Compensation regulations. First, the student must be working for an employer who is contributing to WC as part of the student's employee benefits. Second, the injury must cause the student to suffer a wage loss. Third, the injury must be sustained during participation in a "current academic requisite" or it must be "required as part of the course of study in which the student is registered." Compensable injuries do not include those incurred during on campus

involvement in "extra-curricular, sporting, recreational, social or personal fulfillment activities."

WC benefits have been available to students who meet the above three criteria since the early 80's. However, information on these benefits does not seem to have been made easily available to students, as it does not appear in either the current U of A calendar or Student Handbook. Neither the counselors of provincial WC nor the U of A Pension and Benefits staff, who are responsible for distributing WC claim forms and forwarding the completed claims to the WC, are certain of where or how this information has been made available to students.

U of R hosts model UN conference

REGINA (CUP)—The University of Regina will host the largest international model United Nations conference in the world, said conference organizers at a January 20 news conference.

The conference, scheduled for April 21-24, is expected to draw 1000 delegates and \$1 million to the

city of Regina, said conference executive director Shresh Juyal.

"Although it happens to be in a very small city like Regina, at a very small university like Regina's, it is a showcase for Canada," Juyal said.

External Affairs Minister Joe Clark, Canada's UN Ambassador Stephen

Lewis, and American UN Representative General Vernon Walters, are among the conference speakers. Former prime minister Pierre Trudeau is also expected to attend.

The conference will be twinned with a conference on the UN's role in world peace, Juyal said.

Ninety-nine universities and colleges from 14 countries including Nicaragua, the People's Republic of China and India will participate in the two conferences, both of which are being held in Canada for the first time.

Usually only two countries from outside North America participate in the model UN conferences, said Juyal. The model UN conferences have been taking place for 38 years.

Organizers expect the international conference to be the biggest of about 18 being held this year.

Participants in the model UN will be trying to resolve existing international disputes and discussing global issues. Juyal cited one instance where a resolution from one of the conferences was used to help solve a dispute between two Middle Eastern countries.

CORRECTION

Last Tuesday's Gateway attributed a letter to Gil McGowan. It should have read Gil McGowan on behalf of the campus New Democrats.

The Gateway apologizes for any inconvenience this omission may have caused.

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