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increasing by 25 per cent per year.

"We're getting further behind all the time," he says. "We won't be able to fill society's needs in the near future."

But though their job situation is improving most markedly in the physical sciences, employment opportunities are increasing in the biological sciences as well.

Chairman of the Department of Zoology, Dr. Fu-Shaing Chia says that though job opportunities in biology were poor a few years ago, they are now "pretty good and getting better in general."

"The supply of students is decreasing," he says. "We're looking for higher employment in the sciences as a whole. The biological sciences will follow that trend."

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accepted by GFC though, where stiff opposition is expected.

As well, the university would establish a non-credit writing improvement center, at a cost of \$350,000.

"The problem (of writing competence) could be addressed earlier," said Hayes. The issue is now given more attention in schools than it used to, she added.

This sentiment was echoed

by Scott Hagen, graduate student member on GFC, who said the university should not have to pay for costly remedial English programs.

"We should be going to the high school teachers," he said.

The University of Calgary already possess a writing competence testing program. Students who are assessed as unsatisfactory attend the writing center to upgrade their skills.

Conference time for engineers

The Twelfth Congress of Canadian Engineering Students was hosted by the U of A January 2-6 in the Edmonton Plaza Hotel. One hundred and fifty delegates registered for the Congress, including twelve from Newfoundland and four from the United States.

Thursday was Careers Day with Peter Adams, Dean of Engineering, officially welcoming delegates. Discussions centered on finding employment, moving up within a company, and the various areas in which engineers can find employment.

Thursday evening was 'Western Night' at Little Acres in Winterburn. The organizers intended to show those from out-of-province a bit of our culture with a barbequed steak dinner but were outdone. The Newfoundlanders gave out samples of Caplin (raw fish) all night. Extra entertainment was provided by the University of Manitoba Symonized Marching Band. The Band had driven from Winnipeg in their forty-person Band Bus and made quite a hit.

Friday was Canada-International Day. Delegates were taken on tours of local industry, including the Wabamum mine and the Stelco plant. Afternoon sessions were at the University, where HUB made quite an impression on many.

In addition, forty delegates were sent Friday to the Syncrude operation near Fort McMurray. They toured the site, were fed in the work camp and discussed the history of Syncrude and the role of the engineer in such a project with a company representative. Amoco provided their plane for the tour.

In celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of this company, Dr. Don Stanley of Stanley Associates Engineering sponsored the students' day, Saturday, January 5. Nine papers were presented by students Saturday morning. Topics included the funding crisis at University of Manitoba, incorporating a student society, engineering programs in the United States, and an outline of a new program, Shipbuilding Engineering, offered by Memorial University of Newfoundland. The papers were well-attended and well-received by delegates.

Following a luncheon address by Lou Hyndman, Provincial Treasurer, the Congress plenary session was held. Session Chairman Michael Amerongen skillfully guided delegates through three hours of debate.

The closing banquet held Saturday evening was the hit of the conference. Following the traditional bun fight, Bob Stollery, president of PCL Construction, was "screached in" by the Newfoundland delegation, who attended dressed as oil sheiks. During his introduction of the guest speaker, Dr. Stanley commented on their optimism noting "one oil well does not a field make." He was promptly screached in too.

Stollery's address dealt with Canadian opportunities for the engineer. An inspiring talk, it prompted an ovation by delegates. A chant of "Godiva," the engineers' song, concluded a most successful dinner.



Newfoundland screech sheik shrieks his way through 12th annual engineering congress.

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