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Oh yes: the Board also decided to change the name of the Agriculture Building to the Earth Sciences Building. Sort of takes that funky, down-home aroma out of the place, doesn't it? It reminds me of a joke about the lady who went to visit an old girlfriend who had married a farmer. The day after she arrived at the farm they were eating breakfast, when the farmer got up, scratched his armpit, and said, "Well, I guess I'll go shovel some manure."  
The city lady, being somewhat refined, was taken aback. After the farmer had left she asked her girlfriend, "Couldn't you get him to say 'fertilizer' instead of 'manure' — it sounds so tacky."  
Her girlfriend sighed with infinite weariness and replied, "Linda, it took me 15 years to train him to say 'manure.'"  
(Why does telling jokes like this one make me want to say, "Have a good Thursday"??)

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# Senate probes oldsters

The U of A senate, the body charged with "inquiring into any matter that might tend to enhance the usefulness of the University" has launched a Task Force on Mature Students.

Mature students ("all students aged 25 or over, and all non-matriculated adult students who are enrolled in a credit course or program at the University of Alberta") comprised 28% of all applicants to the University in 1981-82, and the Task Force will be attempting:

- 1) to collect data about the nature of the mature student population at the University of Alberta.
- 2) to identify major concerns and special needs of the mature student.
- 3) to decide which issues warrant further investigation.
- 4) to determine to what extent the University of Alberta meets the needs of the mature student with regard to these issues.

5) to survey the support mechanisms for mature students in the general community.

6) to make recommendations.

One of the first things the Task Force did was to send out 500 questionnaires at the beginning of August to enrolling mature students, asking opinions and information from them. Over 140 have already been returned. Other persons at all levels of the University, and outside, have been approached for contributions.

The Task Force on Mature Students is comprised of six Senate members, two members of the University of Alberta community at large, and one representative of Athabasca University.

Mary Totman, Executive Officer of the Senate, stresses that "the success of the task force, like all the others (that the Senate has done), depends to a great extent on the input we receive."

Anyone wishing to contribute information or opinions to the Task Force on Mature students should submit it, preferably during October and November, to The Senate, 150 Athabasca Hall, University of Alberta, Edmonton, T6G 2E8.

Past Senate task forces have tackled subjects such as the status of women at university, native students and those with learning disabilities, and most recently (April 1982) it released its *Report on University Purpose*.

## Ein, zwei sprache

Is the language of the two Germanies diverging?

Professor J. Eichhoff of the University of Wisconsin will present a public lecture with slides, on "Two German States — Two German Languages?" Monday Sept. 27.

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