### Are you intent on health?

MINNEAPOLIS (ENS-CUP) - A Minneapolis firm has begun to market a tent-like structure it claims will slow down the aging process in humans.

The product, called Resorb Sleep Chambers, fits over a bed and reportedly prevents normal, but harmful, ultraviolet energy rays from penetrating to its inhabitants. It is also said to cancel any bacterial growth on a living source inside the chamber.

The system was designed by Dr. F.L. VonSacher, a physicist. He has been experimenting with what he calls "reabsorption energy" for several years.

More than three years of tests have been run on the various chambers. It was found, for instance, that the chambers "relatively preserve" raw hamburger meat, and that fruits and vegetables don't decay as quickly as under normal circumstances.

When it comes to humans, the developers claim their sleeping chambers "create an energized state upon waking." But they still don't guarantee you'll feel like getting up in the morning.

### Ethan Allen, Infidel and his dying daughter

"Tell me father, whom shall I follow, you or mother? Shall I reject Christ, as you have taught me, or shall I accept him? He was mother's friend in the hour of her great sorrow."

Though tears nearly chocked his utterances, "My child, cling to your mother's Saviour. She was right."

Voices from the Edge of Eternity - J. Meyers One Way-Agape



# **Martin Report debated**

#### by John Kenney

A three hour debate raged over the recommendations of the Martin Report on writing skills at Monday's General Faculties Council meeting.

The Martin Report, or the GFC Ad Hoc Committee to Investigate Undergraduate Writing Skills, was conceived in June 1975. After various faculty responses to the report were gathered, it was sent to GFC Executive in August and then to GFC.

GFC began with a section of recommendations concerning the university but the first recommendation that called for an English competency exam as part of entrance requirements sparked heated debate.

Ken McFarlane, SU vp academic, said the exam should not be implemented for several years because it would be unfair to students who had not had better schooling in lower schools.

Dr. Murray, civil engineering, commented, "I believe that unless we actually institute a humane system that actually improves Engilsh proficiency, then I'm forced to reject this motion."

"I think it would be a mistake for this body to assume that in approving the recommendation, funding will follow," warned Professor Leitch, the university's vp finance.

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The recommendation for English competence exams was finally referred to the admissions requirements committee.

Other recommendations of the Martin Report which concern the university and which were approved in principle state:

-that periodic lectures offer information to students on writing at university level;

-that the English Language Service of the University be reestablished;

-that university instructors provide some testing in the form of written essay responses;

-that instructors make standards clear at the outset of the course to reduce uncertainty in written assignments and exams.

The section of the Martin report dealing with teacher preparation and certification also received close GFC scrutiny. The first three recommendations were referred back to the Fac of Education for report and s while the fourth recommenda was referred to the teac education and certifica board.

The Martin repu recommends that:

-the Faculty of Educa ensure a reasonable level competence in writing for students preparing to teach;

-The Faculty of Educative require all teachers compositable course work in with and/or teaching of writing they can better assess the write of students;

- the department of Eng make available to all educat students a 300-level course English composition;

-that teacher certification the secondary schools of Albe be specific as to the level a subject matter.

## Day care petition begun

A group circulating a petition at the U of A urging quality day care is also looking for support from Students' Council.

Called the Coalition for Improved Day Care, the group is composed of people from the Edmonton Social Planning Council, Grant MacEwan Community College, Urban Reform Group Edmonton (URGE) and interested citizens, including city alderman Betty Hewes. The petition declares

"the child care situation in Alk ta is inexcusable" consider the funding available, the num of working mothers, the ina quate facilities provided, and "unhealthy and potentially har ful child care services." If demands that the provincial government "designate increased funds in the 1976-77 budget for child care and legislate and enforce standars which will guarantee quality care for all Alberta children." "Some people are afraid

the provincial governme proposed standards won't go that they are too high. At other end of the continuum people who feel that the st dards aren't high enough,"s Linda Duncan, co-ordinator the coalition.

Duncan estimated thatab 200 of 350 petitions have alrebeen returned.

According to Duncan, coalition will present a briel Stanley Mansbridge, Chief De ty Minister for Social Servic and Community Health November 1 in answer to provincial government's prop ed day care standards.



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