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If you miss your final exam...

by Roberta Franchuk

While running to catch the 8:15 bus, you slip on the ice and break your ankle. The catch is, you have a final exam at 9:00 that morning. What do you do?

You can hobble to the exam, write it in agony, and then have your ankle set — or you can have your exam deferred.

Deferred exams are available for students who have a valid excuse. Medical problems, religious reasons, and "familial afflictions" such as a death in the family are all valid reasons for requesting a deferred exam, said Hugh King, the assistant Registrar in charge of scheduling.

However, said King, "The faculties are getting a little stricter" in deciding what constitutes a valid excuse.

Sleeping in is not a valid excuse, said King. Neither is misreading the exam schedule and showing up for the wrong exam.

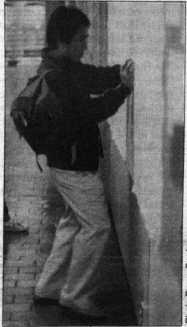
The procedure for obtaining a deferral for a final exam is simple, said King.

The first step is to go to the Exam and Timetabling section at the Registrar's office. If you have a medical

slip or other documentation, bring it with you. Having proven that your reason for missing the exam was legitimate, you will be given a form to have your deferred exam approved by your faculty.

The form must also be signed by the instructor or a rep from the department which offers the exam. The form must be returned to the Registrar's office within 48 hours after the deferral is applied for.

The deferred exam will be written



A student checks his exams.

Photo Bruce Gardave

at a time set by you and the instructor, for a fee of eight dollars.

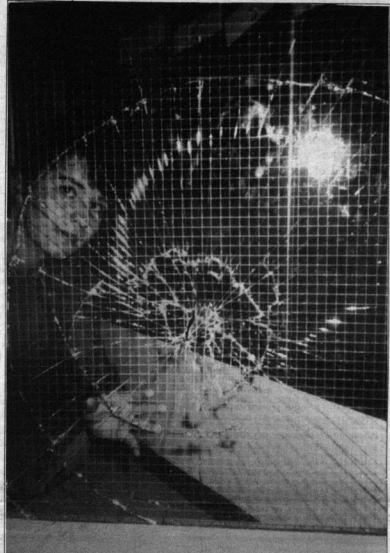
King said, "A lot of students don't know what section of the course they're registered in," and thus may misread the exam schedule, which lists exams by section.

To check your registration, King suggested phoning the telephone Registration system, which will list the course sections that you are registered in.

Another way to make sure of the date of the exam is to check the Exam Schedule on page 17 of the Registration booklet. This lists all final exams for courses depending on what day and time the classes are held. These schedules are made up far in advance of the academic year, and are almost "cast in concrete," said King.

King also emphasized that any student who feels ill during an examination should turn in their exam paper, request that it be cancelled, and report to Health Services for a medical deferral, rather than writing an exam while ill and then asking for it to be cancelled.

A final exam that is missed without a valid excuse will be counted as a zero in the calculation of the final grade in the course, said King. This can often mean the difference between passing and failing a course, so double-check your exam schedule.



Some fascist put the boot to the Gateway door.

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The Faculty of Medicine's potential first native Indian graduate killed.

Medical student dies in accident

The Faculty of Medicine and the University of Alberta were saddened by the tragic loss of a promising young student, and its first and only potential Indian medical graduate, when Darcy Tailfeathers died in an automobile accident on Sunday, November 22, 1987, two days after his 25th birthday.

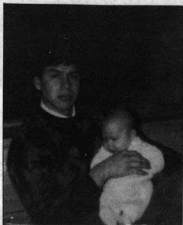
He was returning from a hunting trip when the vehicle driven by a member of the medical faculty hit a patch of ice and rolled. The other man was not seriously injured.

Darcy grew up on the Blood Reserve just north of Cardston. He completed high school in Cardston, although he attended high school in Lethbridge during a portion of

grade 11 and grade 12 in order to play Midget AA hockey one year and junior hockey the next. Upon completion of grade 12 he received the Willy Littlechild Award given to the outstanding Native student in Alberta based on academics, athletics and community involvement. He was also selected as the sole representative from Alberta at the Young Indian Achievers meeting at

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Darcy Tailfeathers and child.

the National Indian Brotherhood Conference.

Darcy did his pre-medical studies at Brigham Young University, in Utah on a hockey scholarship and was admitted to the University of North Dakota School of Medicine in 1985. He returned to Alberta to be closer to his family and started his third year of Medicine at the University of Alberta this fall. He was a valued member of the Faculty of Medicine Native Health Care Careers Committee, which was re-

Ambassador's visit off

by Rod Campbell

The South African ambassador to Canada, Henri de Klerk, has cancelled his Friday speaking engagement at the U of A.

De Klerk set Dec. 4 as a tentative date to talk to the campus Philosophy Club.

An embassy spokesperson said Tuesday that she wrote to Club organizer Steven Mather Nov. 11 advising him that the ambassador was unable to travel to Alberta.

Instead, the embassy proposed that diplomat Patrick Evans, could be used as an alternative speaker.

However, De Klerk's secretary said that she had not received a reply from Mather on the offer.

"We haven't heard back from him. It's almost too late now."

Mather could not be reached for comment, and neither could the

Philosophy Club's VP Trevor Hahn.

The Caribbean Student Association, along with several other campus groups, had planned to protest de Klerk's visit.

CSA spokesperson Douane Ebanks said, "It's a relief for us to know the South African ambassador won't talk on campus."

"I'm happy and I'm sure everyone else involved (with the demonstration) will be happy."

Ebanks said that the CSA intends to organize a petition to stop people like de Klerk "from using the University as a forum for apartheid views."

Public opinion is the last refuge of a politician without any opinion of his own.

Mark Bonham-Carter

SU hosts eggnog party

by Gateway staff

Here are some of the things you can do on and around campus to help you get into the Christmas spirit.

- The Students' Union will be holding their annual eggnog party at two o'clock, December 4, in the courtyard of the Students' Union Building. Free eggnog will be distributed. In addition, the Forest Society will be donating a Christmas tree to be decorated. The decorated tree will be given to Ronald McDonald house after the party. All students are welcome to drop by, have some eggnog and help with the decorating.

- The Forest Society holds its Christmas tree sale in support of their graduating class for the fourteenth year this December. Scotch Pine, Douglas Fir, and Balsam Fir trees are available at the tree lot at Corbett Hall.

- An Edwardian Christmas is celebrated at Rutherford House every weekend in December until Dec. 20. Craft demonstrations and activities for both children and adults are offered. An Edwardian gift shop features Christmas ornaments of the period, and shortbread cookies and apple cider are served. The event runs from 12:30 to 4:30 Saturdays and Sundays.