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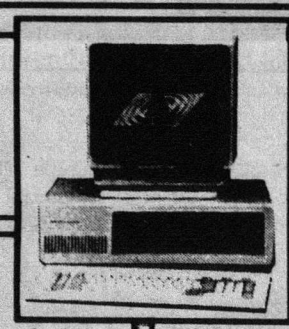

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The conference, to be held at the Convention Inn South, will feature such speakers as David Killins, President of Apple Canada; Michael Allan, Director of Artificial Intelligence Research, Control Data Corporation; and Dan Mersich, Toronto lawyer whose specialty is computers and the law.

A major part of the conference will be presentations by Albertans on computer projects in operation. The topics range from LOGO, a new "language" for children, to using computers to train the disabled.

More than two dozen exhibitors will display their wares in the exhibit area. Computers ranging from desk-top microcomputers to large networked mainframes will be demonstrated.

A popular series of Pre-Conference workshops will be repeated from last year's conference. Twenty three one-day workshops will be held on Thursday, October 4.

Workshop fees are individually priced. The conference registration fee is $95.00 for ASCE members and $115.00 for non-members, with reduced rates for full-time students. The price includes a Friday evening banquet.

For more information, contact the ASCE office at 432-2510.

"Quotas=quality"

by Suzette C. Chan

VP Academic Donna Kassian says the U of A Board of Governors imposed freshman quotas because of philosophical beliefs rather than economic realities.

"(John) Schlosser said last week that the quotas were brought in not because of finances but because of philosophy," she said.

But Schlosser, chair of the Board of Governors, the main decision-making body on campus, denies he made the statement.

"The quotas were brought in only because of space restrictions," he said. "But what she (Kassian) could be referring to was my statement that when you restrict for space, the average quality of students rises."

Of quotas and the quality of students, Schlosser said: "When one happens, the other automatically follows."

Schlosser does not know where Kassian may have heard the statement she accused him of making, but suspects she may have heard his review of the controversial new book *The Great Brain Robbery.*

Campus gays meet

by Louis Hunt

The campus homosexual organization attracted 45 interested participants to its inaugural meeting on Wednesday evening. In addition to forming a steering committee, the group outlined its general goals.

Initially, it is hoped that the group will provide a gay-positive social atmosphere on campus. All staff, students and faculty are invited to attend the meetings. The group will also function as a liason with other local organizations, both on and off campus.

In the future, the group hopes to provide literature, principally pamphlets, and speakers, to educate the public with regard to the gay perspective.

The next meeting is on Tuesday evening. Check the posters for time and location

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