

Colleges.. an alternative to university?

By Greg Neiman

Would a college education be more valuable to you than a University education? The answer: it all depends on what you want.

A consensus of the colleges contacted by the *Gateway* was that if you're looking for a job and a more personal style of teaching, university could be the wrong place for you.

According to Janet Brown, public relations worker at Mount Royal College in Calgary, "the person must first determine his goals in life." Most colleges are not aiming as much for an education as for training students for jobs.

At Mount Royal, they are moving towards seminars where the emphasis is "hitting for interaction."

"The whole model is such that the student is responsible for his own education," said Brown. Labs, classrooms, and

offices are open for all to come and go as they please.

At Mount Royal, you can take anything from police training to interior decorating. Since the college is job-oriented, practical work is stressed with lectures.

The student going to Mount Royal would know what he wants to do after graduation. Only then will the style of teaching at Mount Royal be of any use. There are few general programs, (even though it is affiliated with the U of C) so students must know for what they are being trained.

Students often choose Mount Royal over a university for another reason: They want a closer relationship with their instructors.

Adrian Leske, dean of students, at Concordia College, feels that a smaller college is both academically and socially superior for "those who feel that life at a university is totally impersonal."

At Concordia, you get more counselling, says Leske. Classes

are also smaller; the average is about 20 students.

First-year university courses are taught at the college. Dealing mainly with arts and education students, these courses are identical to those taken at the U of A, and credit in these courses may be transferred to the U of A.

Also there is the opportunity to take both high school and university courses at the same time. This is a benefit for those who missed or failed high school course and were denied permission to attend the U of A.

This is not to say that this is an inferior choice for those who have a high school diploma.

"We've been striving for every one of our college instructors to have a doctorate, so that students receive as good an education as at the U of A," says Leske.

Students at Concordia feel that for an arts of education student at the first year level, the college is an excellent choice.

They like the community-type atmosphere that is stressed. "Even though there are more things to do at the U, there is more participation and spirit where you know everyone else," says one student who has attended both institutions.

Other students said that there is greater opportunity for athletes "who could never be a Golden Bear basketball star..." but would still like to take part in intercollegiate sports.

Grant MacEwan is another choice for students who would like their education to lead to a career instead of a degree. There, courses are offered in social services, journalism, and even astrology. There is the danger however, that graduates find it difficult to compete for jobs with university graduates who have had better equipment, and courses that are more respected by employers.

Journalism is an example, since MacEwan is a small

college, many newspapers haven't recognized the potential or value of its journalism course, says Dick Balchen, registrar. Balchen says that "all new colleges undergo growing pains," and that these disadvantages are only temporary.

The fact that Grant MacEwan (as has Mount Royal) has experienced growth in its short history is evidence that college educations are becoming popular.

Concordia College is embarking on a massive six-year building program to expand its facilities, reflecting an increased interest of students for that college.

If a student has a clear idea of what he wants in an education, or would like to pick up high school as well as university courses, perhaps a college would be a better place for him.

An education that prepares one for a specific job may be the answer to his post-secondary education problems.

Student Cinema: Top rated movies

For the past three years Student Cinema has presented top-run movies during the winter session.

Usually, two movies are shown every weekend in the SUB Theatre. Some of the ones that will be shown before the end of this year include:

Mary, Queen of Scots; Hospital; The New Centurions; Lady Sings the Blues; Everything You Wanted to Know about Sex (But Were Afraid to Ask); Slaughterhouse-five; Save the Tiger; Nicholas and Alexandra; The Devils.

Student Cinema began several years ago as a means of increasing the use of the SUB Theatre and at the same time provide a cheaper alternative to movies shown in commercial

theatres. Since then, improvements in print quality projection equipment and operation personnel combined with a 50 cents admission have increased Student Cinema's popularity. The improvement in equipment has also made possible the use of 35 mm. 16 mm. prints. This means more movies will be available.

During the Spring term series, Student Cinema hopes to present "special interest" movies. There is also the possibility that some of the older "classics" from the thirties, forties, and fifties will be presented.

Shows resume on Friday, October 12 when "Mary, Queen of Scots," and "Hospital" will be featured. Advance tickets will be available at the SUB information desk.



Vanessa Redgrave portrays the tempestuous, tragic Mary Stuart spanning 27 years changing from a radiant young woman to a bitter, tragic regent.



Award Winner Glenda Jackson as Queen Elizabeth I portrays the monarch as an imperious regent who is warm-hearted and loving in her boudoir

Mysteries of the brain explored

Brain Day, the Psychology Department's piece de resistance, was a day-long success last Wednesday. Set up in the basement of the Psychology department, the displays were creations of the students and faculty of Psychology 475, an undergraduate physiology course. About three hundred people in all availed themselves of the opportunity to learn about the importance of brain functions in human behaviour.

Apparatus were shown to measure brain waves (the EEG), and skin resistance (the ploygraph, or "lie detector".) There was a display of an

electrode implanted white rat, whose reward for trained behavior was a mini-shock to its pleasure center. (You never saw anyone learn so fast.) Histological techniques for brain tissue preparations were also shown, and a pictorial account of the brain's evolution.

Finally, a remarkable demonstration of the brain's double life: evidence of the intimate interaction between the hemispheres of the brain such that when their connections are severed, the left hemisphere (the dominant one) will not "tell" the right one what the hand is doing. This gives you yet another alibi for your late nights at the bar.



George C. Scott, as a doctor, becomes romantically involved with Diana Rigg, the daughter of a patient, in the "The Hospital" Saturday and Sunday at the SUB theatre.

Province turns down mineral engineering request

The provincial government has turned down a request from the department of mineral engineering for \$768,200 over the next five years.

The board of governors Friday decided to appeal that decision to Jim Foster, minister of advanced education.

In a letter to U of A President Max Wyman, Walter Worth, deputy minister for advanced education, said that any allocation of money to the department must come from the university's three-year operating budget.

However, the university

could re-apply, according to "the policies and procedures being developed for implementation in mid-November by our Program Services Division."

Wyman was disappointed by the decision, especially after the provincial government has given the go-ahead on the Syncrude project at Fort McMurray.

"We will need trained people in this area...This is surely a program in the best interests of the province and Canada," he said.

"We feel we should expand the department greatly."

This meat is made from peanuts

(EARTH NEWS) - Just as the soybean-hamburger is beginning to catch on in American dining rooms, researchers at the University of Florida have announced a new meat substitute--the Samburger. It's made out of peanuts.

The search for new meat-substitutes has been prompted by both the high cost of meat and the proven fact that Americans are willing to change their meat-eating habits. Less

that a year ago, most Americans had never even heard of soyburgers--that is, hamburger meat mixed with spun soy protein. But the soyburger is now being sold in many supermarkets, is cheaper than hamburger, tastes as good, and is at least as nutritious. One supermarket chain in the Midwest--the Red Owl Supermarkets--is selling soyburgers in all of its 409 stores and claims that it outsells regular

ground meat by six to one and constitutes 18 percent of their total meat sales.

Now the Samburger. It's named after its inventor, Dr. Esam Ahmed. It's made from the protein-rich grit of peanuts, steamed and then fried like a hamburger. Dr. Ahmed says he still has some perfecting to do--such as improve the floury texture--but he hopes that the product might be on the markets within a year.

Inflation hits U libraries

U of A libraries will receive \$100,000 more than what they asked for in their budget to pay for increases in the cost of magazine subscriptions.

Approval of the increase was subject to review by Lorne Leitch, vice-president finance and administration.

Inflation and the devaluation of the Canadian dollar relative to other currencies were cited as reasons for the increase, a report to the Board of Governors Friday stated.

The General Faculties Council Library committee had estimated it would need \$180,000 but this amount was reduced by dropping some subscriptions.

Hough new trustee of alcohol foundation

Arthur Hough, director of student counselling services at the University of Alberta, has been named to represent the university as a trustee on the Alberta Foundation for University Research and Education - Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

The foundation was incorporated in January to provide funds to universities for research in alcoholism and drug abuse.

Professor Hough will replace Law professor B.M. Barker, who resigned as a trustee.

Professor Hough, who is also an associate professor of psychology, was selected after consultation with the Faculties of Medicine, Arts (department of psychology), and Law.