

Donors help medical research

by Richard Algajes

Just what will happen to your body when you die? In Shakespeare's *The First Part of King Henry IV*, the fiery Hotspur's corpse was doomed to become "Food...for worms."

Obviously, Hotspur forgot to sign the Universal Donor's Card on the back of his driver's license. However, through this donor program, an average of 50 bodies a year are donated to the University of Alberta's department of Anatomy and Cell Biology.

Donations are used by students in anatomy classes. Medical, dental, rehabilitation, and occupational therapy students benefit because of the donor program. "Dental students need to know the anatomy of the neck and head. Rehabilitation students need to know the anatomy of the entire body," said Dr. Richard Murphy, chairman of the department of Anatomy and Cell Biology.

The department's activities intensify in September and continue through May, during what program

director Allen Sarafinchen called the "dissection period."

Surprisingly, certain bodies are not accepted by the donor program. Examples are suicide victims and AIDS victims. However, in some cases, a diseased body is as important as a healthy one. Said Murphy: "A person who has died of lung cancer is invaluable as far as showing the effects of cancer on body tissues."

"Our students are extremely grateful for the opportunity they've been given (to examine human cadavers). The utmost respect is shown to each donation," said Murphy, who mentioned that the idea students are abusive to corpses is one of many misconceptions the program must deal with.

Another misconception is that medical research institutions purchase, for an arbitrary amount of money, the rights to a person's body while he is still alive. Murphy quickly dismissed this rumour. "All our cadavers come from donors who, for one reason or another, feel indebted to medical research. No money changes hands."



Jeff Cowley

Voicing concerns

CJCA talk show host Ron Collister gives 3rd year Arts student Maxine Olynyk a chance to ask a question about university funding. University president Paul Davenport, Advanced Education Minister John Gogo, and SU prez Dave Tupper sat on a panel during the radio show to answer questions.

VSTP at U of A

by Arthur Redillas

After a successful pilot year in 1988-89, the Volunteer Student Teaching Program is back at the U of A.

A service geared toward Education students, the VSTP provides valuable experience to students, particularly in first and second year, which augments their later practicum experience. By participating in the program, students get an additional chance to learn about teaching and become more comfortable in the classroom while being exposed to various teaching styles.

Modeled after a similar program at the University of Calgary, the VSTP began in the fall of 1988. John Hrdlicka, this year's VSTP coordinator, oversaw the implementation of the program, which the Faculty of Education had unsuccessfully attempted to launch in previous years.

Last year, the program placed 150 students for the year. According to assistant coordinator Janice Anderson, 140 students have signed up already for this semester, thanks to an extensive advertising campaign.

Hrdlicka added that there were not enough students involved in the VSTP to keep up with the demands of the two Edmonton school boards last year. To remedy this, VSTP coordinators have made

a special effort to inform education students about the merits of the program.

The VSTP is a non-credit program, and the duties given to a participating student are determined mainly by the student himself. He must decide what responsibilities he is capable of handling, be it tutoring individuals or small groups or preparing and administering a lesson to an entire class. As well, student teachers can undertake tasks such as checking assignments and leading class discussions, done without the pressure of formal evaluation.

Also, with a new third-year quota being instituted in the Faculty of Education in 1991, the VSTP provides a necessary service, said Hrdlicka. One of the requirements for students entering third year will be documented experience with youth. Therefore, first year students in particular are encouraged to participate in the VSTP.

Hrdlicka also stressed that involvement in the VSTP can have the long-term effect of helping the student secure future employment. He said that in talking with an Edmonton Public School Board official, the official stated that he would look very favorably on hiring students who had participated in the VSTP.

The program entails a minimum commitment of three hours per

week. Depending on the student, he can stay in the appointed school for one semester or the whole year. However, since the aim of the program is to expose students to various teaching styles, changing schools is highly encouraged, said Hrdlicka.

Hrdlicka urged all who are interested in the program to sign up as soon as possible, as the application deadline is October 13.

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up already. By the time we get to university our minds are made up," said Alex Jeung, a fourth year engineering student.

"Doing this is not going to solve the problem, just make a lot of noise," said Jason Kodish, a first year science student.

Towards the end of the demonstration, Campus Security arrived to inform both sides that neither had permission to hold a demonstration.

"Permission must be granted through University Hall," said a Campus Security officer.

The Campus Pro-Life club has been on campus for and month and has 58 members.

Free cash for students

by Mitch Panciuk

Every year at the U of A thousands of students do not receive the scholarships that they deserve because they do not apply for them. Ron Chilibeck, Director of Student Awards Office, confirmed that many students who are eligible for the awards "just do not bother to go and fill out the proper forms."

Due to the low level of student awareness of existing scholarships, the U of A Students' Union is offering a Student Application Seminar Wednesday in order to better educate students. Suresh Mustapha, SU vp academic, is hoping that the seminar will "promote awareness of the availability of the scholarships." Mustapha, who will be moderating the seminar, explained the importance of

the seminar: "Graduate scholarship deadlines are fast approaching, and people who deserve them won't get them because they just don't know they can apply."

Chilibeck explained that one of the major misconceptions that students have in regards to scholarships is exactly what types of grades are needed. Many of the scholarships have minimum standards of 7.5, or are just given to students with the highest marks. These can actually be surprisingly low if not many students apply for them, and "there are many students who could be awarded the scholarships if they only would apply."

The seminar will run on Wednesday, October 4 at the Myer Horowitz Theatre from 3 to 5 p.m.

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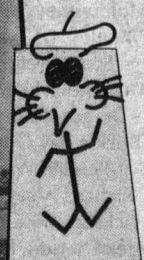
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