

## Mature students face pressures

by Nick Beaumont

According to Diane Maitland, Vice-President of the Mature Undergraduate and Graduate Students Association (MUGGS), nearly one third of the student population are classified as mature.

In order to be considered mature, said Maitland, "you have to be 21, and you have to have had a break in your schooling." Many mature students are "either single mothers or married with children or simply women looking for a new direction in life." She added that the age of members of MUGGS "goes as high as the 50's."

Mature students, especially those with children, have problems that are quite different to those of other students, said Maitland. A mother, married or otherwise, must "try to arrange the home, her children, and then this new thing called school," said Maitland.

School itself can be a problem for mature students, noted Maitland, where "all of sudden you are thrown these stack of books. Your

whole life changes." On top of the pressures of school there is, unlike many younger students, "no one to cook for you and no one to clean for you."

Just getting people to go out can be a problem, said Maitland. Therefore, MUGGS is a "mature student support group that organizes activities to help relieve stress and pressure." The aim of the activities, bar nights, bag lunches at Athabasca Hall, and wine and cheese parties, is "basically to get the people out to relieve the stress."

On a personal note, Maitland added, "if MUGGS wasn't around I probably wouldn't be back at school. Mature students convinced me to come back."

MUGGS has a paid membership of about 120 people. The membership fee is \$10 which includes free coffee and discounted prices at MUGGS functions. Any student interested in joining MUGGS, said Maitland, should attend one of the bag lunch meetings held Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 11:00 to 2:00 in Athabasca Hall.

## Dean portraits disappear

by Lisa Hall

The faculty of Home Economics has issued a missing persons bulletin for two former deans. Missing are Miss Mable Patrick and Miss Hazel McIntyre — in photographic form.

The portraits of the two deans

were stolen last spring, and the faculty has exhausted all efforts to locate the pictures or to find other copies of them.

Patrick and McIntyre were two of the first deans in the faculty of Home Economics. Patrick was the founding dean in the 1920's;

McIntyre headed the faculty in the 1950's. Their portraits were hanging in the main hallway in the Home Economics building, along with those of all the other deans.

"I can't figure out why anyone would steal those pictures," said Linda Turner, a design technologist from the faculty, who was assigned the task of trying to locate additional copies of the portraits. "They stole the black and white portraits and left the colour ones."

Because the pictures were taken such a long time ago, the studios who took the portraits have thrown the negatives away.

The deans have both passed away, and neither were married or had children. Other family members have been unable to help Turner in finding replacement pictures. "I know that Mable hated having her picture taken," said Turner. "So maybe it's the ghost of Mable who stole the pictures."

Ghost or mortal, if who ever took the pictures doesn't return them, the faces of Mable and Hazel will be gone forever from the home economic halls.



Empty spaces now rest where these portraits of Deans Patrick and McIntyre were once displayed.

## Keep in focus with campus issues

by Ben Kosman

Keep in touch with University issues by tuning into Focal Point U of A every Tuesday morning at 8:35 a.m. on CJSR radio station.

Focal Point U of A started airing last fall, but has undergone changes this season. The show will feature a regular "Report from the President" with Students' Union president Dave Tupper.

The show also has a new host. Jason Forth has had little experience at CJSR, yet he is eager to take on this new challenge and is an example of the training provided at the radio station.

According to Amy Santoro, News Director at CJSR, the show is a "concentrated effort to make people understand that this is campus radio." She adds that this is a good

way for students and faculty, who comprise the majority of CJSR listeners, to keep in touch with current issues on campus.

Santoro claims that "CJSR is participatory radio. Any results that come to news are from the grass roots up."

CJSR differs from mainstream media in that they "try to take the issues a step further," said Santoro.

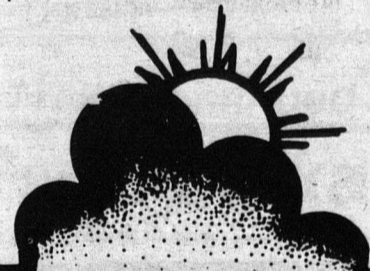
## Slave Lake dig continues

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some medium sized smooth rocks from the shore, and struck them with another rock at an angle to produce flakes. With these flakes she performed two tests for sharpness, and durability. In the first she cleaned a fish and compared the results given by the stone flake to a steel knife, and found that the stone was unexpectedly as effective as the knife. In her second test she tried cutting wood. Unfortunately this method was not quite as effec-

tive as the knife, as she went through three or four flakes before she finished.

The town of Gouard is approximately 15 km away, and is on the site of the original Gouard Mission. Grouard Band Chief Frank Hallerow is currently working in conjunction with the Provincial Government in developing a Woodland Cree Interpretive centre. The government has shown interest, and talks are proceeding.



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