



William Cairns, 69, is a retired math teacher photo by Sandy Campbell

youth of today.

He started his education in England, then went to school nights and on Saturdays.

"The opportunity wasn't there," he says. "There wasn't time to earn a living and go to university."

From mining manager, he advanced to mines inspector, then to director of mines. Later he retired to travel some more and "to do a little prospecting."

This year, he decided to take geology in a classroom instead of on a mountain, and to take German and French in a lecture room rather than on a battlefield.

He was surprised to learn the theory of continental drift had been proven. It hadn't when he went to school. He likes all his courses, although "its not easy for an old chap like me."

William Cairns, 69, is a retired mathematics teacher who feels strongly that the abolishment of departmental examinations has made students' performance weaker. He remembers the wartime huts that classes were held in and the class of '29 which had only a thousand students.

Cairns says he hasn't had any difficulties with students or instructors but he has definite feelings about the pains of registration. He remembers how he and Marcel Lambert helped to assist others in registration.

Cairns returned to "research things that have been on my mind since I was a kid." He enrolled in French and German to expand his knowledge of other people and how they live. This year he registered himself. "Everything seemed so terribly impersonal."

Other than this, there are no problems for him. "I'm taking easy courses so I can't complain."

Dr. Dora Newson returned to the university three years ago to pursue two of her hobbies, art history and painting. "I decided that I would have to do something if I retired."

Dr. Newson is a clinical pathologist in the Medical Arts building on Jasper Avenue. She graduated as a physician from

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Pro-Castro army nears extinction

(EARTH NEWS) - Government sources in Columbia are reporting that the ELN-or Columbian National Liberation Army-is headed for extinction. The ELN is a pro-Castro guerrilla army that has been fighting government forces in the hinterlands for

years. But the government says that over the past nine days three full battalions of government forces have been hitting the guerrillas with air and ground assault. They say that fourteen guerrillas have been killed and sixteen captured.

They don't pay fees

by Greg Neiman

There are at least 25 students who attend the University of Alberta without having to pay tuition fees.

They are over 65 years of age and scoff at the so-called generation gap.

Most of them are shy about it; only four were interviewed by the Gateway. Most of the 25 are enrolled in Arts and education courses, although there are a few taking science courses and

graduate studies.

John Brown, 70, is a former mines inspector. He enrolled in the university "for a change".

For a man who has travelled around the world, body-surfed in Australia, and met wild grizzly bears face to face on the north-Canadian mountain slopes, university would be a change.

Brown enjoys learning with his younger fellow students. He has no complaints about the

ACADEMIC FACTORS WHICH MAY HAVE RELEVANCE TO STRESS			
	per cent of total student respondents		
	Strongly Agree & Agree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Disagree & Strongly Disagree
1. Students are under a great deal of pressure at the U of A to obtain high grades	63.5% Law, Sci., Agr., Eng.	17.5%	18.3% Med.
2. Course selection was greatly aided by my professors.	19.1%	14.1%	66.1% Arts, Bus. Admin., Sci.
3. I find little differencet in efficiency of learning whether the lecture size is 40 or 200.	26.9%	7.0%	65.5% Ag., Law, Reh. Med., H. Ec.
4. I find little continuity between the various courses in my program.	29.6% Educ.	16.4%	53.4% Eng., Med., Phar., H. Ec.
5. I find professors readily available for consultation regarding course material.	60.5% Dent., Med., Phar., Grad St.	16.2%	23.1% Bus. Admin., Phys. Educ.
6. There are too many required courses in my program.	33.7% Ag., Law, Phar., Phys Educ., H. Ec.	20.4%	44.0% Med.
7. I am satisfied with the quality of Graduate Teaching Assistants that I have come in contact with at the U of A.	47.3% Arts	16.6%	35.4% Eng.

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