

Centre promotes Chinese culture

by Ken Hui

The University's Department of East Asian Languages and Literature is participating in Chinese Culture Awareness Month which is held on Oct. 17th to Nov. 9th. The Chinatown Multi-cultural Centre is the main organizer behind the event.

"Through the co-operation with the East Asian Languages and Literature, we hope to bring some scholars who themselves would highlight the awareness, appreciation and understanding of Chinese culture to the Canadian society and also to our second generation (Canadian-born) Chinese as well. I believe our combined effort will paint a complete picture and cut a complete cross-section of the Chinese heritages," said Mr. Kim Hung, the Chairman of the Board of Directors, Edmonton Chinatown Multi-cultural Centre.

According to Hung, there are talks and panel discussions on every Sunday at the Multi-cultural Centre. Among the panelists and speakers are Prof. S. Munro (Department of East Asian Languages and Literature), Dean F.S. Chia (Graduate Studies), Dr. J. Partiel (Political Science) and Dr. B. Evans (History) from the university.

Topics to be discussed include traditional and contemporary Chinese values, Canadian Chinese and overseas trade and Chinese contributions to Canadian society.

Hung said selected movies from Hong Kong, China and Taiwan will be shown at the Citadel Theatre

every Saturday of the Awareness Month.

Cultural performances on Chinese music, calligraphy, Chinese painting and traditional dances will be held in Humanities Centre and Sub Theatre in the University.

The project is sponsored by the

Secretary of State, Alberta Cultural Heritage Foundation and the City of Edmonton.

"We hope to introduce the significant aspects of Chinese cultural heritage to the Canadian society through different ways of presentation. We would also like to foster

mutual understanding between the Chinese community and other ethnic groups," said Hung.

For further information, contact: Edmonton Chinatown Multi-cultural Centre at 424-8124 or Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures at 432-2836.

New Nice campus opens

SUDBURY (CUP) — Canadian students wishing to study in France will soon be able to attend a Laurentian University campus in Nice.

The campus, which will be temporarily housed in an old fortress in Villefranche on the Mediterranean coast, has yet to be approved by the university senate.

University president John Daniel, who said there is "strong support" in senate for the plan, hopes students from across the country will enrol for courses at the campus.

"It's my hope to have (at least) one student from every university, from St. John's to Victoria, and over time faculty from across the country," said Daniel.

Instruction at the new campus will be limited to the humanities,

emphasizing languages and philosophy. Credits earned there can likely be applied to further studies in Canada.

Cost for the one-year program has tentatively been set at \$5600 per student, which includes accommodation, transportation and tuition,

according to Sam Blyth of Blyth and Company Travel, the firm handling arrangements for Laurentian.

Some Canadian academics have expressed concern over the plan. Fred Case, chair of the University of Toronto's French department, said

it would be "unethical" for professors to accept paid one-year posts with the Nice campus while on sabbatical.

Daniel said "there would be no attempt to subvert sabbaticals."

Stress shows for students

TORONTO (CUP) — Hong Kong visa students suffer from higher than normal levels of stress, according to a new study by a York University psychologist.

Kathryn Mickle was commissioned by the Canadian Bureau for International Education to measure for stress 364 students at 27 universities across Canada.

The \$12,000 study used a mean score of 4 to indicate stress levels that may inhibit a student's ability to function in everyday life. The means stress score for Canadian students was 3, while Hong Kong visa students across the country average 4.43.

Hong Kong visa students at York and the University of Toronto

scored particularly high with a mean of 5.35.

Difficulty with the English language, cultural barriers, discrimination and lack of daily contact with Canadians have been cited as factors contributing to visa student stress.

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