

# Artsy types unacceptable

If you're in civil engineering or some other technical trade you're invited but if you have a background in social studies take back seat, says Carol Burkard, representative for Canadian University Service Overseas (CUSO) at the U of A.

CUSO, which began in 1961, is a Canadian development agency that helps less-developed countries by providing them with trained volunteers or by sending financial help for special projects. The agency raises \$500,000 from private sources but the rest of the 9.3 million dollar budget comes from the federal government.

airfare, said Burkard. In addition, they may risk losing their \$1100 Canadian resettlement money if their reason for leaving early is not of a serious nature.

Burkard didn't know why the CUSO volunteer rate is down from a high of 1200 people in 1972 to the present 700. She explained that it may be partly

due to the reallocation of CUSO funding for Canadian personnel to the promotion of self-help projects in the host country.

As for those english, history and sociology B.A.s unqualified for the CUSO program she commented: "It's kind of unfair to send underdeveloped people to underdeveloped countries."

## Sask. vets show

by Ernie Miciak

Nearly 12,000 people attended a 2½ day triennial veterinary show at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine in Saskatoon this weekend.

The theme of Vetavision '76 was "Veterinary Medicine and the Environment." Displays, films and slide shows, depicting every aspect of veterinary medicine, covered two floors of the WCVI complex.

The recently formed U of A Pre-Veterinary Club was represented by about 20 members at the show; similar groups from the U of C, UBC, U of M and U of S also attended.

"It was a great show; really relevant to our academic interests," said U of A pre-vet club president George Proudfoot. "It should have been seen by every pre-veterinary student."

Vetavision '76 saw live surgery performed in a video-monitored lecture theatre, allowing public an unobstructed view of the operation as well as a suture-by-suture commentary by the surgeon.

Anatomy, physiology,

microbiology, pathology, equine, bovine, porcine, poultry, small animal and wildlife were subjects of major display areas. A special acupuncture display was directed by Dr. F. Low, a medical doctor who uses acupuncture regularly in his Saskatoon practise. (Acupuncture is not an area of study at WCVI.)

"It (the show) is fantastic," commented Dr. C. Farrow, a California-educated veterinary radiologist currently working at WCVI, "probably the best I've ever seen and I've been to several shows of this kind throughout North America." Dr. Farrow cited the wildlife displays as exceptional.

Ken Wood, a fourth-year veterinary student and co-ordinator of the show, said it had taken a year of planning and "a lot of hard work by nearly all of the 260 veterinary students, with the co-operation of most faculty members" to make Vetavision '76 a success.

But, he added, the enthusiasm and cheerfulness of the students and people enjoying the show made the work worthwhile.

# Pro-lifers one yr. old

Birtright, a pro-life organization for pregnant girls in distress, recently celebrated the first anniversary of its existence in Edmonton.

Birtright maintains a home accomodating girls dealing with a distressful pregnancy. There is one live-in staff member and the rest are trained volunteers. The organization is funded by donations from individuals and organizations, principally the Knights of Columbus.

According to Ruth Liston, Director of Birtright, they act as liaison for the Department of Health and Social Welfare in the care of pregnant girls.

"We don't regard ourselves as counsellors; we regard ourselves as friends," said Liston in a telephone interview.

Apparently most of the girls who enter the home are 16-22 years old and about six months pregnant. Those unwed mothers


under the age of 16 are referred to Woodside, a government sponsored home.

About 75 percent of the girls in the Birtright home surrender their babies but Liston claimed that it was the personal decision of each girl, and that the staff did not always advise this course of action.

"We are sort of a pro-life group. I wouldn't say we are anti-abortion," Liston explained, "it's just that we want to offer an alternative to abortion."

Birtright tries to help those girls faced with an unwelcome pregnancy by making knowledge available to help her make a decision. There is free help throughout her pregnancy and beyond if desired.

The Birtright office is open 9:30 - 11:30 am., 1-3 pm., and 7-9 p.m. Monday through Friday and also has a 24 hour answering service at 429-1051.



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