

WCT goes down for final count March 20

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writing skills once we've let them in the door."

The joint committee's recommendations included establishing an Effective Writing Centre for both students and professors in all disciplines.

"We'd like to encourage the development of professors' abilities to grade writing skills in their own program," said Dr. Diane Kieran, associate vice-president (academic).

Students who are accepted to the University with less than 65

percent in English 30 may have to take a supplementary English course, possibly through the Faculty of Extension.

The committee also recommended that the U of A consider reinstating its second language requirement for admission to the University. Agreed Board member Dr. Duncan Fishwick, "There is nothing better for learning English than learning a second language."

On the other side of the proposal, Alberta Education plans on revising programs at all school levels to ensure that composition skills and precision are empha-

sized in Language Arts classes. Stricter marking standards for the English diploma exams have already been in effect for the January 1989 exam. Extended written answers will also become part of all tests and examinations at the secondary level.

University president Myer Horowitz emphasized at the meeting that it was very important for Alberta Education to try to assign teachers only to those subjects in which they have specialized. Jackel said that in most cases

teachers do instruct the classes they are trained in, but in some cases, as in rural areas, it is not feasible.

Concern was also expressed at the meeting that although the changes in the secondary classes would eventually have positive results, the WCT requirement would be eliminated quite soon, and therefore there was a possibility of allowing some students who didn't possess the proper level of writing skills to enter the university.

Jackel said that since Alberta Education had tightened up its marking standards, this would not be a problem.

The plan of the original proposal set the time for the elimination of the test for September 1989. Registrar Brian Silzer pointed out at the meeting that it would be awkward to apply the new policy to only new students, so the proposal was changed to include current students who hadn't met the requirement.



University English professors and other Alberta writers participated in an all day marathon reading of *The Satanic Verses* last Friday. Here Norm Sacuta gets expressive.

Grapevine

International week is a happening event involving some groovy activities for all you hip cats and dogs. Here's what's going on today over at the HUB International Centre.

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Passport to the World Program Post-Colonial Guyana

Tony Teixeira, a Guyanese Ph.D. student in Political Science, will explore the political development of this South American country since its independence.
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
International Centre

M.O.S.A.I.C.

Medley of Opportunities, Students & International Crafts. Come and learn of international opportunities for students with various international associations on campus and view crafts from around the world.
11:00 - 3:00 p.m.
HUB International Market Place

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Overseas Options: What's Out There For Students?

A general overview of the opportunities available to U of A students who wish to study, work or volunteer overseas. It will focus on the resources in the Overseas Opportunities Room and elsewhere at the university.
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
International Centre

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