

Mandala

'They'll be peace workers.'

by Mary MacDonald

"The social and political system in Vietnam is corrupt, and as a result 60% of the people are starving. There are 700,000 orphans." This is the present state of affairs in South Vietnam today according to Venerable Thich Mandala.

President of the Committee for Aid to the Orphans in Vietnam, she is in Edmonton giving a series of lectures on her vision of the state of affairs in Vietnam and in particular with the hope of returning to Vietnam with donations to help the needy orphans.

Calgary seeks education faculty investigation

CALGARY (CUP) - In response to a petition signed by 400 education students, the General Faculties Council unanimously approved a presidential task force to investigate the Education Faculty at the University of Calgary.

Although the petition called for an investigation into the quality of instruction in the faculty, the task force does not include this in its terms of reference.

The task force's stated objectives are to review the objectives, financial support, academic program and management of the education faculty.

The make-up of the committee is unknown except that some members will be from out of the province.

"The Saigon regime is still using US money to sabotage the Paris Peace Agreements," claims Mandala. Under these accords there is supposed to be free movement of people within the country and the release of political prisoners, but she says the Saigon government is forcing the people to live in "camps for pacification."

The whole problem she feels has been created by the "US imposing a policy of neo-colonialism in Vietnam and setting up a puppet government in Saigon." This government, says Mandala, does not serve

the people and furthermore was not even elected by the Vietnamese themselves.

They have been spending money on military forces and service to foreign interests, but not on services for the people or in any way that would make Vietnam self sufficient.

This has left the country in a mess with many starving, eating US rice, using Japanese cloth when they could produce some food and other goods for themselves. It may be a little known fact but they have iron, gold and other minerals including oil that could be developed.

"We now consume but do not produce and inflation increases every day," says Mandala, "if left alone we Vietnamese could handle our own problems."

If the adults are starving, just think of the state in which the orphans must find

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Venerable Thich Mandala

Photo by Mary MacDonald

Student Council president, Dave Wolf, said that he hopes "the terms of reference will be broad enough in scope for the committee to examine the quality of instruction. I think that when you look at the academic program, you can't ignore the quality of instruction."

One faculty source claimed that the quality of instruction in the Education Faculty is a sensitive issue, which is why it was not dealt with officially through the General Faculties Council.

Wolf said that the resolution of the petition demand (i.e. investigating the quality of education) "depends on the quality of people chosen for the task force. I hope it will be an impartial body."

U quotas will affect colleges

by Greg Neiman

When the time comes that university faculties reach the protracted growth limits set by the provincial government, the colleges in Alberta which offer first and sometimes second-year university courses must be assured that their students will be able to compete equally with students already in the universi-

ty for quota classroom places.

If this assurance is not given, said some college representatives at a conference hosted by the U of A Articulation Committee, the credibility of the college courses could drop to nothing. Students, they said, would not attend the smaller institutions if they risk losing the right kind of status to continue further study.

Representatives from ten of the province's undergraduate colleges met Friday at the conference to discuss this and other problems dealing with student transfer with Alberta's two major universities, the U of A and the University of Calgary.

Professor Donald Black representing the U of C said students from colleges affiliated with the U of C have been formally recognized as having equal status with those studying similar courses at the university.

The U of A made no such statement.

But even then, said Black, "this could only truly apply when there are no quota implications."

More than 1200 students transfer annually to the two universities from institutions like Concordia College, Grande Prairie College, King's College, Medicine Hat College and others.

These students must be assured that geographical considerations will not occur when enrollments are decided. The colleges contended it would be grossly unjust if their students were not considered equals with the university's.

However, both universities said resource restrictions placed upon them by the provincial government make this goal difficult, if not impossible to reach.

Would it not also be grossly unjust, contended the universities, if students already

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Behavior Code ratified by GFC

by Greg Neiman

The Code of Student Behavior, compiled by the campus law review committee, was passed, and therefore put into effect, at a meeting of General Faculties Council Feb. 24.

The code is a clarification and modernization of old rules that committee spokesman professor R.S. Nozik of the Law Faculty, called "outdated and unclear".

As well, new wrinkles added to the code propose guidelines for punishment ranging from reprimands to different fines to expulsion depending on the seriousness of the offense. Nozik said he felt it would give the Student Tribunal a basis to work from in judging individual cases.

Despite the newness of some of the rules, others have histories dating back to the 'twenties that protect undergrads from "hazing". Yet others grew out of specific situations (eg. to keep the engineers from sparring on university rooftops.)

Other regulations are simple restatements of rules which have been in effect for years, but have simply not been enforced. One example is the "no smoking" regulations in all classrooms. Punishments for breaking this rule can be a \$25 fine or a reprimand.

There was little discussion as to the validity or enforceability of the code, but GFC felt it was important to discuss the possi-

ble outcomes of cases arising from using the code, specifically, would expulsions or suspensions become a part of the student's record and appear on his or her transcript for use in transfers from one institution to another?

Registrar Alec Cairns said that transcripts bear the words "... and is a student of good standing at the U of A..." and asked if he would be signing a

false transcript in cases where students' records might not show "a good standing".

It was generally felt in Council that records would not become part of the student's transcript, but that other institutions should be able to receive such information on demand from the U of A Registrar's Office.

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Art Warburton, who has been SUB Games Manager for eight years, as well as manager of Food Services, retired recently. Having served the Students' Union since the opening of SUB, General Manager Burt Krull says he'll be singularly irreplaceable. Therefore supervisors Peter Prysiazniuk in the games area and Rose Magnan in Food Services will assume his responsibilities in their respective areas

Take a ride in a Revette

(ENS) - An undetermined number of Southern Californians have been taken for an expensive ride in a three-wheeled car that was alleged to get 70-miles to a gallon of gas but apparently doesn't even exist.

Authorities in Texas have brought civil and criminal charges against the car's manufacturer, the 20th Century Motor Car Corporation. According to the authorities, the company has sold stock, dealerships and even options on cars, when in fact, no cars exist or are ever likely to.

The car, originally called a Dale and later changed to Revette, was featured in front page newspaper articles and on

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