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Volunteers work for students

by Tom Lowe

The Student Volunteer Campus Community is approaching its fifth year of operation. Though becoming a Students' Union funded organization only in March 1984, the SVCC was founded in January 1980 by president Rita Chow.

"Our objectives are many," Chow said. "We wish to develop volunteer activity on campus. Also, we wished to develop relationships between Chinese and Canadian students. Most importantly, we wished to allow refugees and new immigrants educational services.

These educational services include the establishment of an English Language School for Indo-

Chinese Refugees. A later service was the founding of a Chinese Language School for children, providing Chinese children the opportunity to learn their mother language.

The Information Center for U of A students was established this year when the SVCC moved to 030B SUB.

"Right now, we are orienting new students to the university community. We want to expand to other fields as there are a lot of needs to be fulfilled," said Chow.

One of these expansions will occur in January when a new SVCC program is launched.

The program will allow Chinese

seniors over the age of fifty the opportunity to learn the English language.

But all these services require volunteers in order for them to run smoothly.

"We need volunteers," said Chow. "Presently we have over fifty volunteers." Volunteers are always welcome to the SVCC. The time commitment varies with the amount of involvement the volunteer wishes.

A recruitment booth for new volunteers will be set up in the pedway between HUB and Rutherford on December 7 from 1-5 pm.

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investigating officer the authority to "remove or retain" items that "in his opinion" are material to the investigation.

But Peter Michalyszyn, at the time Gateway editor and currently an Edmonton Sun reporter, said, "It was an outrageous action taken by the police and fire department. I give the SU credit for doing it (launching the suit). The SU was quite magnanimous in carrying this forward."

Police Chief Robert Lunney apologized for the inconvenience shortly after the incident and issued a statement regarding the situation.

He wrote: "An internal police inquiry has determined that the original seizure was not justified on the grounds available although the officer responsible maintains he acted in good faith in exercising his judgement."

The Gateway's publisher, the U of A Students' Union, filed a \$100,000 suit against the city on April 14, 1982.

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will also be on the ballot.

Science proxy Ken Bosman was one of those leading the call for the referendum. "This is about a 60-year-old controversy...let's let the students decide." Ironically Bosman supported the new building policy in October.

Opposition to the referendum was voiced by McLaughlin during the debate. "We cannot subject the rights of minority groups to the will of the majority." McLaughlin was one of four councillors opposing the referendum, and received no support from any executive members.

Ens's abstention was the only break in executive support for the referendum.

The magic amount \$100,000 resurfaced as council decided to put that amount away for a three-year term, likely in either Guaranteed Investment Certificates or in bonds.

Other motions debated included an attempt to recover the \$500 grant the SU made to the Unemployment Action Centre for a demonstration which was subsequently cancelled.

VP External Alpern felt that because the grant to the UAC was for a specific event that never materialized, the money should be returned.

Alpern said he opposes "groups that use deception to raise funds."

McLaughlin questioned the logic of asking a group that no longer has any funds to return a grant.

Also voicing opposition to Alpern's motion was Business Councillor Rob Lunney. He opposed "taking money away from a group that helps the unemployed."

The motion narrowly failed, with eight councillors wanting the money back and ten opposing such an idea.