

U of A Alzheimer's project

by Laurie Slipchuk

An investigation into Alzheimer's disease is underway at the U of A, under the title of Life span Adult Memory Project (LAMP).

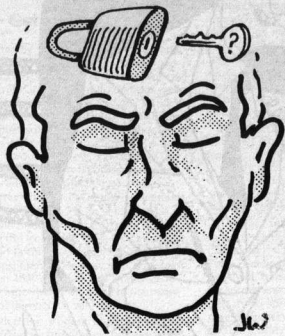
Alzheimer's Disease attacks the brain. Its first effects are problems with memory and cognitive functions. It is a progressive disease, therefore the patient's condition

deteriorates until it results in death. There is no known supported cause of Alzheimer's Disease, only theories. Genetics, aluminum concentrations, or a virus have all been suggested as causing the disease. There can't even be a certain diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease until death when an autopsy can be done.

The main goal of the LAMP Project is to "identify memory and cognitive changes that develop early in Alzheimer's Disease." Working on the project are Dr. Brendan Rule and Dr. Allan Dobbs of the psychology department. They are developing psychological tests of the memory and cognitive functions of over 600 volunteers ranging from 26 to 100 years old. The LAMP Project is a long term study, what they are looking for is a pattern of change between various age groups.

The LAMP Project is not designed to find a cure for Alzheimer's Disease, but to rather make use of experimental psychology. The only thing that can be done for Alzheimer's Disease victims is counseling for them and their family to help them cope. It is especially difficult for the families and loved ones of someone with Alzheimer's Disease because they are forced to watch the deterioration of the patient's condition.

Although there will be no answers from LAMP Project for a couple of years, the support of the volunteers is an immediate source of gratification. With their help and with modern research, maybe some of the mysteries of Alzheimer's Disease will be solved.



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Academic Commissioner

Duties:

- Assists the Vice-President Academic in the investigation of current academic issues and developments.
- Promotes cooperation and coordination among faculty associations, departmental clubs and General Faculties Council Student Caucus.
- Acts as co-chairperson of the Clubs Council.
- Serves as a member of the Academic Affairs Board, the Council of Faculty Associations, Students' Council and the General Faculties Council Student Caucus.

Remuneration: \$425 per Month

Chief Returning Officer

Duties:

- Performs the duties normally required by a Chief Returning Officer (staff recruitment and hiring, organization of polls, oversees counting procedures, etc.).
- Conducts elections in accordance with Bylaws 300 and 350 for such election or referenda as designated by Students' Council.
- Acts as arbitrator in any dispute arising during the course of an election/referendum.

Qualifications:

- Must possess excellent organizational and administrative skills.
- Familiarity with previous Students' Union elections a definite asset.

Remuneration: \$1,550 per term.

Applicants must be registered in the equivalent of at least one (1) full year course for credit at the University of Alberta during the 1987-88 Winter Session and must be full Students' Union members.

Term of Office for Each Position: Immediately to 30 April 1988

Deadline for Applications: Friday, 6 November 1987, 4:00 p.m.

For information and/or Applications, contact the Students' Union Executive Offices, 259 Students' Union Building, 432-4236.

Women want to be led?

HALIFAX (CUP)—A male candidate in a recent student council election at Mount Saint Vincent University says women don't run for council positions because they like being led.

"Girls, really, are more complacent. They look to the men for

some strange reason. Generally speaking women seem more likely to accept being led than to accept leadership," said Rod Benteau, who tried for — and lost — a seat on senate.

Ten student council positions were up for grab in the October 13th and 14th elections, in which only eight per cent of the student body voted. Seven spots were uncontested, and six were won by men. The results mean that men make up about one third of the council.

Over 80 per cent of the University's 4,700 students are female.

Benteau based his comments on an observed lack of female participation in classrooms. He said that historical institutionalized sexism is hard to shake.

Said Benteau, "Let's blame society."

But other students point to apathy and an overwhelming female presence as the reason men are getting involved.

"It's one good way to let the university know how the males feel," said student Rick Collins.

"Maybe males are trying to make a statement," adds student council entertainment director Karen Seaboyer. "Guys are perhaps trying to find their place because they've been feeling slighted by the female dominance."

At the U of A, all five members of the Students' Union Executive are male, as are all three commissioners.

Students' Council is predominantly male, and has been so for many years.

Last year only one of the five executives was female, again backed up by an all male commission team.

In the last five years fully eighty percent of the SU executive has been male.

One reason for this mostly male trend is that males historically outvote women by more than two to one even though women outnumber men within the student population.

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