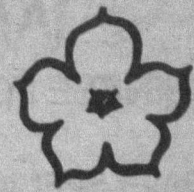


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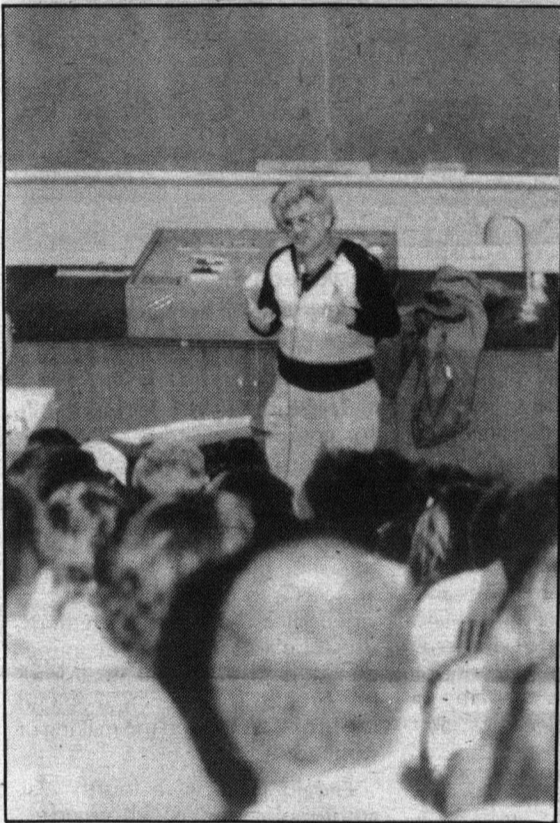
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## University teachers may have class again



Ron Sears

An emphasis on teaching could help this class.

by Dawn Lerohl

Professors could be spending more time in the classroom and less time doing research if a University of Alberta initiative takes hold.

Last Friday, in conjunction with installation week, a forum called *Teaching: The Dynamic Link Between Raw Materials and Finished Product* was held by the Committee for the Improvement of Teaching and Learning (CITL) and by the Public Affairs department.

University president Dr. Paul Davenport, as master of ceremonies, opened the discussion which was followed by three panelists - Dr. Brian Nielsen from Physical Education and Sports Studies followed by Dr. Lois Stanford from Linguistics and Dr. Franco Pasutto from the faculty of Pharmacy.

According to Bente Roed Cochran, the coordinator of the office of CITL, "the forum was designed to raise consciousness about teaching on campus. All the different entities of the administration and the instructors can improve teaching in certain ways, but a single entity cannot change things overnight." Nevertheless, it is apparent there

are concerns being addressed by the faculty with regards to the quality of teaching.

Dr. Diane Kieren, associate Vice President academic, says that although a numbers of plans are in the works, "they're not fully operational yet."

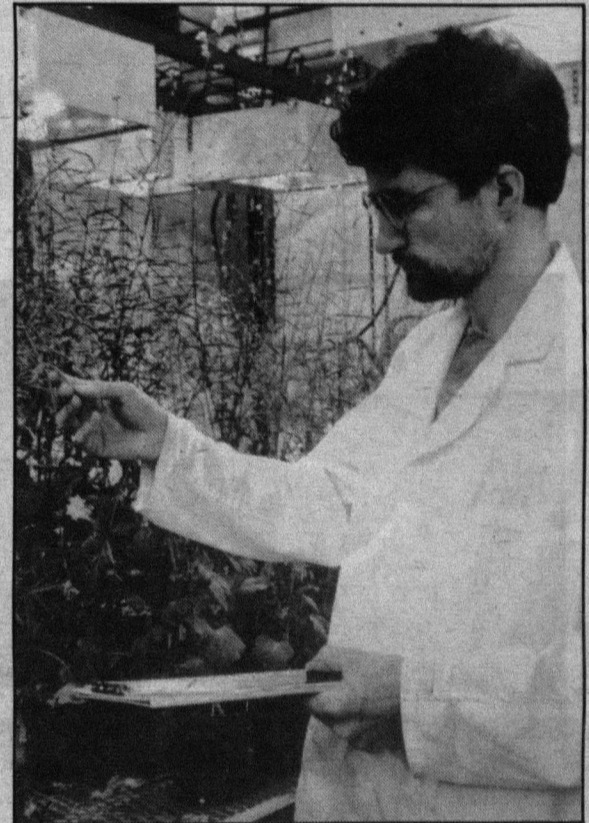
One of the initiatives being considered is a Teaching Mentor program which would pair up a new staff member to a more experienced one (a mentor).

"All the teachers need a support network. When they work on teaching they should have assistance."

Other plans under consideration include a teaching research initiative and a teaching newsletter. These would develop the most suitable steps for different environments.

We're also considering "giving (less experienced) teachers a lighter load to get started," said Kieren.

The Students' Union has been playing a role in these decisions and will continue to do so. "Students will be very much involved, and we're happy to get the student support. They teach professors as well," said Kieren.



Ron Sears

Trading lab coat for lectern?

## English GPA up

by Joel Finnestad

The increasing student population has forced changes in yet another U of A department. This time it's the Honors English B.A. program where enrolment is higher than in any other Faculty of Arts' honors program — eighty students and growing.

As a result of the large number, the English department will be raising its entrance requirements. Currently to enter the program, students need a 7.0 G.P.A. in English courses, along with a 6.5 average in other courses. Effective September 1990, students will need an overall G.P.A. of 7.0, in both English and other courses, to enter the program. The honors committee is also considering suggesting a quota for the program.

Dr. Nora Stovel has been the Honors English Advisor since 1987, and she admits the program is "bursting at the seams." She says that the main problem with so many students interested in the program is the possibility of having to weaken the excellent education presently offered.

The advantages of the English Honors program over a regular B.A. in English are the group seminars offered each year, and the fourth year one on one professor-student tutorial course, which will be impossible if demand continues to increase.

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"You can get anything you want at Alice's Restaurant. . . 'ceptin' Alice"—Arlo Guthrie.

## Women declared people

Historic case revisited on 60th anniversary.

by Fiona Cameron

Is a woman a person? Specifically, is a woman a person within the context of the British North American Act of 1867?

Incredibly, the question was taken to the Supreme Court of Canada. And incredibly, in 1928, the court decided the answer was "no." The decision meant that under the B.N.A. Act women were banned from appointment to the Senate.

Five Alberta women, Emily Murphy, Nellie McClung, Irene Parlyby,

Louise McKinney and Henrietta Edwards continued their fight and took their cases to the Privy Council in London, England — at the time Canada's highest legal authority. For four days in July 1929 the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council heard the arguments connected with the Persons Case and on October 18th, reversed the Supreme Court decision.

The judgment concluded "that the word persons includes members of the male and female sex."

"One may say," said Lukin Johnston of the Canadian Press, "most of us know that already."

Sixty years later, a display has been set up in the foyer of Rutherford South to celebrate the Council's decision. The exhibition runs from 10-5 daily, Oct. 16 through 28th and is there to remind us of the hard work and determination of "the famous five."

Dr. Patricia Clements, dean of the faculty of arts, opened the exhibition on Sunday. It is "a case based on language," she said noting a British common law ruling of 1876 which stated that "women are persons in matters of pains and penalties, but are not persons in matters of rights and privileges."

Alberta's five brought an entire society forward in time but they were well aware that the Council's decision was only part of the process of progress towards equality of the sexes.

"All that a decree can do for us has been done," said Nellie McClung two months after the decision was handed down, "but let no one think that a miracle has happened, and that sex prejudice will flee with the morning mists at sunrise. Prejudice dies hard, as well we know, and when belief runs back to antiquity, a ruling of even the Privy Council cannot dislodge it."



Feminist Nellie McClung remembered in library display.

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