

# Nigerian celebration

by Suzette C. Chan

The U of A Nigerian Union of Students will have something special to celebrate during this year's Nigerian Independence Anniversary activities.

Nigeria gained its independence 25 years ago on Oct. 4, breaking away from British rule that started in 1887. It was the second African colony to gain independence; Ghana attained independence in 1957.

Spokesperson John Ingebedion said Nigeria is supportive of post-secondary education. Nigerian federal and state governments and private institutions and businesses offer scholarships to Nigerian students, especially in fields of study not available in Nigeria.

Ingebedion stressed that the Nigerian student population at the U of A is composed of many different interests.

"Some are in bio-chemistry, medicine, civil engineering, arts, geography — there's a vast area."

The independence celebrations begin tonight at the Jubilee Auditorium banquet hall. Cocktails are at



Independence 25 years ago

6:30 followed by dinner featuring Nigerian dishes at 7:30.

The evening's guest speaker is Dr. Egbogah, who works at Amerigo International in Calgary. He will be speaking on petroleum conservation. (The major source of revenue in Nigeria is petroleum resources).

At 9 p.m., traditional Nigerian fashions will be shown. The evening closes with a dance at 10 p.m.,

which will feature Nigerian and other music. Admission to the dance \$10.

For the first time since NUS started celebrating the day Independence Day at the university, there will be a cultural exhibition.

The exhibition features articles collected from Nigeria by NUS members. The official opening of the display is scheduled for today at 1:30 p.m. and is open until 3 p.m.

Hours tomorrow are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Evening hours for both days are 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The arts and crafts are on display at the Gallery Lounge in HUB Mall.

Ingebedion estimates the cost of the celebration will be about \$2,800. NUS hopes to recover the cost at the dance through new memberships. The poster design was donated by the International Students' Centre and the newly-formed Nigeria Association of Alberta is helping with organization.

For more information on the cultural events or on NUS, write to Box 64 c/o Rm 156 SUB or phone Ingebedion at 431-1607 or 432-4563.



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The Volunteer Action Centre (Phone 482-6431), a United Way agency, has urgent requests of interest to University students, including:

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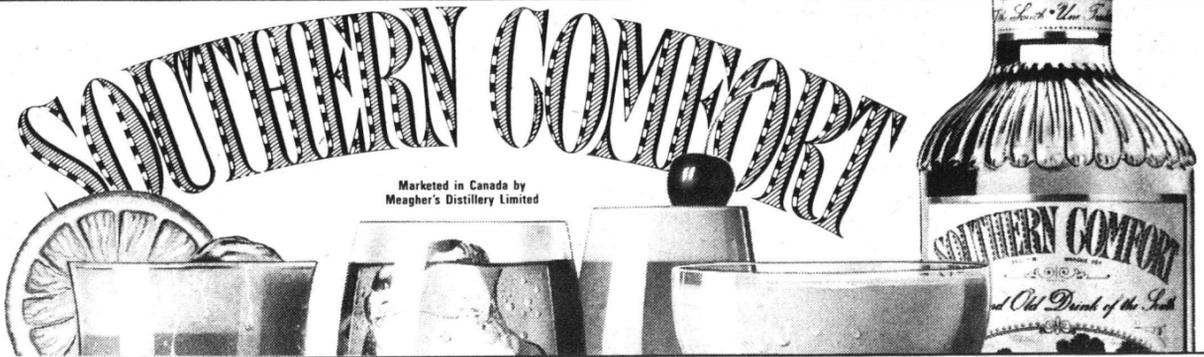
One-to-one — Special needs include visitors for isolated seniors and a young mother with a six-months old baby which has pyloric stenosis, and a companion for a young mentally handicapped man who lives at a group home.

For these, and other challenging volunteer assignments, call the Volunteer Action Centre at 482-6431.

For work experience, new ideas, and a chance to help others, call the Volunteer Action Centre at 482-6431.

## Layout Seminar!

Roy Wood of the Edmonton Journal will be chit-chatting about how to make newspapers look good. Interested? Then show up in Rm 032 SUB at 4:30 p.m. on Thurs. Oct. 3. Or else don't. So there.



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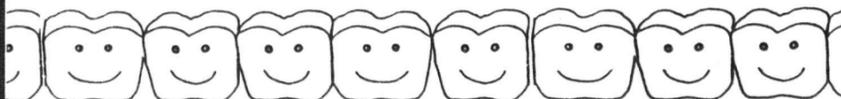
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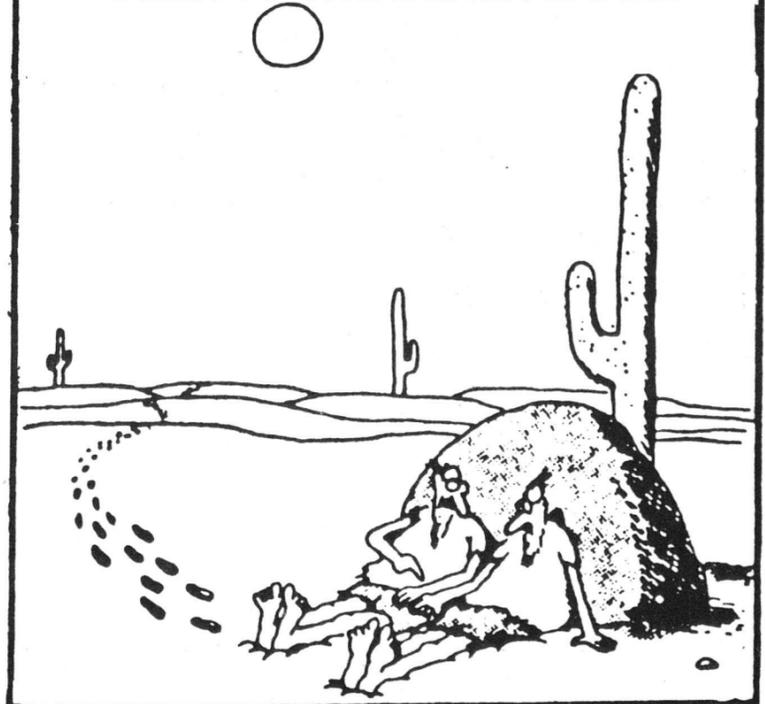
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