

Native issues come to life

by Wesley Oginski

"Native education in this province has been a disaster," says Dr. Carl Urion, director of the U of A's Native Affairs.

"At all levels we have seen the complete removal of native people from any control in the education enterprise," he says.

The External Affairs Board (EAB) will host a Native Issues Week from January 17-21. Its theme will be Native Education.

Urion explains that Alberta's education system was structured in a manner that does not allow the native person to become involved in the education process.

"It's improving right now," he adds. "It has to improve - it can hardly get worse."

"More native people are involved (in the education process)," Urion says. "They are gaining control of their education enterprises. This process has accelerated in the last two to three years."

"I think that native issues get ignored a lot of times simply because people think the issues themselves are not all that earthshaking," explains coordinator John Roggeveen.

"I thought since the Native Studies program was being considered by the General Faculties

Council this year, it would be interesting for people to examine the state of native education at this time," he adds. "And also, I think it important that the EAB look at issues that are close to home."

*Teresa Gonzales, SU VP External and chair of the EAB, agrees with Roggeveen on the importance of native issues on this campus. "It deals specifically with students right here on campus."

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Native Issues Week (not to be confused with Native Awareness Week) begins Monday, January 17, and runs till Friday, January 21. The External Affairs Board of the Students' Union is presenting a week of lectures and films to inform students about the state of native affairs in Alberta, and in particular the state of native education at all levels.

John Roggeveen, coordinator of the information week, explains the focus will primarily be on education issues the native people face.

"It (education) was primarily chosen (as the focus) because of the proposed Native Studies program," he explains.

Monday begins the week with an information booth somewhere on campus. People can find out the location by calling the main Students' Union office in SUB at 432-4236.

Tuesday features Mrs. Theresa Wildcat speaking on the education policy of the National Indian Brotherhood at 2 p.m., and the films *Sacred Circle* and *Cree*

Way at 1 p.m. All events for speakers and films are in the Tory Building, B-56, except for the Thursday events.

At 1 p.m. on Wed., *Cree Way* will be shown again and *The Sacred Circle Recovery*. Claude Rocan will speak at 2 p.m. on the Riel Project, a study compiling the writings of Louis Riel.

On Thursday, room B-125 of the Tory Building will be used! At 1 p.m., Monday's films will be repeated. At 2 p.m. Vern Douglas will discuss the Sacred Circle Native Studies programs, the present native studies program available in the elementary and secondary school systems.

Friday wraps up the week by repeating Tuesday's film fair at 1 (remember we are back in B-56). At 2, Dr. Joe Couture of Athabasca University will discuss the different views and expectations of a formal Native Studies program. Dr. Carl Urion will talk about why a Native Studies program should center on the concepts of land and language at 3 p.m.

If you're thinking that it's too late to come and help with the Gateway, think again.

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We're in rm. 282 SUB.

Academics tighten up

by Allison Annesley

Monday afternoon's Executive GFC meeting saw the implementation of some tough new regulations for students.

Education students are now going to be faced with expulsion from their faculty if they fail any two practicum courses in their degree. Decisions of this nature, though, can be appealed.

The decision about whether or not to release final exams to students has been relegated to individual departments. The catch for students, though, is that even if

their department agrees to surrender custody of their exam, it will be after the deadline for appeals has passed.

Students who doubt the mark of their exams the, must register an appeal before ever seeing their exam. After the appeals deadline, students may only request a re-reading of their exam.

The takeover date for new Executive members of GFC has been moved up from April 1st to May 1st, in keeping with the new SU Executive turnover date.

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Friday, January 14; 8 PM

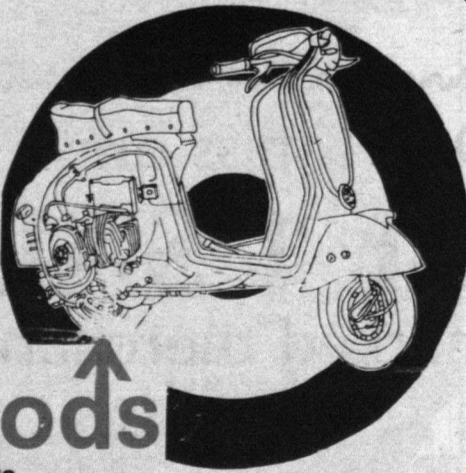
the b-sides

New Album "Red to Black" available at SU Records

Sponsored by BACUS

Saturday, January 15; 8 PM

Sponsored by Bears Gymnastics



The Mods

Special Guests "THE MALIBU KENS"

U of A Forestry Society presents

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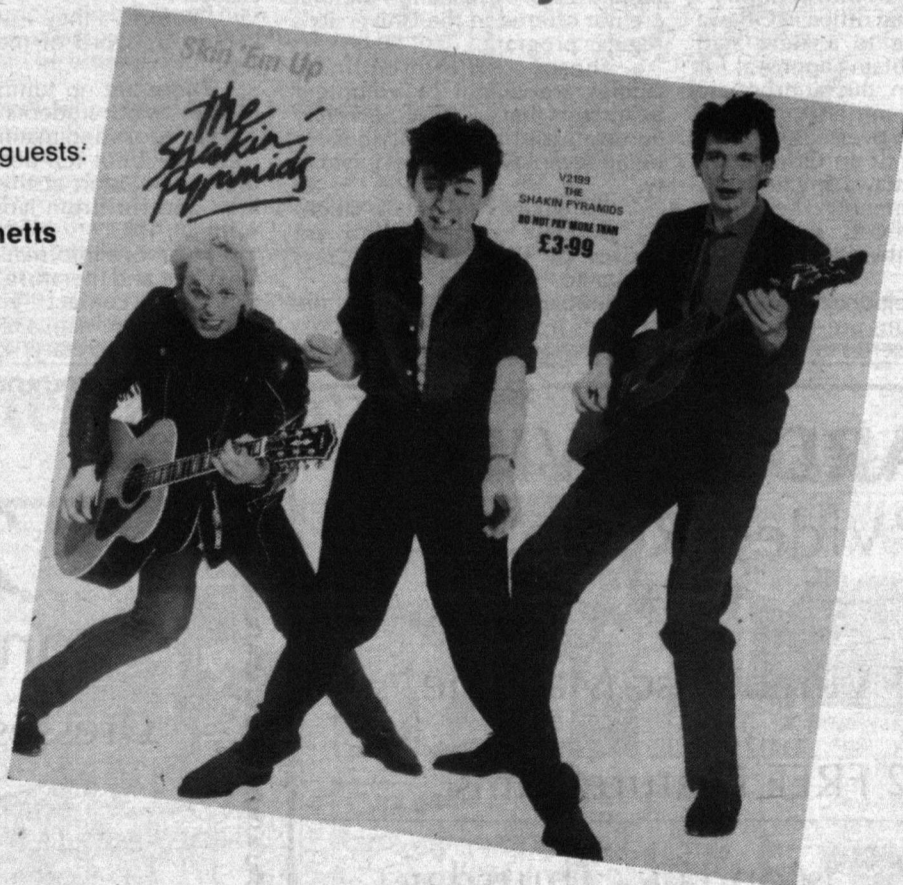
Friday, January 21; 8 PM

Tickets: \$4 Advance, \$5 Door from various club members & SUB Box Office

Social Welfare Students' Society presents "Scottish Rockabilly" with

The Shakin' Pyramids

special guests: The Dragnetts



Sound by Allstar

Saturday, January 22; 8 PM

Tickets: Club members & SUB Box Office

Tickets are available from the SUB Box Office (2nd floor SUB) and various club members.

NOTE: These events are open only to U of A students, staff, and guests.

Absolutely no minors admitted!