

With the festive boisterousness of Chinese new year, China Week at the U of A begins with an art display in the SUB Gallery.

Commerce quota pending

by John Kenney

Students in Business Administration and Commerce are facing increases in promotion standards which might result in a quota system for this faculty.

At a meeting of G.F.C. Monday it was resolved that the standard for promotion be raised to 5.0. It was also resolved that this same standard be applied to students transferring into BAC from other faculties or universities. It is to take effect in 77-78.

A third proposal from BAC asked that first year students have a high school average of 65% or better on subjects required for admission. This was deferred to the academic planning committee because of its implications for other faculties.

The Dean of BAC, Dr. Chambers, felt the "imbalance between resources and number of students has affected the quality of education that we can offer."

Both Dean Chambers and Dr. Horowitz, vp (academic), were concerned over the dramatic increase in BAC enrollment. In the past 5 years enrollment in BAC grew 60% while U of A enrollment grew less than 5% in this same period. This means the U of A has increased by 803 students while BAC has added 691 students.

Despite this evidence Dean Baldwin, Faculty of Arts, saw the attempts of separate faculties trying to establish quotas as "desperate." He maintained that quotas were something to be considered for the university as a whole. Otherwise he predicted that the Faculty of Arts will be

It's the physicals

A University of Toronto physicist will address himself to the topic "Geothermics - Academic Study or Additional Energy Reserve" when he speaks here this week.

Professor George Garland will be in Edmonton to speak at the University of Alberta on Tuesday, January 27 in room P445 of the Physics Building beginning at 3 p.m.

While most of his talk will be devoted to discussing geothermal energy, a topic that has gained increased interest with the "energy crisis", he will also discuss three current projects related to other aspects of the earth's heat regime to give examples of the geophysicists methods.

Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

forced to establish quotas "... and I don't know where we're going to dump our excess."

From Dr. Quon, Assoc. Dean of Engineering: "My assertion is that we would expect trouble if we accepted this proposal (for quota)." He thought it would lead to a very small third year class in '79. And this would be "embarrassing" he claimed, because of students demands for a BAC degree and market demand for BAC graduates.

Graeme Leadbeater, SU

pres. opposed the quota proposal too. He saw it as "all directly attributable to lack of government support for this institution." The recent cut-backs in university funding and the proposals for tuition fee increases were cited in his rejection.

The matter of the quota will be "dealt with in haste" promised Dr. Horowitz. "How long is in haste?" asked Mr. Noval. "A couple of months, certainly - if we are to do anything but a superficial treatment," answered Horowitz.

Take your rock for a walk

CALIFORNIA (ENS-CUP) - The "pet rock" fad is reaching ridiculous proportions. The Santa Clara, California, firm that initially marketed the idea says that more than a million pet rocks were sold in the three months prior to Christmas.

The rocks - ordinary rocks - are packaged in a box with a booklet of instructions on the proper care and feeding of pet rocks. They sell for \$4 apiece.

Rock Bottom Productions now says they'll take pet rocks to Canada, Europe and the Far

East. They're also bringing out pet rock tee-shirts, pet rock posters, pet rock food - called "rocksalt" - and pet rock shampoo.

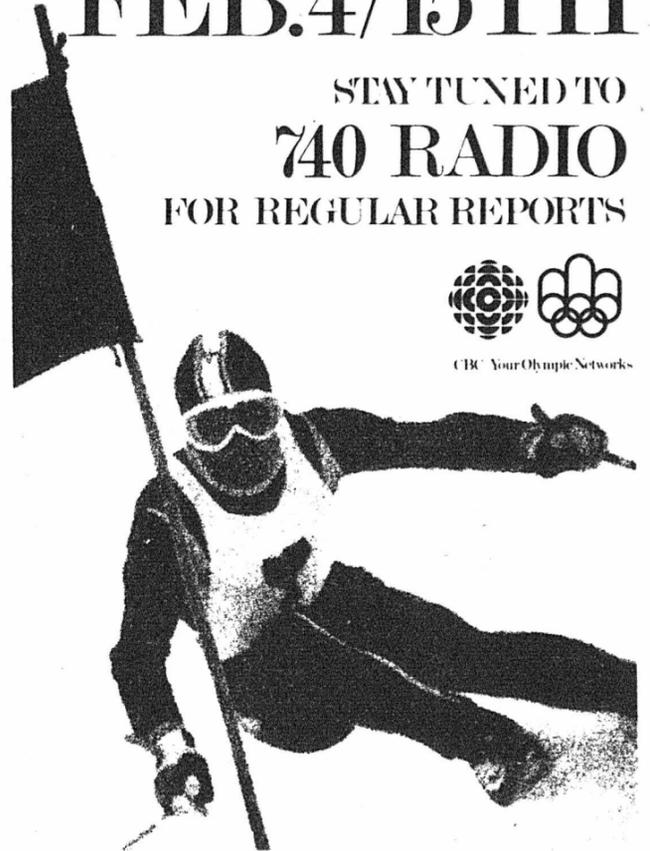
The Wall Street Journal says that the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries is now offering to prepare a complete genealogical chart of anyone's pet rock for one dollar, plus postage, and to top it all off, Michigan's Lake Superior State College will sponsor a National Pet Rock show later this month.

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