

TEACHERS

Northlands School Division #61

Interviewing committee will be in Edmonton on March 3rd, 1982, for a slide presentation at 8:00 p.m., Room 129 Education Building South. Contact Ann Tory, 432-5221.

Vacancies exist at all levels including administrative at schools beautifully located in semi-isolated northern Alberta communities. Attractive working conditions, subsidized housing and comprehensive benefits package. Previous experience a definite asset.

Interviews will be held on March 4th, 1982 at the Students' Union Building, Room 116 and 140. Contact Marjorie, 432-4241.

University will wait five weeks for Faculty of Dentistry accreditation

by Allison Annesley
The Faculty of Dentistry underwent a four day accreditation review by the Canadian Dental Association (CDA) last week.

The standard accreditation procedure, usually takes place every five years, but because the U of A only received provisional accreditation in 1979, the faculty came under review again this year. The CDA's decision will be known in about five weeks.

"If the faculty were denied accreditation status, graduates would be required to write a National Dental Examining Board exam in order to practice outside of Alberta. The cost of writing this exam would be in excess of \$2000.00, whereas graduates of an accredited program pay only \$250.00 to practice out of province," said Dean of Dentistry G.W. Thomp-

son. "Required exams from the Alberta Dentistry Association might also result if the program were not accredited," he said.

Thompson is very optimistic though: "The key is that we accepted the provisional accreditation as a warning and made the necessary improvements."

Curriculum consultant J.K. Witteman stated in a report to Dean Thompson that the two most important issues of concern were the "essentiality of information, and the order of presentation." Witteman also cited overcrowding, redundancy, and voids in learning as problems within the dentistry program.

After inspecting the faculty three times since the 1979 provisional accreditation though, Witteman declared that sufficient curriculum changes had been made.

Improvements include:

- the introduction of a geriatrics program
- better interaction between basic and clinical sciences
- the addition of a top oral radiology specialist as chairman of the faculty of stomatology
- the integration of previously fragmented courses in occlusion into one program.

Says Dean Thompson, "Improvements have also been made in obtaining more research funds and establishing a more effective clinical research program."

"Each member of the five person accreditation team will submit individual components to the interim report. They will review their information and make corrections where substantive errors have been made. Their report will then be submitted to the Director of Accreditation for the Council on Education of the CDA for evaluation. Then, the decision will be made on accreditation," said Dean Thompson.

There were several reasons for the provisional accreditation in 1979: Curriculum and staffing were key problems before. The faculty did not have a full-time oral surgeon. Several staffing deficiencies have been addressed in pharmacology and microbiology, but sufficient funds were not available to create all the staff positions suggested in the provisional accreditation.

The faculty has 50 students in each year of the four year program for a total of 200, plus 80 in dental hygiene. The University of Toronto also only received provisional accreditation in 1979 but has not yet been reviewed. According to Dean Thompson, no university in Canada has ever failed to receive any accreditation.

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Canada regrets decision

TORONTO (CUP) — External Affairs minister Mark MacGuigan told a Toronto audience recently that Canada had made public and private statements of "regret" to the Reagan administration about its decision to bolster militarily the Duarte government in El Salvador.

Speaking at St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto, MacGuigan said his government does not support giving military aid to the Salvadorean government. Canada does "not give (development) aid on the basis of political ideology but on human needs," he said.

Over a third of the audience wore skelton masks to mourn the reportedly 30,000 people who have been killed in the turbulent Central American country in the past few years.

"How long are you going to support the Junta?" asked Rene Dubois, an International Socialists activist.

"How many deaths before you stop supporting the facists? My parents fought against Hitler to fight the type of facism that exists today in El Salvador," Dubois said.

MacGuigan retorted: "I wonder what newspapers you read."

Before the speech started, Dubois was selling copies of the *Worker's Action*, containing an article by him — "Haig replays Vietnam," in El Salvador.