

REPORT: Sixth Congrès International des Sciences de l'Éducation

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The sixth congress of the International Association for the Advancement of Educational Research was held in Paris from September 3-7 at the University of Paris (Dauphine), the former NATO building. Eight hundred delegates from fifty-eight countries were in attendance. Conferences of this association are held every four years; previous ones were convened in Warsaw, Cambridge, Oslo and Florence. In many ways the association represents a European version of the American Education Research Association, except that it does not meet annually. There also seemed to be some difference of opinion among conference organizers at this meeting as to whether the association should serve as a learned society or as a pressure group promoting the interests of public education, in this case in France, this year's host country.

The conference was officially opened by Mme. Suzanne Ploux, Secretary of State, representing the Minister of Education. It was clear from remarks made at that time that the French conference organizers were seeking every opportunity to use the presence of so many foreign scholars, assembled in Paris to discuss various aspects of education, as a lever against the French ministry of education. Over half the delegates came from France, and so, although international in scope, the conference was clearly dominated both in language used and viewpoint by the French. Two days before the conference opened, an article in *Le Figaro* underlined the political pressure of the organizers when it spoke of the "lack of interest" of the authorities and of French public opinion in the science of education, which it described as "a embryonic but growing discipline" in France. This state of affairs sharply contrasted, the article continued, with the well developed state of the educational sciences abroad, "especially in North America, Great Britain and the countries of Eastern Europe."

This assessment was certainly borne out by my own experience at the conference. The French in particular were show-

ing great excitement about the need for "education totale", "education permanente", "educating the whole child", employing different sorts of modern media in the classroom, self-learning, and especially exploring "the discipline of education in a scientific way": all of this as if these ideas were brand new. Anyone familiar with the study of education in North America over the past ten or twenty years had a very distinct impression of *déjà vu*. In my own commission (History of Education, only one of twelve commissions ranging from curriculum studies to communication arts to comparative education), the concern with tired-out topics was equally apparent. What passed for educational history was really largely the history of educational thought mixed with a little institutional history. Diderot, Rousseau, La Chalotais, Comenius - such names were the order of the day. Our own panel (Dahlie, U.B.C., Jaenen, Ottawa, and myself) on minority education in Canada touched on issues quite removed from the bulk of the papers in the commission, although, be it said at the same time, our papers were well received. The motives behind the introduction of universal schooling and its subsequent effects, changing concepts of childhood, education as a vehicle of social control, and such topics which hold current interest for North American educational historians, were completely foreign to this meeting. For their part the East European scholars seemed most intent of trying to convince us "Westerners" that Marx held the secret to all problems facing educators today. In fact one of the Czech scholars in my commission was not in the least nonplussed when stating that in Czechoslovakia "we teach our students to question everything and then to act on the basis of the conclusion they come to." His memory of August, 1968, was indeed short!

One can see, I think, how little of academic value I gained from the conference. I would question the value of sending Canadians - at least in my discipline -

to such conferences where the level of research and topics of interest seem to be one, or two decades behind North America. Education as a discipline is clearly much more a weak sister in Europe than here - and that is saying something! The only plenary session speaker of any merit, or interest for that matter, was from the United States - Dr. William M. Birenbaum, President of Staten Island Community College of City University of New York. At the outset of his address he swept aside as meaningless in today's world all the rhetoric about education encased in fine "scientific" jargon - precisely the sort of claptrap we were getting every day from the French and East European delegates. He then went on to relate in cold, hard terms the real problems facing educators today and offered some hard choices in the age of mass education. Unfortunately there was little evidence to me that his hard-hitting speech had made the impact it should have.

On the brighter side, there is some merit, I suppose, in the individual contacts one makes with educators and scholars from Latin America, Europe, Asia, and Africa. I had memorable discussions with individuals from Zaire, Poland, Bulgaria, Finland, South Africa, Brazil, Iran, Yugoslavia and France. There is also some merit in showing the flag. Finland, for example, was well represented with some fifty delegates, while there was only one person from Sweden. This disparity was noted and mentioned to me by several delegates.

The proceedings of the History of Education commission, including the three Canadian papers, are being collected by Professor Vial of the University of Caen, and are to be published in due course. Resumes of all the papers in each of the twelve commissions were published prior to the conference under the title *L'Apport des Sciences Fondamentales aux Sciences de l'Éducation/The Contribution of Fundamental Sciences to Educational Sciences* (336 pp.), and may be obtained from Cercle de la Librairie, 117 Boulevard Saint-Germain, 75006 Paris, France.

Consortium News

The first meeting of the Lake Superior Association of Colleges and Universities Coordinating Council was held on October 4, in Duluth. The membership:

Lakehead University	Mr. Bryan Mason
College of St. Scholastica	Sister Joan Braun,
	Mr. Harold Hultberg
Mount Senario College	Dr. Edwin Blackburn, Dr. Howard Becksfort
Northland College	Dr. Edward Stevens
	Dr. Charles Twinning
University of Minnesota, Duluth	Dr. Robert Heller
University of Wisconsin, Superior	Dr. David Vose
Chairman <i>ex officio</i>	Dr. Albert Dickas
	Dr. John Haugland
	Dr. Donald E. Fouts,
	Executive Director

The council will be working to coordinate programme development among the member campuses of the Association and to act as liaison with the Office of the Executive Director.

The coordinating Council will soon be setting up study committees to look at cooperative programme possibilities for the coming year. It is anticipated that cross-registration, summer school, environmental studies, Native American studies, and continuing education will be subjects for early discussion.

Joint Graduate Programmes

The University of Wisconsin System Central Administration recently recommended regional groupings of certain Wisconsin institutions for the purpose of inter-institutional planning of graduate programmes. The University of Wisconsin-Superior is to develop programme planning and review through the Lake Superior Association of Colleges and Universities. The Board of Trustees of the Association, in a meeting held on October 2, hailed the opportunity for regional and cooperative graduate programme development.

At the University of Wisconsin-Superior

the UW System Central Administration has recommended the phasing out of eight graduate programmes - 15 existing programmes are being retained. Those being phased out include Master of Science in Teaching programmes in Sociology, French, German, Economics, Political Science, Chemistry, Geology and Geography. According to Dr. Karl W. Mayer, chancellor at UWS, it is assumed that graduate capabilities in the phased out programmes will be taken into account during the process of regional planning through the Lake Superior consortium.

Student Affairs

"Student Affairs - A Regional Approach" is the title of a conference to be held on the campus of the UW-Superior on November 15. Co-sponsored by the Association and UW-Superior, the conference is intended for professionals and administrators and will feature a workshop format dealing with the various student affairs areas.

Graduate Scholarship Programme

A new Ontario Graduate Scholarship Programme was recently announced by the Minister of Colleges and Universities, Jack McNie. In 1974-75 the \$3 million programme will assist one thousand students of outstanding academic ability to pursue graduate studies at Ontario universities.

The scholarships will provide \$800 a term plus graduate tuition and related fees for either two or three consecutive terms. Students must apply by December 1, 1973 to be considered for scholarships commencing in May or September, 1974 or January, 1975.

Ten students will be nominated for scholarships by each of Ontario's 15 provincially assisted universities. These scholars will take graduate studies at the university which nominates them.

The other 850 scholars will be nominated by a seven-member selection board

appointed by the Minister of Colleges and Universities and made up of senior faculty members from Ontario universities. The scholars selected by the board will be able to pursue their graduate studies at any of the provincially supported universities in Ontario and will be able to transfer from one Ontario university to another during the tenure of their award.

The new program replaces the Ontario Graduate Fellowship Program and is different from the fellowship program in several significant ways.

Applicants for scholarships must have a very high level of academic achievement with first class standing in their major subject areas. Previously, second class standing was the minimum qualification.

Under the new programme, scholarships may be awarded for graduate studies in all disciplines except theology. Graduate

studies in medicine, dentistry, education, home economics, social work, journalism and public and business administration were excluded under the previous fellowship programme.

The maximum award under the fellowship programme was \$2,250 for three terms. Under the Ontario Graduate Scholarship Program the maximum award for three terms is approximately \$3,500. Allowance for part-time teaching or research assistantships is also more generous under the new programme.

The Ontario Graduate Scholarship Program is intended primarily for Canadian citizens. Preference will be given to Ontario residents.

The new programme has been developed in consultation with the Council of Ontario Universities and the Committee on University Affairs.

York to Publish Theatre Review

The *Canadian Theatre Review*, a new quarterly journal devoted to analyzing theatre activities in Canada, will begin publication this coming January.

The magazine will be published by York University through its Faculty of Fine Arts and will be edited by a member of the York Theatre Department, Don Rubin.

Each issue will be at least 100 pages in length and will include major essays relating to Canadian theatre as it exists today, historical documentation relating to the Canadian theatre as it existed in the past and regional essays by leading

members of the theatrical community. Each issue will also include a previously unpublished, full-length Canadian script, (early issues will include scripts by Geroge Ryga, John Herbert and Michael Cook), theatrical reference material and reviews of important new books relating to theatre.

Members of the CTR editorial advisory board include Newfoundland playwright Michael Cook, Ontario designer Maurice Strike, Ontario and former Quebec director Marion Andre, playwright-professor Mavor Moore of York University, Calgary critic James Portman, Professor Tom Peacocke of the University of Alberta, Prof-

essor Ann Saddlemeyer of the University of Toronto, actor Powys Thomas of Stratford, director Albert Millaire of Montreal, Professor Lionel Lawrence of Dalhousie University in Halifax, Vancouver critic Peter Hay, Professor John Brockington of the University of British Columbia and Dean Green of York.

Initial printing of CTR will be 2,000 per issue with single copies being sold through newsstands at \$1.50 per copy. One and two year subscription rates will also be available for \$4.50 annually or \$8.00 for two years.

STUDENT PLACEMENT

The following companies have expressed an interest in the graduating students and are accepting applications through our office. Recruitment literature is available upon request.

COMPANY	STUDENTS	DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS	INTERVIEW DATE
Texaco Canada Ltd.	Civil Engineering Technologists and Business Administration, Commerce, Art students looking for marketing careers	November 9th	November 28th and 29th
Clarkson and Gordon	Commerce and Graduate Business Diploma students who are planning on becoming Chartered Accountants		Nov. 12th and 13th
MacMillan Bloedel Ltd. Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	Forestry Students Open to graduating students interested in management trainee programs	Contact Bob Armstrong	Nov. 19th, 20th, 21st Nov. 21st
INCO Canadian Laboratory Supplies Ltd.	Engineering Technology students Science, Business or Arts students who would like a marketing management career	November 14th	Nov. 27th Nov. 28th
Ministry of Transportation and Communications Simpsons-Sears	Engineering Degree students (Civil oriented) Open to any graduate genuinely interested in a retail management career		Nov. 29th Dec. 3rd
Ministry of Natural Resources Zellers	Forestry students Open to any graduate interested in retail management	December 5th	Jan. 7th and 8th/74 Jan. 16th/74

The following companies have indicated an interest in receiving resumes from graduating students. Copies of resumes can be sent through the Student Placement Office. Recruiting information is also available.

1. BLUE BELL CANADA LTD. - Manufacturers of "Wrangler" products
2. MARINE OFFICE - APPLETON AND COX LTD. - Marine insurance
3. IMPERIAL OIL
4. VARIOUS CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT FIRMS
5. GENERAL MOTORS OF CANADA

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF MINES

Accepting applications from Geology students (all years). Deadline for applications is *November 15th*; interviews on *November 22nd*.

PARKS CANADA (DEPT. OF INDIAN AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS)

Accepting applications for Park Naturalists and Historical Park Guides for Ontario region National Parks. Deadline for applications is *November 15th*. The Park Naturalist positions would be of interest to Forestry, Biology, Geology, Natural Science, Geography students, and the Historical Park Guide positions would be applicable to History, Anthropology, Archaeology, Political Science students.

BELL CANADA

Accepting applications from students in Engineering, Business, Commerce, Mathematics, Economics who will be graduating in 1975. The deadline is *October 26th* to submit resumes (this has been extended from October 19th).

In the Wake of the Voyageurs

Local Group Launches French Television Project

French television comes to Thunder Bay this winter. Students and teachers of French at all levels and the few thousand people of the region who speak French at home will be able to watch and contribute to their own programme.

Dans le Sillon des Voyageurs will be screened on Channel 7 cable television on Tuesday evenings at 8:30 p.m., commencing October 30. It will be re-broadcast at other times during the week, as listed in the TV Guide.

This is a community project designed to fill a local need. Concerned at the lack of CBC or commercial television coverage at the Lakehead in Canada's "other" official language, two university professors, Alain Nabarra and David Lewis, approached the federal and provincial governments and local interest groups with a plan for six month's broadcasting, using the community television channel provided by Maclean-Hunter Limited. They were encouraged in their efforts by grants from both governments and the French-Canadian Club of Thunder Bay.

"This is not a university project", says Professor Lewis, "although we were gratified at the practical help and the encouragement we received from the university.

It is an open community venture, an opportunity for group projects by schools and students of French. We want the schools and French-Canadian groups to come forward with their proposals. This must be a busy programme showing the life of the community, not a studio sit-in."

Members of the organizing team are newcomers to community projects. Alain Nabarra has been running a radio programme in French for three years. David Lewis is a former president of Thunder Bay Symphony and serves on the modern language committee of Lakehead Board of Education. The team is completed by Mrs. Elinor Barr, who has long experience with the Symphony women's committee and its TV Bingo fund-raising, and Ronald Bourret of the French-Canadian Club, who this year completes his degree in French and Sociology. In addition to generous help from Maclean-Hunter, the group has offers of technical assistance from Monitor North, a local Initiatives Programme camera team; and Bob Angel, instructor in television arts at Hammarckjold High School.

"Our most urgent need at present", says Alain Nabarra, "is to obtain offers

of help by persons willing to become project directors. Our aim is to produce enough material for a lively magazine programme every week, although we shall alternate these shows with a film series at first. We already have programmes planned on cultural life in Quebec, on Europe and Africa, on the attitudes to biculturalism of Thunder Bay citizens and even on points of grammar. Teachers are planning cooking demonstrations in French specially for elementary students. There's no shortage of ideas; it's practical help we want now to make this project really take off."

Mr. Nabarra will shortly be going to Montreal to make contacts for the programme and plan four shows with Dr. Reginald Hamel, the well-known author and broadcaster on life and letters in French Canada.

Raymond Blanchette, federal administrator of cultural affairs, welcomes this initiative. "Both the CBC and the federal government are following the project closely. There's never been anything quite like it before among the projects we have sponsored. This pilot is of interest to cultural minority groups across the nation. It's a national first for Thunder Bay."



HELP THE UNITED WAY



Donald E. Ayre, Secretary of the University and United Way chairman for Thunder Bay, is concerned. He's concerned for all the people who need help and hope to get it from funds

provided by the United Way campaign. He's concerned that many of these people who need help won't get it because time is running out and the United Way might not reach its ob-

jective.

You should be concerned, too. So, get up off your good intentions and support the United Way.

	NO. OF DONORS	TOTAL GIFT	UNITED APPEAL	SALVATION ARMY	OTHER
1972-73	139	\$7480.70	\$5390.49	\$1701.35	\$ 388.00
1973-74	81	\$5782.40	\$3362.99	\$1240.37	\$1179.04

BE CONCERNED

Published

Orient Longman has just brought out a book by Dr. K.J. Charles, Professor of the Department of Economics, entitled "The Power of Negative Thinking and Other Parables from India". Based on a series of talks given by him in New York, the book attempts to show the extent to which the values and traditions of India's ancient culture have a surprising relevance to the issues and problems of our contemporary world. He does this through parables, mostly drawn from the rich store-house of Hindu mythology and folk-lore, though there are some parables here which are from the author's own imagination.

One of the recurrent themes of the book is that the negative is integrally related to the positive; emotions like fear and courage, happiness and sorrow, love and hate, far from being dichotomous are related to each other in a dialectical way. The recognition accorded to the negative in Indian culture, in the author's view, is one of its commendable features. Hence the title, *The Power of Negative Thinking*.

In this book he expresses the concern of the economist for man's happiness and his moral and spiritual development.

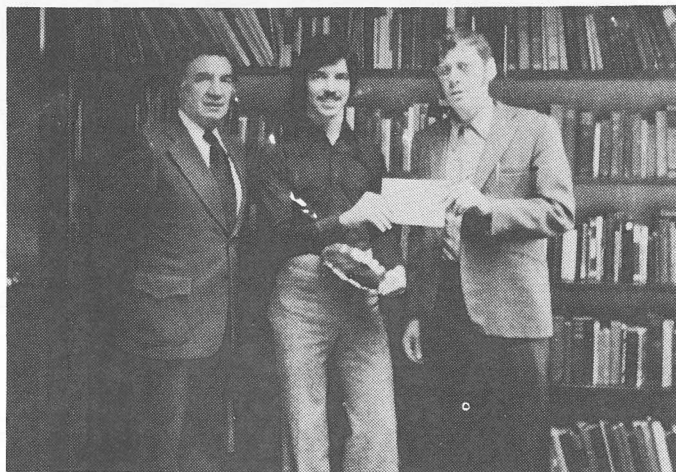
The book is available in the University Bookstore.

Business Admin. Note

Associate Professor of Computer Systems, Bernard A. Hodson, recently completed, at the behest of the Science Council of Canada, a review of "Strategies of Development for the Canadian Computer Industry", Science Council of Canada Report No. 21. Mr. Hodson, to whom the Vice-President of IBM Canada has publically referred as one of three Canadians with vision and the ability to get things done that others in the computer industry felt were impossible, took a critical but constructive stance in his review.

Mr. Hodson and A.G. Gardiner - consulting economist and part-time lecturer in economics in the LU Department of Economics - recently co-authored an article entitled "Can Hardware Logic Solve Software Waste?" for the October 20th issue of the Financial Post. In the article, Hodson and Gardiner critically examine the philosophy of special-purpose computer programming and make a strong case for a move to general-purpose programming.

Allied Chemical Scholarship Presented



*John Kerr,
Dean of Students,
Dan Kleemola
and Ed Burk.*

Dan Kleemola, a fourth year LU Chemistry student, recently received a 750 dollar Scholarship from the Allied Chemical Company. The presentation of the Scholarship and a sterling silver plaque to commemorate the award was made by Mr. Ed Burk, manager of the local Allied Chemical Plant.

The Allied Scholarship is presented

yearly to an Honours Science student who possesses a record of high scholastic achievement and who shows great promise in his or her chosen field. The candidate is nominated by the Dean of Science.

Dan, who has an average of better than 80 per cent, intends to continue his studies at the post graduate level.

Ms. Elwert to Library Meet

Ms. Charlotte Elwert, Lab Assistant and Demonstrator, School of Library Technology, will be attending a meeting for Library Technicians which will be held in Toronto, Saturday, October 27 at the Humber College of Applied Arts and Tech-

nology, Rexdale, Ontario. Ms. Elwert and a Steering Committee of Technicians are organizing this meeting to discuss the possibility of drawing up a Program for a Conference for Technicians to be held in the Spring, 1974.

Library Technicians Plan Workshop

At a recent meeting of the Lakehead Library Technicians Association, plans were discussed to sponsor a workshop on audio-visual methods and video taping instruction.

Proposed dates for this event are Nov. 16-17 at the School of Library Technology, Lakehead University. Announcements will be sent to members and to library workers in Thunder Bay. The workshop is open to library technician graduates, teacher librarians, and to other library personnel.

Instruction group co-ordinators for the Saturday session will be Harry Huskins Library Technician, Schreiber High School, Charlotte Elwert, Lab Assistant, School of Library Technology and Bonnie Morre McKay Library Technician, Lakehead Psychiatric Hospital Library. Guest speakers for the Friday night session and for the Saturday afternoon session and problem clinic will be announced shortly. For further information please call Mrs. D. Krupa at 577-1212 or Charlotte Elwert at 345-2121, Ext. 317.

weekly events meetings

Friday
October 26 Oktoberfest, German Band,
9:00 p.m., Main Cafeteria

Friday
Nov. 2 Dance - "Baroque Plantation Boys", 9:00 p.m., Main Cafeteria

Wednesday
Nov. 7 French Club Novemberfest, 4:30 p.m., Main Cafeteria, Cambrian Players Final Dress Rehearsal, Student Night

Thursday
Nov. 8 Cambrian Players presents "Playboy", 8:30 p.m., UCT

Friday
Nov. 9 Cambrian Players presents "Playboy", 8:30 p.m., UCT

Saturday
Nov. 10 Cambrian Players presents "Playboy", 8:30 p.m., UCT

Cambrian Players Present "Playboy"

The Cambrian Players kick off their 73-74 season with the Irish Comedy "Playboy of the Western World". Directed by Ken Allan and starring Peter Raffo, Jeanette Johnson, Gerald Mosa and Val Mothersill, with support from Tom Miller, Martin Greenwood, David Lewis and Kelly Adams, the play will run from Wednesday,

November 7th to Saturday the 10th in the Lakehead University Centre Theatre. Curtain time for all performances is 8:30 p.m. and the ticket price is \$2.50. The night of the final dress rehearsal, Tuesday, November 6th, is open to students at the special price of \$1.00.

Christian Living Experiences

Christian Living Experiences for Faculty of Education Students - Avila Centre, 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 31, 1973 and Wednesday, November 7, 1973. For Practise Teaching weeks from Oct. 29/73 to November 9/73.

Science Council Member To Speak At LU

Mr. Andrew H. Wilson, a member of the Science Council of Canada will be giving a public lecture on Thursday, November 6th at 7:30 p.m. in the Upper Lecture Theatre. The topic of Mr. Wilson's lecture will be: Science Policy - The Impossible Dream?

Elected

Faculty Reps

The recently elected Faculty Representatives to Senate are: Dr. Ernest R. Zimmermann - 3 years, Dr. John Mothersill - 3 years, Dr. Ian Hoodless - 3 years, Dr. Clement Kent - 2 years. Runner-up: Denis Roddy.

Senate Rep

Donald E. Orr has been elected as Senate Representative to the Board of Governors for a three year term.

Faculty And Staff Appointments

Mr. M. Akhtar, M.A., Lecturer, Department of Sociology.
Mr. Gary Heathcote B.S. M.A., Lecturer, Department of Anthropology.
Dr. Mary B. Black, Visiting Full Professor, Department of Anthropology.
Mr. Micheal P. McLeod B.A., Technical Assistant, Department of Anthropology.

