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Professor Allan Torvi, Head of Common Curriculum, Faculty of Engineering, University of Calgary and his associate Dr. D. Stein will visit Red Deer College to meet with staff and the engineering students on Wednesday, March 19, 1975 at 1:00 P.M. in Room 2303.

All engineering students are requested to make note of this meeting. Professor A. Torvi and Dr. D. Stein will be glad to answer any queries regarding your admission at the University of Calgary.

> V.P. Madan, Coordinator Department of Applied Science

Next Meeting: TUESDAY, MARCH 18 12:30 P.M.

TEAM TEACHING THEATRE

Talk: "Some Probability Problems" by Mr. R. Forbes.

Movie: "Random Events"

Everyone interested in mathematics is cordially invited. Free admission.

## L. R. C. NOTES

A great deal of nonsense has been written about the 18th Century Italian Librarian, Giovanni Casanova.

Because of a few mischievous exaggerations in his memoirs and the malicious gossip of one or two contemporaries, he has been branded by history. as one of the randiest bibliographers in the business.

This allegation is defamatory to the man as well as to his profession and we have therefore undertaken to set the record straight.

Of course Casanova was interested in women - but as library patrons rather than sex objects.

Incredible as it seems, in those days women were normally denied equal opportunities for education and employment. The only careers they were expected to pursue were those of chambermaid, housewife or courtesan. All the cushy jobs such as king, pope, merchant, squire, yes even librarian, were reserved for men.

Consequently, Casanova's library clientele consisted only of men, which he thought a great pity.

Demonstrating the zeal so characteristic of his profession, he decided that if he could just lure women away from their embroidery and into his library, he might enlighten them with all the treasures he had tucked away in its nooks and crannies. They would emerge broadened and wiser for the experience, and the world would seem a much better place for just about everybody, possibly excepting a husband or two.

Such was Casanova's determination to succeed in his great mission that he provided individualized orientation sessions for literally hundreds of the women in the region.

He became fascinated with their minds and was prepared night or day to wrestle metaphysically with any he could get his hands on.

The results of his training program were spectacular. Within a short time his reputation as a librarian with a difference was widespread. But, as is so often the case, the world was apparently not yet ready for Casanova's vision.

Unfortunately, a lot of men saw themselves threatened by the success he had enjoyed in educating their wives, and they began to spread incredible rumors about his methods. This was to happen often during his career, much of which was spent in travel.

Eventually Casanova's health broke and he died at the age of 73, exhausted but justifiably satisfied with the contribution he had made in the field of social reform.

Giovanni Casanova, itinerant librarian and courageous pioneer of the women's liberation movement!

Filled in a L.R.C. questionnaire yet? Please help us out by doing so today.

## L. R. C. NOTES

Occasionally we receive suggestions from students. But we just try to shrug them off and not let them affect us.

Actually, we're always open to suggestions. In fact we welcome them. We've received lots of good advice from our clientele over the years, and, where possible, have acted on it to improve services.

One cunning little device we use to obtain feedback from you folks is our annual questionnaire.

It takes only a couple of minutes to complete but provides us with a great deal of help in deciding whether or not we need to add more duplicate copies of books, whether certain things should be stressed more in our orientation programs (e.g., the location of the L.R.C.'s entrances), whether hours of opening should be altered, or the loan period, etc.

If there are problems or complaints we haven't previously been aware of, the questionnaire generally brings us the news.

We used to go over the results with a fine-toothed comb. We didn't learn much, but those were some of the neatest results we've ever encountered. Nowadays we go over them with the computer. It's a lot heavier but we seem to be picking up more with it.

The more people who complete a questionnaire the more valid the findings become. So please bear with us if we keep bugging you for some answers in the next week or so. Nixon did it his way; we do it curs.

We're running the thing a bit earlier than usual this year so that it won't interfere with studying for exams and so that we'll have time to let you know the results - after the computer has brooded over them for a few microseconds.

Copies of the 1975 questionnaire are available at the L.R.C.'s checkout desk. Once you've filled one in, please place it in the return box at the desk. Complete anonymity guaranteed, so be sure to really let us have it! But don't forget -- praise is cheerfully accepted too.

Thanks very much ?