

Success Stories

NORTHEASTERN ALBERTA

For mathematics teachers in northeastern Alberta, this has been a great year. Within a period of one year, they have been able to organize and form an active regional council of MCATA.

Beginning last spring, a small group of enthusiastic teachers was inspired into considering the formation of a regional math council. Realizing the magnitude of the job, they proceeded. This nucleus of St. Paul math teachers developed an interesting program which evolved around the *BLAST OFF* theme, and sent out the information calling an inaugural meeting on January 16, 1971. Despite the inclement weather, the turnout was relatively good. The success of the meeting can be attributed partially to the group and greatly to George Cathcart from the U of A. The elected executive got to work immediately, and within two months, they had distributed a film to their membership, followed by a workshop held at the Regional School in St. Paul.

The workshop, which had as its theme *Get Set for the '70s*, was conducted by W. Bober, the math coordinator for the Edmonton Separate Schools. He pointed out and demonstrated some ways of effectively organizing a math class. The afternoon workshop was divided into the three major teaching levels.

At the end of the afternoon, the success of the institute was demonstrated by the enthusiasm expressed by the teachers before they returned to their schools. If discussions with math teachers from the regional membership is any indication, then future response should be extremely good.

Next year's activities are already in the planning stage, and the executive is showing much enthusiasm in mapping their future course.

Perhaps the one main drawback in the regional council is the lack of operating capital. This may be overcome if somehow there were more means of raising money at the local and provincial levels for this type of professional activity.

Eugene Katerenchuk

NORTH CENTRAL ALBERTA

Forty enthusiastic mathematics teachers met in the Jubilee Junior High School in Edson on March 27 for a day of mathematics. The teachers were from various schools in the Yellowhead and Lac Ste. Anne locals. They covered all grades from I to XII.

In his address - *Trends in Mathematics in the '70s* - Dr. Tom Kieren of the U of A gave particular attention to individualized instruction, process objectives, activity experiences in mathematics, and the use of the environment.

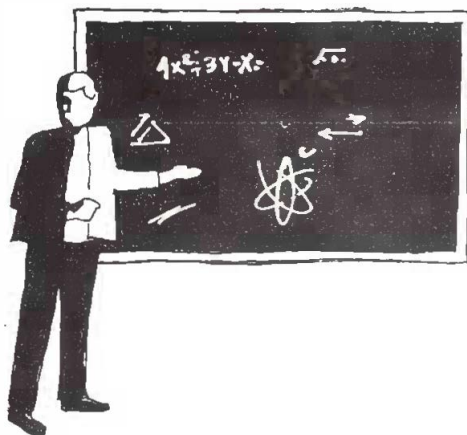
The afternoon was devoted to workshop sessions, one conducted by Dr. Kieren for the junior high and high schools and the other by Dr. Joan Kirkpatrick, also of the University of Alberta, at the elementary level.

The teachers at the meeting wished to continue such mathematical activity and formed a regional council of the Mathematics Council, ATA. They named it the North Central Math Council and elected the following officers:

President	<i>Denis Baudin, Edson</i>
Vice-President	<i>Sonya MacMillan, Hinton</i>
Past President	<i>A. O. Jorgenson, Chairman of the Yellowhead Local PD Committee</i>
Secretary-Treasurer	<i>Glen Kauffman, Edson</i>
Director for the Yellowhead Local	<i>Kay Griffith</i>
Director for Lac Ste. Anne Local	<i>Hillary Taylor</i>

Mr. Jorgenson and his PD Committee were responsible for the organization of this well-received program.

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