

The Editor's Page

Another successful conference is history. Held in Red Deer on October 13 and 14, the annual meeting featured an address by Dr. Jesse A. Rudnick, entitled "Beyond Skills and Concepts." Dr. Rudnick challenged teachers to go "beyond skills and concepts" when teaching math, emphasizing that teachers must not only know why they are teaching math, but be prepared to show students how to apply the subject.

Although we may call it "problem-solving" or "application," how often does math teaching result in the student transferring this knowledge to everyday life problems? This is the challenge for us, as we go "beyond skills and concepts," to teach students to apply math skills in real-life situations.

I have a tape of Dr. Rudnick's speech available for anyone interested. Requests must be made before January 1, 1979, however, as the original

tape will be sent to another party at that time.

The conference's program planners saw the need to stress Dr. Rudnick's ideas, so the speakers in the Saturday sessions also focused on "Beyond Skills and Concepts."

During the luncheon program, Dr. Richard Guy of the University of Calgary attempted to teach us some new games to use as learning-aids. For a better understanding of the games, write to Dr. Guy for his forthcoming publication, which promises challenges for teachers and students alike.

Remember that in 1979 we host an NCTM "name-of-site" meeting in conjunction with our regular annual meeting. We are moving our location to Calgary for this one year, since Red Deer facilities are inadequate for such a large conference.

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