

Other members nominated to stand for the first elected executive were Eugene Wasyluk of Thorhild, and Miss Olive Jagoe of Crescent Heights High School, Calgary.

The conference received greetings from many dignitaries, notably John A. McDonald, president of The Alberta Teachers' Association.

Eleven such councils have now been formed in the province in the major educational instruction areas.

Dr. L. H. Cragg, vice-president of the University, who also lectures in chemistry courses, told the convention that as a scientist he is

compelled to realize that mathematics is the key to science.

Guest speaker at the conference is Dr. J. H. Hlavaty, head of the mathematics department at DeWitt Clinton High School, New York.

Dr. Hlavaty is presenting papers entitled Fifty Years of Curriculum Reform in Mathematics, What Mathematics Is of Most Worth, and Implementing Curriculum Proposals.

The conference continues until Saturday.

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c. 450 BC

Zeno's paradoxes

300 BC

Euclid develops deductive system of mathematics.

c. 300-200 BC

Hindu mathematicians use number system based on 10, have symbols for 1 to 9.

## Council Logos

THE STRIPED, VENN-DIAGRAM logo has been a Mathematics Council identifying symbol since the very beginning. About 1961, "new math" programs were introduced in elementary and junior high schools (in Seeing Through Arithmetic and Seeing Through Mathematics series respectively). Venn diagrams were used extensively, particularly in junior high school math, so it was certainly a design of and for the times.

The three circles represent students, teachers and the mathematics curriculum, with the intersection of the three representing MCATA. This logo is still seen in the masthead of the Council's newsletter.

The Council's MCATA letters logo evolved over the years and was first seen superimposed on the Venn-diagram logo. This letters-only logo later became a stand-alone symbol and can be found on such documents as the Council's letterhead and membership brochures.

