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Athabasca re-opens with exhibition

by Chris Rogers

Athabasca Hall, the university's first and newest building, is to officially open next week.

Built in 1911, the hall first served as a residence for students and staff, a library, and provided classroom and administrative facilities. Two years later, the Athabasca Annex — a gymnasium and dining room — was completed.

The memoirs of Reg Lister — a former maintenance worker and friend of all the old residence students, whom Lister Hall is named after — illustrate the

scene of Athabasca's early days. Where the Arts Building now stands, there was an abandoned basement, excavated in 1908, and two old shacks. There were no sidewalks or roads. The trails to Athabasca came around sloughs or across the field from 112 St."

Those were its earliest days, and as the university expanded, the functions of the hall were supplanted until it served only as a residence for senior men.

Finally, the building failed to meet modern fire and safety standards. In 1971 it was closed and the Board of Governors passed a motion to have it

demolished and replaced with modern housing.

But the public strongly opposed the proposal and in 1974 the B of G changed their minds and decided to renovate the building's interior.

The renovation cost \$2.16 million and was completed in 16 months. Athabasca was com-

pletely gutted and a concrete and steel structure built to reinforce the walls from the inside. A new frame was built to hang the floors from and to support the original brick exterior.

Athabasca Hall is architec-

tually a 1976 building with a 1910 facade, but it remains an historic site for posterity.

Much of the internal planning, or building programming for the restored Hall, was done by Dr. Al Ryan. Poole Construction did the construction and the

Planning and Development Committee, a group of professional engineers and architects, gave final approval to the plans.

The herald the re-opening of the Hall, an exhibition of university collections dating to 1912 will be displayed. The exhibition

will be shown in the Hall, as well as SUB, the Humanities, Cameron and Rutherford Libraries, and the University Art Gallery and Museum.

Premier Peter Lougheed will officially open Athabasca Hall at 2 p.m. October 8. The public is invited to attend.

The exhibition will be open daily from Oct. 8 to Nov. 4. Public hours will be 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; Thursday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; weekends and holidays 2 to 5 p.m.

Ed. council agree to cooperate

by Sherry McCann

Education ministers will work at increasing interprovincial cooperation in education, said incoming chairman of the Council of Education Ministers, Canada (CEMC), at a Tuesday press conference.

At a Monday night press conference, however, Morin said no matter what the future holds for Canada and Quebec, his province wants to help French minority groups throughout this country.

He explained Quebec was simply offering increased access to English schools in return for similar treatment in other provinces, when it stated its "wait and see" position at the last premiers' conference at St. Andrews in August.

To carry out their proposed increase in educational cooperation, the Council agreed in principle to facilitate the interprovincial exchange of printed materials, especially those pertaining to Canadian studies.

Concerning other issues, the Council agreed to review amendments to the Canada Students' Loan Act for next year, and to discuss the possible renewal of Canada's federal-provincial agreement for the *Bilingualism in Education* programs due to expire in March, 1979.

The Council seeks also to develop more effective relations with Canadian education organizations, and increase participation in international conferences.

They will also be publishing a guide to assist secondary schools in interprovincial student transfers.

In response to a question regarding other minority groups, Morin stated that although the results of the proposed study will relate to the English-French language programs, opportunity will be provided for consideration of other minority language groups in each province.

When asked what real action will be taken in Alberta to give French language minority rights, Alberta Minister of Education, Julian Koziak, responded that new curriculum

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Dr. Bert Hohol

Closing the 28th CEMC meeting, the Honorable Jacques-Yvan Morin, Vice-Premier and Minister of Education in Quebec, said the conference had been "extremely fruitful" with all ministers anxious to complete their "provincial homework" before reconvening in B.C. next January.

At the outset of the three day conference it appeared only five provinces would be participating — in August Quebec Premier Rene Levesque had rejected a proposal to take part in a review of minority language education.



Jacques-Yvan Morin

It may be useful, he said, for the ministers to cooperate by preparing a multilateral inventory of educational services presently available to French and English minorities and then consider what measures should be taken, either individually or collectively.

Special Feature...

For *An Independent Quebec*, an essay by Rene Levesque appears on page six of this issue. The article is excerpted from Gary Geddes' forthcoming book, *Divided We Fall*, to be published later this fall.

Admission Clampdown

by Glenn Rollans

A change in minimum entrance requirements could be coming, said University vp academic Myer Horowitz yesterday.

He said the admissions and transfers committee will definitely be looking at minimum entrance requirements for the university this year.

The U of A seems to attract refusals from such universities as the University of Calgary, which has a higher entrance requirement.

As well, one of the effects of having non-quota faculties, he said, is students who do not, for instance satisfy Commerce entrance requirements turn to faculties such as Arts and Sciences, which do not have quotas.

Raising entrance requirements generally, he indicated, will help to control this, thereby maintaining the calibre of those faculties.

Horowitz announced at Friday's Senate meeting quotas

may be instituted in the faculties of Agriculture and Forestry, and Physical Education and Recreation for the 1978-79 academic year.

The faculty of Education, he said, will probably make a similar move in 1978.

Agriculture Dean J.P. Bowland told *Gateway* a quota for Agriculture and Forestry was not originally proposed by the faculty, contrary to what was indicated in an *Edmonton Journal* story September 24.

The faculty was approached by the administration about two years ago, he said, and told quotas should be introduced by 1978.

He said it was his understanding that university policy was to stabilize enrollment at about its present level.

"Employment problems are not the reason for quotas in this particular faculty," said Bowland. Instead he lay the blame primarily on limited staff and resources.

The idea, he said, is not to keep students out, but at the

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