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THE NIGHTS OF COKE AND DOUGHNUTS—Taking their usual break from the tedious business of rehearsal the cast of *Li'l Abner* gathers in SUB caf for sustenance. *Li'l Abner* will be presented in the Jubilee Auditorium Feb. 17, 18 and 19; tickets are now on sale in SUB and the Allied Arts box office in the Bay.

THE ST. ALBERT PROTESTANT SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 6

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Monday, January 31 and Tuesday, February 8

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See Mr. J. E. Lemay, N.E.S. Student Placement Supervisor for details and interview date. Discovery Mines Limited, Discovery, N.W.T.

Education report

Four-year program essential -- Stewart

By ANDY RODGER

University of Alberta undergraduates may soon have to take four years training to obtain their degrees.

This is one of several recommendations made by Dr. Andrew Stewart in a "Special Study on Higher Education" presented recently to the provincial government.

The report was called for in view of the greatly increased enrolments at U of A. The number of students on the combined Edmonton and Calgary campuses will reach 34,850 by 1975, according to one estimate contained in the report.

It was to alleviate this student explosion, and consequent crowding of facilities, that the provincial government instituted the Public Junior Colleges Act in 1959. Under the Act, junior colleges located in smaller municipalities, such as Lethbridge and Camrose, were to provide first-year university training.

In Dr. Stewart's opinion, the junior colleges have failed. He recommends a new college system in their place.

This new system would create a third level of education; between the university and the high school. The new institutions, called District Colleges, would not only provide university courses, but also provide a terminal system for students wanting more than high school, but less than university training.

The District Colleges would thus provide a relief for the crowded universities. They could also be

used for adult education and extension services.

University crowding is already affecting the Edmonton campus of U of A. Building programs are three years behind requirements, and lack of space requires high-rise building. Because of such crowding, the report recommended the maximum campus size as 18,000.

After the campus reaches this size, either a satellite campus or a separate university would have to be built. Such schemes have been tried in Toronto and Vancouver. But it is hoped that a District College in Edmonton would take a large number of first and second year students. Incentives to attend District College rather than U of A, perhaps reduced fees, would be used.

The report recommended the four-year baccalaureate degrees for two reasons:

- increased available knowledge requires longer periods of education
- the four-year program is in line with requirements of other universities in Canada.

INSUFFICIENT TIME

College training would be for two years. This leaves only one year, under the present system, to be spent on the university campus. Dr. Stewart feels this is insufficient.

Presently the university graduates students only if they have at least five courses from U of A.

The report admits several difficulties in setting up the District Colleges. The problem of obtaining personnel, which already at some universities is acute, would probably result in over-all shortages.

Educational techniques would have to be developed to meet the peculiar needs of the District Colleges, and a curriculum would have to conform both to university requirements and the unique college situation.

Neither of these problems has yet been solved.

At present costs per student at U of A are about \$1,900 a year. These costs will increase to about \$3,650 in 1975. What costs at a District College would be is unknown, but student payments and expenditures would probably be less than at university.

DELAY SECOND CAMPUS

If a District College were established at Edmonton, by 1975 the university would not probably have reached its maximum enrolment. Thus development of a second campus would be delayed, and duplication of university facilities would be avoided.

If a second campus or a second university is to be avoided, said Dr. Stewart, "... it would seem desirable to limit the admission of students to the universities. This could be done by raising the admission requirements for direct admission to courses in the now three-year program..." A smaller freshman dropout rate would be one result of such a move.

The report made several conclusions concerning the administration and development of the District Colleges:

• "Students planning to enter university programs which now require three years from Grade 12 to the degree should be required to attend for two years at colleges operated under the auspices of District Boards before entering university."

• "Since the main student population pressure is now at Edmonton, a second campus or university can only be avoided by diverting many students away from U of A Edmonton."

Flying Club offers to assist emerging clubs

By EKKEHARD KOTTKE

The U of A Flying Club has invited students of universities in B.C., Saskatchewan, and Manitoba to form university flying clubs in a bid to promote aviation.

Chuck Avery, treasurer, has promised to assist interested student groups by showing them how to ferret out financial assistance for student flying ventures from students' union and other groups.

At a tour of the Namao Airport Sunday the club was told that the Air Force's need for qualified pilots has taken a tremendous upturn recently.

Wing Commander Brice outlined a program of so-called short short commissions which pay a university student up to \$4,000 yearly without interfering with his university training or committing him to a subsequent permanent commission.

For the average weekend flyer, the wings are still well within reach of a student's budget. Club members rent most of the planes used by them at special club rates from the Edmonton Flying Club or Gateway Aviation.

A recent fly-in to Banff cost a member about \$15. The cost of a proposed fly-in to Saskatoon was estimated at \$30 for the weekend by Hugh Garvais-Reed, president.

Graeme Proudfoot said these fly-ins are to establish better inter-visibility relations.

"The most dangerous part of these flights is the trip to and from the airport," he said in response to a question about the risks involved.

Canadian pilots are much more proficient than their American counterparts, students or otherwise, he said.

The club stresses planning of flight plans as just one of the many safety factors imposed on it by the dept. of transport.

During Varsity Guest Weekend the club intends to assemble a high performance glider plane in Pybus Lounge. The public will also be invited to 15-minute flights over the university grounds for only \$2 which includes transportation to the airport.

Philosophy prof

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senior undergraduate students of assistant professors Murray and Williamson submitted a letter to the committee on their behalf.

The students said that in their opinion both professors were excellent teachers, and they deplored their dismissal.

Of all students available, only two refused to sign the letter. Both of these had done poorly in their respective courses.

The department spokesman also charged the administration with cruelty.

"Both professors were told by the department head that they had nothing to worry about as far as tenure was concerned. They were not told about the committee decision until after they had returned from a conference in New York, where both turned down numerous job offers," he said.

The spokesman also claimed that this decision would destroy the philosophy department at the U of A.

"We have now the most exciting philosophy department in Canada. It is a pity that we will be deprived, for I am quite certain that the rest of the professional philosophers in this department will soon be looking for positions elsewhere," he said.

"I am very much concerned that the U of A could be blacklisted in academic circles," he said.

Mr. Williamson has a B.A. in philosophy from the University of Leeds and a Bachelor of Philosophy degree from Oxford. He has been here 3 and one-half years and is editor of *Commonsense*.

Mr. Murray has a B.A. and M.A. from Dalhousie University and has done 4 years of post graduate work at Oxford. He has been active in the Film Society and Studio Theatre. He is also a pianist of concert calibre. He has been here 4 and one-half years.