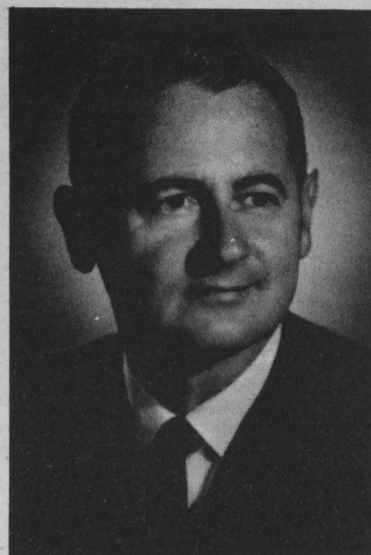


New vice presidency created

Dr. Donald Fenna, 42, has been appointed associate vice-president (planning and development) at the University of Alberta.

The establishment of the position and appointment of



Dr. Donald Fenna

Dr. Fenna was approved at Friday's meeting of the Board of Governors.

Dr. Fenna -- who holds a joint appointment at the university as professor and co-ordinator of computer application in the health sciences and as professor of computing sciences as well as being director of computing services for the University of Alberta Hospital -- has received the special appointment for a six-month period, from January to June, 1975.

During that period he will be working with the vice-president (planning and development) and the Campus Development Office to review the university's long-range physical plan.

A number of factors have made a major review necessary at this time, according to Dr. G.L. Mowat, acting vice-president (planning and development).

"Proposals made by government for a limited amount of new space on campus, the prospect of the development of the health sciences centre in the University Hospital area, the necessity to review space

allocation, the need to pace construction with restricted capital income, and the need for more pedestrian walkway, traffic and landscape planning all make the review essential now," says Dr. Mowat.

It is hoped the project will be completed by June 30.

Dr. Fenna, who has been on staff here since 1968, holds bachelor and doctoral degrees in mathematics from the University of Manchester.

Prior to coming to the university he was in charge of

all computer development in the business, administrative and scientific areas for the Australian Post Office system from 1961 to 1968.

For the period of his appointment as associate vice-president, Dr. Fenna will be on leave from the University Hospital and the Faculty of Medicine but will continue his teaching in the department of computing science.

He is married and has three sons.



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Rolls-Royce gearing up for recession

England (ENS) - While most car makers are manufacturing and selling fewer new cars this fall, Rolls-Royce Motors Ltd. has announced that it will make 154 more cars in 1975 than in 1974.

In addition, Rolls-Royce will introduce a new, even more

luxurious model next year with an anticipated price tag of between \$80- and \$100,000. The reasoning, according to the *Los Angeles Times*, is that Rolls-Royce is confident that no matter how bad the economy gets, "the rich will always be with us."

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Plutonium in food

Washington (ENS) - A pair of Washington state researchers have discovered that plutonium, the most poisonous substance known, may be slowly creeping into the food chain.

According to Dr. Raymond Wildung and Dr. Thomas Garland to the Battelle Pacific Northwest Laboratories, plutonium from the Hanford, Washington atomic works is being absorbed into the roots of local test crops. Since plutonium -- along with botulism -- is the most toxic substance known to exist, the potential for contamination of the food chain will grow more serious as more plutonium is produced by the growing breeder reactor industry.

Writing in the September-October issue of the *Journal of Agriculture and Food Chemistry*, the two researchers say that previous tests failed to show the plutonium absorption because those tests used large amounts of the substance. Apparently, minute (and deadly) amounts can be absorbed, while greater concentrations are resisted by plants.