

UNB awards five honorary doctorate degrees

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The University of New Brunswick awarded five honorary doctorate degrees at the university's 114th Spring Convocation in May of this year.

The recipients of these degrees were: Education Minister J. Lorne McGuigan; Ambassador of the United States to Canada, Adolf W. Schmidt; Vice President (academic) of UNB, Dr. W. C. Desmond Pacey; President of Mount Saint Vincent University in Halifax, Sister Catherine Wallace; and a consultant to the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization and a former professor at UNB, Dr. Robert H. Wright.

Adolf W. Schmidt addressed the

937 graduates of the university concerning war prevention and the stabilization of the world's population. Mr. Schmidt discussed the relationship between the two issues: "My interest in the second grew out of the first since the pressures of population could trigger World War Three". He referred to historian Arnold Toynbee who said that war is the premiere challenge of western civilization and if western civilization can ward off war there is no reason why it cannot survive indefinitely. But if not it will fall just as other previous civilizations have fallen.

Mr. Schmidt compared western civilization to other civilizations and stated that the graduates of 1973 are going into the productive

years of this civilization.

Valedictorian Brian MacLean, recipient of a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering, spoke of the decline in enrollment into university and the reasons behind it, such as the cost of a university education. Other reasons were the lack of guarantee of a good job after getting a university degree, the attraction toward trade schools and the length of time involved in completing a university degree.

He spoke of the experiences gained by spending four or five years at university and their importance over some formula studied or essay prepared.

Dr. John M. Anderson gave his first Encaenia address as president of UNB and said that the university owed gratitude to the

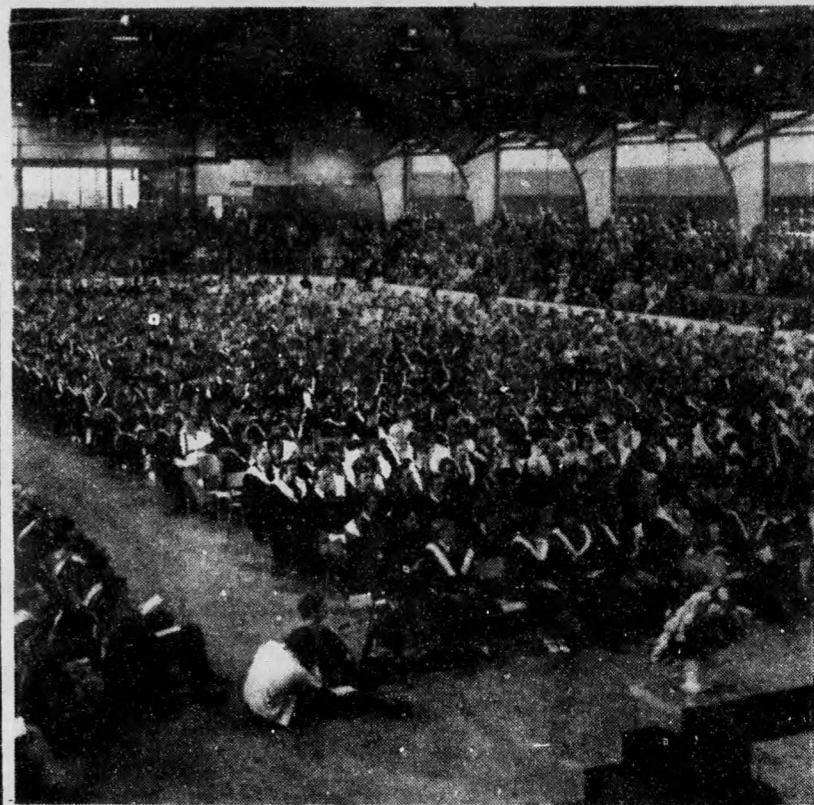
graduates and declared the day of Encaenia theirs. President Anderson told the graduates that education serves the students directly and serves society indirectly. These services give our professors a continuing purpose.

Anderson also welcomed the Chancellor of the university, Sir Max Aitken, and Lady Aitken to New Brunswick and to the Encaenia exercises.

During his visit for the Encaenia Sir Max affirmed his belief that

NATO is of utmost importance in preventing World War Three. He also said he saw no disadvantage for Canada by Britain entering the European Economic Community.

He spoke of Watergate and said that the British were totally unconcerned about it. He said the British believed Nixon was a strong president and that if he said he was not involved then they would believe him. Watergate is an American affair and not of concern to the British.



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