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VGW Editorials

This editorial is in bad taste. We admit it unashamedly. Varsity Guest Weekend editorials, you understand, are traditionally supposed to be vague, obscurely cordial, tasteful in applause of things as they are.

The above is an excerpt from a front page editorial of last year's Varsity Guest Weekend edition. The critical nature of that and other VGW editorials received unfavourable response from a number of university and student officials. In compliance with the wishes of these officials, The Gateway has agreed to present news and editorial content generally complimentary of the University for VGW issues.

While this may not make VGW editions representative samples of The Gateway, it will not deter us from offering what we consider valuable information and comment concerning the University. It would

be wrong for us to suggest that there can be no merit in presenting material of a generally complimentary nature, even if the approach is a predetermined one and not in keeping with normal newspaper policy. Indeed there is much that is good about the University of Alberta which is worthy of coverage and comment without explanation. This, in this issue, we have attempted to do and trust future editions of a like nature will be presented in the same spirit. We hope, therefore, that the views and opinions expressed in The Gateway's VGW editions will command the respect of our readers. Many ideas will have been presented before but, like the principles which underlie the society in which we live, repetition should not detract from their significance or importance.

The Need For Education

In an editorial of January 26 dedicated to the memory of Sir Winston Churchill, we said the value of this man should not end with his death. We suggested he did no more than preserve the right of many people to fight for certain principles of freedom, and that "respect for him becomes meaningless unless it instills or renews in the hearts of men everywhere the desire to wage war which can never end, without defeat for everything two stubby fingers raised high stood for."

To visitors of the campus, particularly high school students who are considering a university education, we ask you to consider those views, to evaluate the meaning of your heritage.

At nearly every turn we are confronted with the need for education. Public officials continually underline it, the news media offer constant reminders of its worth. The demand for doctors, lawyers, educators, engineers, etc., we are told, has never been greater. Elsewhere in these pages you are presented with a number of suggestions as to how best to acquaint yourself with the university. We hope you avail yourself of the opportunities this weekend presents and trust they will encourage you to seek higher plateaus in education. Indeed, we do need doctors, lawyers, educators, engineers and others as we have never required them.

But while you are examining the wonders of education, do not fail to examine the real reasons behind the need for educated people. Certainly, personal ambition is a good and

desirable thing, in fact, pursuit of private ends is a strongly safeguarded right.

We are granted a number of individual rights and freedoms—rights and freedoms which allow your personal ambitions to be fulfilled. Like everything else, these cherished rights must be paid for, they must be maintained if we and those who follow are to enjoy them. Some have died, others have dedicated their lives to preserve these rights. Whatever their future cost may be, they will always demand some form of blood, toil, tears and sweat above and beyond the normal pursuit of selfish ends. Cost can only be met by those with the ability to pay. In today's complex and skilled society, only those with education possess that much needed ability.

In truth, we do not need educated people—for themselves. Rather, if we can produce men and women dedicated to principles which reflect the Canadian way of life, they will discover the means through which to best serve. By all means seek to further your station in life, but if the means involves education, may we suggest you also consider it a means to an end greater than yourself? If you cannot, then you will waste the facilities of this university, and have already wasted your time in reading (and ours in writing) this editorial—for you will not be the kind of educated person we require.

Due to the efforts and sacrifices of many, both within and without the immediate field, an opportunity for an education second to none in the world is yours. What does it mean to you?



"IT'S LIKE EXPO '67, . . . ONLY BIGGER"

President's Message

U of A: A Great University

By Dr. Walter H. Johns

Varsity Guest Weekend for 1965 welcomes another new group of visitors to the Edmonton campus of the University and we hope their day here will be one they will long remember.

The students who have made this visit possible have found University life to be interesting and challenging and their aim is to show their younger friends still in high school something of the excitement which the process of education in a great university can provide.

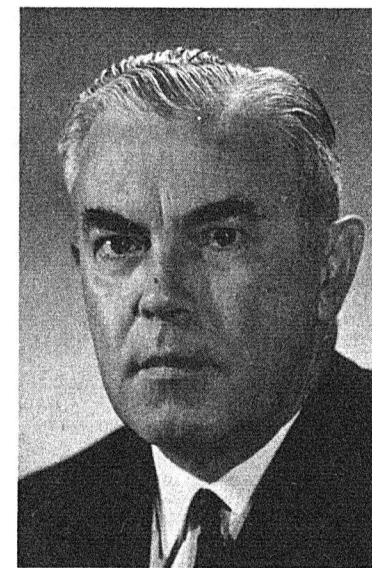
To those of you who are seeing the campus for the first time, its buildings will be the most impressive feature. We are proud of them and the equipment they contain, but the real heart of a university lies in the teaching and research that goes on in the laboratories, the libraries and the classrooms.

We hope our visitors will make a special effort to see what is actually going on in the Faculties of Agriculture, Engineering, Medicine, and the rest, so that they can decide whether they wish to become a part of the activities of the University next year.

The world needs young men and women with higher education as it has never needed them before—so much so that every student who can profit from a university education should seriously consider enrolling in the program of his choice at a university.

The University of Alberta is a truly great university. It is already one of the best in Canada and it is rapidly becoming known throughout the world. It has on its Faculty men and women with international reputations, and graduate students from nearly sixty countries are enrolled here this year.

We hope that you may some day join us in the quest for knowledge which is the most challenging kind of exploration available to mankind today.



DR. WALTER H. JOHNS

Word Of Caution

A word of caution: all that is Varsity Guest Weekend is not necessarily what it may seem.

By all means, take a good look at the displays, listen to the sample lectures, explore every avenue of university life the VGW committee has laid bare. But don't go away thinking you know what this university is really like.

Why? Because, being good hosts, we only show you what we want you to see, we don't point out our defects (although they may appear obvious), we don't wash our "dirty laundry" in public. In a sentence, we present only our best "side"; and, of course, hide or camouflage the other.

Forewarned is forearmed!