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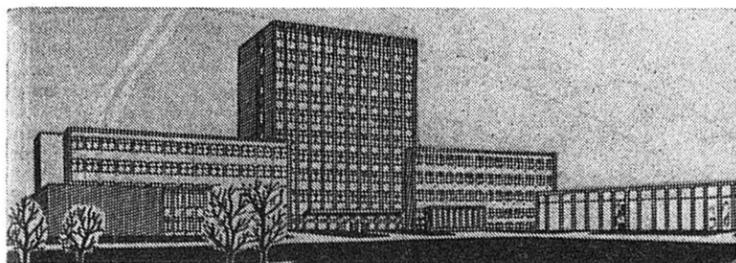
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VARSITY GUEST WEEKEND -- 1962



ARCHITECT'S DRAWING of the proposed new, ten-storey education building is shown here. The new building will be much closer to the centre of the campus than the old building, which is now used.

HISTORY

VGW TEN-YEAR PROGRESS

Visitors at the University of Alberta during Varsity Guest Weekend 1962 (as in past years) are taking part in a weekend activity unique among Canadian universities and of primary importance of U of A. Sponsored jointly by the Stu-

dents' Union and the University Administration, this year the Weekend is under the directorship of Kenneth Young, an arts graduate who is now continuing his studies in commerce. Young is at the head of a student committee of some 40 persons directly concerned with the weekend activities and the planning that preceded them.

Planning for the Weekend began last December. This has been the practice since it was introduced at the University a decade ago. The first Varsity Guest Weekend was held in February of 1952. The first Weekend was a modest venture, but is now an elaborate and highly organized activity extending a welcome to all Albertans. In the past two days, several thousand guests have visited U of A, and it is hoped by the committee that by tomorrow night more than 15,000 Albertans will have visited the campus.

BUSIEST DAY

Today is the busiest day of the Weekend, as campus visitors come in from points throughout Alberta. Saturday has always been the busiest day of Varsity Guest Weekend, and in past years it has not been uncommon to find more than 50 school buses from rural areas and hundreds of other vehicles parked in the area.

"With the growth of the Weekend the number and variety of the various tours and displays

has grown," says one VGW official. "Such new structures as the Physical Education and Math-Physics Buildings and the additions to the Engineering and Medical Buildings have provided for entirely new displays and tones."

In recent years the Education Undergraduate Society has added much color and activity to Varsity Guest Weekend with its annual Winter Carnival. A queen contest and various larks highlight the carnival's activities. In addition, an ice-figure contest is held between various groups on campus. Judging takes place today.

DIEFENBAKER HERE

Another highlight of Varsity Guest Weekend 1962 will be today's visit of John Diefenbaker, Prime Minister of Canada. He is scheduled to hit the campus about 4 p.m.

Commenting on the activities of this year's Varsity Guest Weekend, Director Ken Young said early this morning "it has been a great success thus far."

Visit
The Visit
or Varsity Varieties
Tonight

SPECIAL GATEWAY

This is the special issue of the University of Alberta undergraduate newspaper, *The Gateway*. As the special issue for Varsity Guest Weekend, it does not include regular news coverage of campus events nor regular *Gateway* features. The theme of this year's Varsity Guest Weekend, as espoused by the VGW committee, is "Varsity Guest Weekend." Thus in this issue *The Gateway* endeavors to familiarize Weekend guests with some aspects of the campus and campus life, notably the sports spread on page three.

COMMUNITY

The University of Alberta campus is a community in itself.

In the first place, the campus has many large and well-lighted buildings for academic instruction. Lecture wings, laboratories and study rooms are supplemented by the Rutherford Library, where students find enough material to satisfy their academic and non-academic reading requirements.

Students have adequate facilities on hand for recreational activities. The Students' Union Building and the Physical Education Building include a swimming pool, ice rink, billiard room, a cafeteria and numerous other rooms and outlets for various sports and other activities.

An undergraduate newspaper, *The Gateway*, and an amateur radio group, U of A Radio Society, operate from the Students' Union Building. The student newspaper is normally published twice a week and has a circulation of over 6,000. The small "radio station," on the other hand, operates in a relatively limited sphere, since it is on a closed circuit.

ADDITIONAL RESIDENCES

Although accommodation is a yet limited, there are a number of residences on campus for students. The men's residences include Athabasca Hall, Assiniboia Hall, plus St. Stephen's and St. Joseph's colleges. Pembina Hall is the only women's residence.

Plans are now underway to erect additional residences for men and women. Construction is scheduled to begin in the near future!



TONIGHT is the last showing of the Varsity Varieties production "Recapture the Rapture." It will be showing in the Jubilee Auditorium at 8:15 p.m.

SEMESTERS IN STORE?

A semester system may be in store for the University of Alberta.

Last fall the Alberta government committee on higher education began a study on a "term" policy for the university.

Committee Chairman E. W. Hinman, who is also provincial treasurer, said the study is considering two semesters, three equal periods and the quarter system as alternatives to the present system.

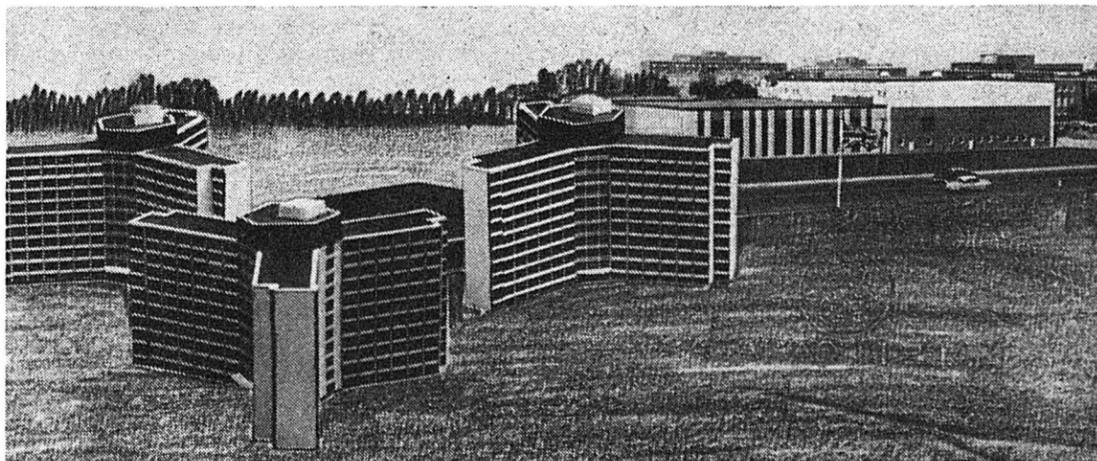
Hinman said the committee has held two meetings and is "making very good progress." It was set up by Premier Manning in September to

study all problems and possibilities which bear on the future growth and the development of higher education.

Particular emphasis has been placed on the evolution of the best possible policies for higher education in the province consistent with the greatest economy.

Hinman said the committee is gathering "considerable information on junior colleges" to determine if the number should be extended from the present two. The committee is also considering inviting a private university to establish itself in the province.

The committee is projecting to cope with the 28,000 enrolment expected for the University of Alberta by 1980.



NEW RESIDENCES which are scheduled for erection in the near future are shown here in an architect's view. In the background may be seen the new Physical Education Building,

adjoining the Students' Union Building. The new residences will offset a drastic shortage of residence space which has been experienced on campus for many years.