

Fall Convocation honors 800 grads

Degrees and diplomas were awarded to more than 800 U of A graduates Saturday at Fall Convocation at the Jubilee Auditorium.

Honorary Doctor of Laws degrees were conferred upon Jenny Le Saunier, a well known Edmonton music teacher, W. A. Lang, former head of the Alberta Research Council, and K. A. Pugh, deputy minister of labor for Alberta.

Dr. Pugh gave the convocation address to the graduates. He admonished the university for not giving wives of graduates a Ph.D. degree for putting their husbands through.

"We must keep high the moral standards in the home. This is the real foundation of our society," he said.

"Human and physical resources must be advanced together.

"The danger is the deterioration of the individual's own responsibility as government takes on more responsibility."

In his role as deputy minister of labor, Dr. Pugh has mediated many disputes between management and labor throughout the province.

"Management and labor must recognize the fact that labor settlements do not set a pattern for all throughout the industry.

ADVISORY ROLE

"The role of government should only be as an advisor in any labor dispute," he said.

Dr. W. H. Johns, U of A president, commented on the tremendous development of the university over the past seven years. Total enrollment this year is 14,655.

"Many faculties at U of A are the same size as the entire enrollment at other universities," he said.

"A university cannot add 1,200 new students every year without adding very expensive facilities. We are short of space for about 2,000 students right now."

Dr. Johns said in addition to the many new buildings already being constructed on campus, a third residence will soon be built behind Lister Hall, married housing units will soon be started, and new tenders for a biological sciences complex will be called.

EXCELLENCE

"Professors must stress the need for excellence," he said.

"Students are brought here by the calibre of our faculty. Our excellence is shown in the size and quality of our staff."

Commenting on recent reports that the moral behavior of university students leaves much to be desired, Dr. Johns said the majority of the students are quite mature in their attitudes, and their behavior in most cases is healthy.

After the ceremony, graduates, faculty and guests gathered in Lister Hall for tea.



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LINING UP FOR SHEEPSKINS
... at Saturday's Fall Convocation ceremonies

LSD-land nice place to visit but not to live -- Dr. Wilson

A U of A professor, who says he has taken LSD says the drug helps us "lose our thinking man's filter."

Dr. Kellog Wilson, an assistant professor of psychology, spoke to more than 300 students about LSD Thursday night.

The experiences induced by LSD (lysergic acid diethylamide) vary from person to person, he said, but a typical experience goes through three stages.

The first is one of visual hallucination such as floating colored lights and body distortions.

The second phase is an experience of genuine insight into the taker's personal life. Often this is not pleasant, and sometimes a panic state occurs.

At the end of the trip the taker feels a oneness with God and the universe.

"What does an atheist feel?" a member of the audience asked. Dr. Wilson answered, "An atheist feels a oneness with whatever an atheist can feel a oneness with."

But, an LSD user doesn't necessarily believe what he feels, Dr. Wilson told the audience.

SCIENTIFIC ISSUES

Because no one knows how LSD affects the body, many scientific issues have arisen.

Most widely accepted is the theory that LSD upsets an enzyme system which in turn upsets the nervous system.

Dosage of LSD is hard to regulate as only 100 to 200 micrograms produce a reaction. "This is less than one molecule per cell of the nervous system," Dr. Wilson said.

"Three or four ounces would be enough for the whole city."

LSD is excreted by the body in only one hour but its effects may last up to 12 hours.

Dr. Wilson cited several areas in which he believes the use of LSD is beneficial.

As LSD is a stimulant, it can speed up rehabilitation of emotionally-disturbed persons.

LSD could aid in the treatment of alcoholics, Dr. Wilson said.

Normal persons may gain better understandings of themselves with LSD.

Finally, LSD is thought to relieve the anguish of dying persons.

BAD EFFECTS

LSD has some bad effects.

As LSD can produce a psychotic state and drive unstable persons to suicide, it should never be given to anyone who doesn't know the drug's potential.

According to Dr. Wilson, the limited availability of LSD has restricted research. "The legal controls in the U.S. are tighter than in Canada," he said.

LSD should be made more accessible Dr. Wilson continued.

Researchers need the drug for experimentation. Normal persons wanting to take LSD should have the freedom to do so if a guide goes with them on the "trip". The guide Dr. Wilson qualified, need not be a doctor.

As home manufacture of LSD does not guarantee purity, the LSD black market must be ended. This is hard to do as LSD manufacture is relatively simple.

Speaking on his own visit to LSD-land, Dr. Wilson said it was "a nice place to visit, but not a nice place to live."

He said it is difficult to express what happened to him on the trip. But, after it was over he knew that he had obtained greater personal insights.

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