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Universities ludicrously obsolete

WATERLOO—Universities are ludicrously obsolete and will soon change, a University of Waterloo political science professor charged recently.

Professor Donald Gordon, formerly of the University of Calgary, predicted sweeping changes, coming from outside the universities, would radically transform them within five years.

He attacked students for being too materialistic and accepting a world of "hollow institutions".

He said all new institutions would be different because "modern communications, the fantastic explosion and complexity of knowledge available, the lack of natural resources and advancing technical prospects will force change."

Students will be "new Renaissance men" Prof. Gordon said. They will go to university to get an education, not a specific degree in a specific course.

These radical changes will require clear and intelligent definitions of education and the individual, he said.

Prof. Gordon suggested that once there was a definition each individual could have himself programmed onto a personalized computer.

"With personalized computers people wouldn't be able to hide within themselves. All their vulnerabilities, prejudices and so on could be programmed".

Final plans blasted

HALIFAX—Changes in final plans for St. Mary's University's new student centre met with a blast from students' council officials.

The changes are "nice-looking on the outside, but highly impractical on the inside," said Terry Murphy, co-editor of the St. Mary's yearbook.

The plans reverse recommendations made last spring by a special student committee appointed to advise the architect and the university president on facilities to be included in the building.

The recommendations were applied to the building plans . . . plans the committee understood to be final, a committee spokesman said.

The committee was not consulted about the changes made last summer by the university president, the dean of men and the architect, because it has a consulting role, not a determining role, said president, Father C. J. Fischer.

"If they are disappointed, then we can use the building for other things very well," he said.

Society submits report

KINGSTON—The Alma Mater Society at Queen's University submitted a report to principal J. A. Corry, asking for greater student participation in university government.

Their brief called for two students to be appointed to the Board of Trustees, and four more to be appointed to the Senate as full members.

The brief said there is a lack of adequate communication between the students and the administration. It noted that the students were not consulted on matters such as residence fee increases.

The brief describes students as "an integral part of the community and as such (they) have a legitimate claim to participate in its government. Consultation after the fact is not sufficient."

Unemployment sought

WINDSOR—The University of Windsor's Canadian Union of Students chairman may be out of a job if student's council approves his recommendations.

Tim Laird, Windsor's CUS committee chairman for the past two years, suggested last week that both the CUS committee and the position of CUS chairman be abolished because of "unnecessary duplication of efforts by council and the committee", Laird said.

Laird suggested a council member be appointed to committees handling individual CUS priorities to ensure a variety of opinions.

But council president Jan Weir says he foresees no committee changes in the near future.

Scholarship dropped

VANCOUVER—World University Service's scholarship budget has been cut at UBC.

AMS council voted to decrease the number of scholarships from six to five. The scholarships budget was cut to \$8,400 from \$10,400.

Under the WUS scholarship plan, B.C. students can study in foreign countries while their counterparts come here and study for a year.



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ANY FOOL CAN BUILD A TREE
... but it takes a special genius to plant a tunnel

Trees in danger

Construction of tunnel seen as potential campus foul-up

A new services tunnel to be constructed this year will wreak havoc with car and pedestrian traffic on campus.

A 40-foot deep ditch will be dug around three sides of the campus, blocking approaches to two major parking lots and destroying more than 8 acres of landscaping or roads.

A public relations office pamphlet advises, "Staff and students may find it to their advantage to avoid bringing their automobiles to campus whenever possible."

The pamphlet goes on to suggest adding extra time to walk between classes, "because many familiar routes will suddenly be blocked as construction progresses."

Construction is now beginning in three key areas: in front of the administration building heading west on 89 Ave., immediately north of the Tory Building, and in front of the nuclear research center at 93 Ave. and 116 St.

DOOM, DOOM, DOOM

The tunnel right of way is cutting through what the U of A public relations office terms one of the finest stands of elm trees in Edmonton.

"These trees on the north side are irreplaceable," said campus landscape architect R. H. Knowles. "However, the department of public works (the tunnel designers) was very good about changing the route at the last minute when we requested it."

The new route avoids five elms and a sewage service system, cutting into the parking lot instead.

The eight disrupted acres will be re-landscaped and paved after the tunnelling is completed at the end of the year. If the tunnel were to be "molded" the cost would be about \$4,420,000, surface disrupted would be minimal, and re-landscaping costs would be drastically cut. The open ditch method was chosen because construction would cost only \$3,294,500.

An apparent saving of over \$1 million is actually less than half that. Cost of restoring grounds alone would be around \$300,000, Mr. Knowles said. Repaving roads

and sidewalks would have to be added.

"At a guesstimate, the difference between the two methods would be \$500,000."

The cost of roads and re-landscaping is difficult to estimate. There are so many natural elements involved. We will be

back-filling with frozen material, which settles. Re-landscaping will have to be done over and over, year after year," he explained.

As the buildings in the Garneau expansion program go up, the tunnel will be extended to bring the water, gas and electric services to them.

U of A to award honorary degrees at SCW convocation

Four honorary doctorates of law will be conferred at a special Centennial Convocation March 10.

Receiving degrees will be Mrs. D. W. McGibbon, Cardinal Leger, C. H. (Punch) Dickens and Dr. C. H. Townes.

A Torontonian, Mrs. McGibbon is a promoter of adult education and a former president of the Dominion Drama Festival.

Cardinal Leger, Archbishop of Montreal, has been a cardinal since 1953.

A former northern bush pilot,

Mr. Dickens was an original officer with the R.C.A.F. He recently retired as executive vice-president of De Havilland Aircraft.

Dr. Townes was awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1964. He is Provost of Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Lt. Gov. Grant MacEwan and Dr. J. E. Bradley, chairman of the Board of Governors, will speak at the ceremony.

No regular degrees will be conferred at the convocation, being held in conjunction with Second Century Week.

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