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### FACULTY OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Intercollegiate athletics are a vital part of the total development of students, said athletic director Ed Zemrau.

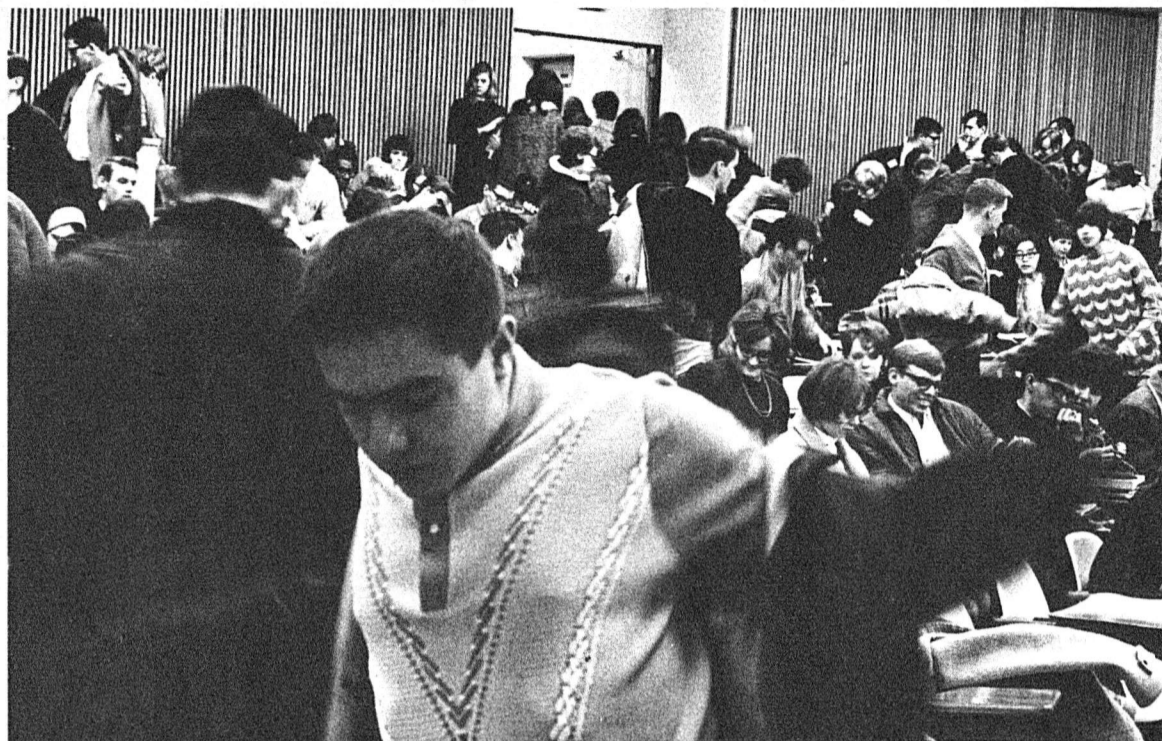
"Participation in athletics is one of the best diversions from academic pursuits that I know of," he said.

Dean of the Faculty of Physical Education, Dr. M. L. Van Vliet, said athletics provide a challenge and opportunity as well as a proper setting for the athlete who is attending university. "If this isn't provided," he said, "you drive them off campus where the educational setting is ignored."

He used the "farce of the Oil King's education program" as a prime example of education being ignored for the sake of athletics.

Intercollegiate athletics have a potential function of serving campus unity, for those presently attending university and graduates, said Dr. Van Vliet.

"If we are to have any school spirit at all, intercollegiate athletics are the main hinge that generates it," said Mr. Zemrau.



### I THOUGHT IT WOULD NEVER END

... another fun-filled, information-packed lecture is over

### BARRY RECKORD ACADEMIC ACTIVIST

The campus is an ivory tower which students can't take seriously, said Barry Reckord, drama lecturer, playwright and prominent figure in the Students for a Democratic University movement.

"What is needed for the times we're in is a campus from which the students can leave aware of the vital issues of life and death: war, colonialism and communism," he said.

The first year of university should be largely humanities, devoted to creating a broad awareness of twentieth-century history, politics and economics, he said.

It should be realized literature is about human thought and feeling, and in this century, these cannot be divorced from questions of democracy, despotism, starvation, capitalism and communism.

"At present, there are too many questions like 'Compare the female characters in Great Expectations,'" said Mr. Reckord.

"Students shouldn't be asked to do questions about light and dark in King Lear, but about Shakespeare's views of dictators and democracy."

Mr. Reckord said support for the Students for a Democratic University has swelled from 15 to 100 people in two weeks.

"At present the student government is a token government. There should be a three part council — faculty, administration and students' union that would eventually have a majority of students on all councils.

"It's ridiculous to expect from

students maturity enabling them to vote at 18, yet not take the same maturity for granted here, unless one considers the vote to be purely formal."

"Students don't become apathetic in their mothers' wombs," he said; "they become apathetic as a result of high school and university education. However apathetic many students are on this campus, there are thousands whose latent interest in the vital issues in democracy is not encouraged—not only not encouraged, but killed."

### FOREIGN STUDENTS

"In such a cold climate, it is gratifying to see people with such warm hearts," said Curtis McIntosh, president of the West Indian Society.

"Canadians seem very concerned about what we think of them, and whether we are exposed to discrimination," he said. "I have had no personal experience of it, though

I know it does happen sometimes. Perhaps I am just not ready to interpret actions as prejudice.

"Conditions do not exist here that would lead to outright discrimination—there are few negroes. In Eastern Canada the question might be more relevant."

McIntosh, a graduate student in agricultural economics, is spending his second year in Canada.

"I came to Canada," he said, "because I wanted to try a different system of university education. The British system is too similar to that of the University of the West Indies.

"The educational system here seems easier to get through."

McIntosh plans to return to his country when he finishes his education, as does John Sabwa, president of Club Internationale.

When Sabwa came here from Kenya, his first impression was that there was no discrimination—he could go to any hotel, and sit anywhere on buses.

"However," he said, "there are

small, subtle instances of discrimination; people think we are different, and do not understand us.

"Some people start out as prejudiced, but as they get to know us they lose this, and forget that we are negroes.

"I think Canadians could learn a lot from us, for most know only about their own culture. Unfortunately, many foreign students get to know people only very superficially.

"I am going back to Kenya because I want to go, not because I feel obligated to do so. If a student wants to stay because he likes the Canadian climate or the people, he should be free to remain. But if he only stays because of the money, he is being selfish.

"The important thing is not to return with missionary spirit to do good, for the people in underdeveloped countries have pride, self reliance is what they need, not charity."

When he first arrived four years ago, he was not met at the air-

## A time to look, listen and learn

Varsity Guest Weekend is time for a good look at this campus, but even more so, time for a good listen to what people around here are saying.

For this purpose, The Gateway presents on these four pages (C-2,

C-3, C-4 and C-5) what it considers an honest view of the University of Alberta.

In preparation for the feature, we have talked to dozens of people—administrators, professors, student politicians, radicals, clergymen, and students. Both their favorable and unfavorable comments were recorded.

Many of those who were asked about such things as impersonalism and academic reform gave answers reflective of Dr. Bay's, "Most people just don't care about anything outside their small circle of friends." Perhaps even more accurate in some cases is: most people know the university system is imperfect, but they're either too afraid or too lazy to admit it.

It's almost impossible to believe that a person who has been on campus for any length of time can say in all sincerity, "This is a wonderful place," or "Every professor takes a personal interest in every student."

But people—an alarming number of people—said such things, and unfortunately, probably believed what they said.

If any one opinion or feeling can be said to be dominant, it is that this university is getting too big;

you just can't get to know people any more.

When a student can go for days on this campus without seeing anyone he knows, he gets hung-up.

And when several thousand kids get hung-up, something's got to give somewhere.

port, and had to get by with no Canadian money for three days.

"There is an effort to welcome us," he said. "Originally foreign students were met by students from their own country; now a Canadian meets them. But they are dumped afterwards; the students who meet them should at least help them around campus for the first week."

Both McIntosh and Sabwa came to U of A because the university offered them financial assistance.

### DR. J. R. VANT GYNAECOLOGIST

"With the growth of the university, impersonality is inevitable," said Dr. J. R. Vant.

"I wonder if kids go to university now to give the university something or to get out of it all they can."

"Size may contribute to apathy," said Dr. Vant. "Students feel they can't contribute anything so they sit back and take from the university."

"It seems to me there is a different spirit among the faculty. There doesn't seem to be as strong a feeling for the welfare of the student.

"This change in attitude may be due to size," he said. "The professors don't usually know their students' names."

"The success or failure of the individual is not as important. The numbers are important but not the individual.

"To some faculty members, teaching is just a sideline. Their main interest is research. The staff is larger, also," said Dr. Vant. "They don't know each other. They aren't, on the whole, as dedicated as they used to be."

"College spirit, the kind that you see in the movies exists when everyone, staff and students, live on the campus as one happy family."

"The lack of this type of situation is some cause for impersonality," Dr. Vant said.

"Just an instructional institution is the most impersonal place there is.

"But university can still mean a lot to a man or woman," he said.

"An attitude has to be developed of wanting to learn, of being a part of the university. Students must take part in not only academic but social and athletic fields as well."

"There is also a change in the number of married students," said Dr. Vant. "If a married man has a wife and family to go home to, he can't socialize too much."

"You are going to get a deserted campus.

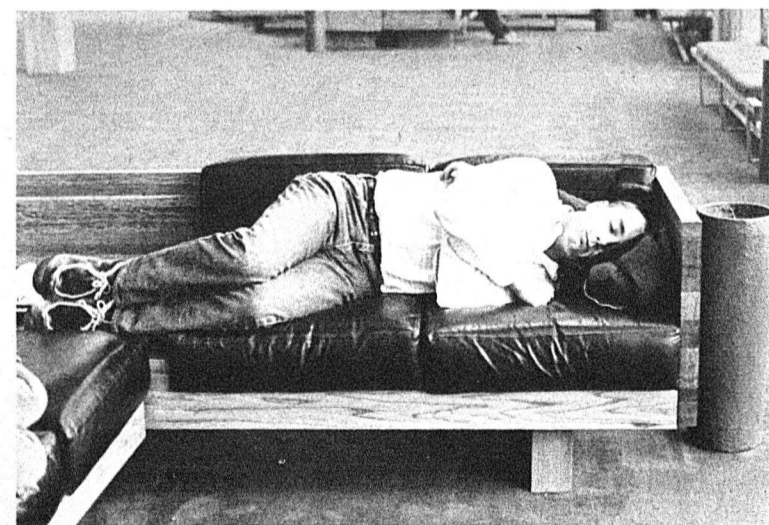
"Students don't seem to support their athletic teams as much as they used to," said Dr. Vant. "There used to be no other entertainment but now students have all the professional teams to watch."

"Yes, I think campus spirit will eventually die."



### THERE IS A PLACE HERE FOR SPORTS

... you can participate, watch or pretend it doesn't exist



—Bob Povaschuk photo

### NOT EVERYONE SEEKS INVOLVEMENT

... many want only to be left alone