

# Seminar Stamps Students "Provincial"

Students of the University of Alberta were accused of being "provincial bores" at October 2 seminar panel discussion.

Chairman Dr. Grant Davy,



DR. VAN VLIET

department of political economy, introduced members of his panel and explained the particular aspect of the theme—Usefulness of Clubs—that each was to discuss.

The panel consisted of Dr. M. L. Van Vliet, school of physical education; Professor W. H. Angus, faculty of law; Mr. John Decore, past president of the Students' Union; and Mr. Peter Hyndman, co-ordinator of student activities.

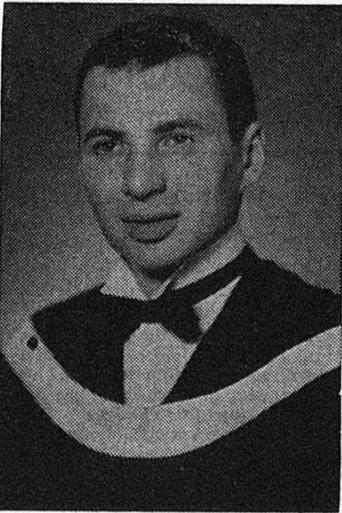
Questioned on the place of sports in the varsity program, Dr. Van Vliet replied that though important, they were surely not the main aim of the University. Intra-mural sport has for its pri-

mary purpose personal relaxation and should be fun, relaxing, and in league with the individual's abilities.

Summarizing the organizational problems of campus clubs, Mr. John Decore, past president of the Students' Union, designated them as being three. Are a club's aims and objectives worthwhile to the campus and students on a Varsity level? Will the venture prove financially practical? Is the club, by its interest, general enough to be open to all student on campus?

#### WHY CLUBS FOLD

Considering the reason for the failure of apparently successful clubs, Mr. Decore again found three points. The club, he explained, may be disorganized; its membership may



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be split creating disunity of objectives; or the executive may have become too dictatorial.

Professor Angus attacked the soaring number of clubs on the

campus. The University he upheld, is trying too hard to create all-round students and is turning out only mediocres and social successes. Perhaps 50 per cent or more of the present clubs could fold up.

Of the University's sports program Dr. Van Vliet ventured, "We do a fair job here, not a good one". There are nine Inter-collegiate fields open to women, 12 to men students; intra-murally, 15 for women and 20 for men.

All phases of the program are designed to allow the student to practise his skills, gain experience in worthwhile activities and hobbies and add to his personality development.

Inter-collegiate competitions, he explained, provide the challenge needed by superior performers. They allow the scholarly-sports star to "have his cake and to eat it too", to partake both of academic and athletic opportunities.

Everyone needs exercise, Dr. Van Vliet concluded, and physical exercise can lead to athletic achievements, great by-products for an academic school.

#### LEADERS FEARFUL CONFORMISTS

Too many leaders coming from the University, Professor Angus said, are fearful conformists where leader-

ship requires respect for non-conformism.

Alberta's boring provincialists range their problems of parking space with Indian students' struggle against starvation.

Students here, he insisted, must investigate and take interest in non-provincial groups as the World University Service and the National Federation of

#### Canadian University Students.

Mr. Peter Hyndman discussed the leaders' problems in working with administration. He contended that the basic weakness was one of lack of communication between the two groups, especially concerning boundary jurisdiction. A similar lack is found between the clubs and Council members. Mr. Hyndman suggested that a future seminar consider the communication problem.

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