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# We're glad you decided to come

## ... welcome from the VGW Director

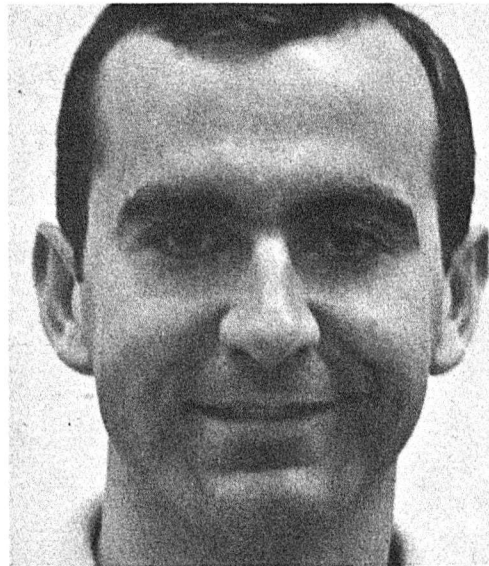
It is my pleasure, on behalf of the Varsity Guest Weekend Committee, to welcome you to the University of Alberta.

Varsity Guest Weekend is the result of a great deal of planning and co-operation by all members of the university community. Many students have been working for several months in order to make your visit an enjoyable and meaningful one.

The purpose of VGW is to introduce you, the general public, to all facets of university life. This year we have expanded the scope of the Weekend to inform you of academic problems existing in our society.

Guest speakers, debates and forums serve to provoke contemplation of current issues such as the role of the student today, and the power movements around us.

**THE ACADEMIC INFORMATION CENTRE**, located in the Education Building gymnasium, will provide you with insights into the programs provided at the University of Alberta. Pro-



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... director, VGW

fessors and students from all faculties will be on hand to answer any questions. Information booths will be set up in

every building to help you find your way around the campus.

A **WINTER CARNIVAL** has been added to VGW in order to involve as many people as possible in our activities on Thursday night. An all-night curling bonspiel will start the carnival. This will be followed on Friday morning by a pancake breakfast and an eating contest. The outdoor activities will start Friday afternoon and will continue throughout Saturday.

An ice statue contest will also be held. Trophies will be awarded for all events.

Two of Edmonton's top bands will play for a dance on Friday night.

The activities of the Weekend attempt to present the academic, the social and the recreational aspects of the University in a way that allows you to be a participant.

The student body is proud of their University and joins me in extending to you a sincere welcome to the campus.

Wes Alexander  
Director, VGW

## ... welcome from the Students' Union

On behalf of the Students' Union, it is my privilege to welcome you to Varsity Guest Weekend, 1969 and encourage you to participate fully in the programs, displays, and activities which have been designed to acquaint you with the many facets of university life—intellectual discussion, academic study, research into new fields, extra-curricular activities, athletics, and social recreation.

Those of you who are young people looking forward to the day when you will attend University yourselves will find an opportunity this weekend to discover and explore the university, meet university faculty and students, and examine some of the opportunities which are available to you to continue your education.

This will perhaps be your first exposure to the University, and we would encourage you to explore further after Varsity Guest Week-

end is over because Varsity Guest Weekend, by its very nature, can give you only a superficial view.

If you are interested in participating in meaningful seminar discussions and information sessions about university life, we would suggest that you keep in mind the Freshman Orientation Seminars which are held for prospective students during the summer months and provide in-depth information and counselling about university life in all its aspects.

Those who are visiting the University as interested citizens are particularly welcome. We hope you will become acquainted with the many ways the University serves the surrounding community through the application of its studies, its research into new techniques, and its provision of opportunities for the young people of Alberta to expand and develop their knowledge and interests. Our



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University is worthy of your support, and we hope you will become familiar with some of its endeavors.

The Students' Union has sponsored Varsity Guest Weekend as an annual event at this University for the past twenty years. We have here one of the foremost universities in Canada, and this weekend offers you an excellent opportunity to view the facilities and meet some of the people who make up our university community.

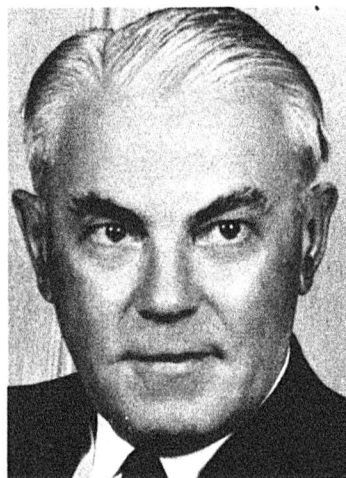
I would urge you to take full advantage of this chance to become better acquainted with the University of Alberta. We are proud of our University and eager to acquaint you with the many aspects of our life here. We hope that you thoroughly enjoy your visit and return soon.

MARILYN PILKINGTON  
President

## ... message from the university president

It is always a pleasure for us to welcome interested visitors to the campus of The University of Alberta, and we make a special effort in this regard at our annual Varsity Guest Weekend. It is a great pleasure for me personally to extend such a welcome to our visitors in 1969.

If you have seen the University in its earlier years you will be impressed with the tremendous development that has taken place in new buildings and other facilities. This growth has been occasioned by very substantial increase over the past three or four years in the number of students coming to the univer-



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sity, and our numbers this year constitute a record that

we had not expected to reach before 1972. There are over 15,000 students registered on a full-time basis during the day, with many more coming each evening for credit courses and extension classes of various kinds. We are, in fact, a "city within a city" and are becoming very heavily populated, indeed.

The heart of the university is, of course, the people who form the university community, and the teaching, studying, and research that are going on in every building on the campus. We hope you will have an opportunity to see some of these activities and some of the places in which

they are carried on.

One building which we hope you will not fail to visit is the new Students' Union Building, which was planned and constructed through the initiative of the students themselves, in co-operation with the Board of Governors. Like many activities on this campus, including Varsity Guest Weekend itself, this is a tribute to student organized effort and initiative.

We hope that you will find the university an interesting place and a friendly place to visit.

Walter H. Johns  
President  
University of Alberta