

Dr. Wyman and U of A: know- ledge, truth, dissent, free- dom and yield to change.

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The office of the President of the University of Alberta is large and impressive.

It breathes quiet executive power, and its gold, brown and orange interior decorator colors melt into one atmospheric condition of heavy warmth.

It has been five months since Dr. Max Wyman, the first Alberta-born man to head the university, settled into the swivel chair behind the presidential desk.

Last week, he looked back on his first half-term of office. As he talked about his ideas, ideals and problems, the intrusive fixtures of bureaucracy around him seemed to recede.

He wasn't dominating the room. He is too quiet-spoken, almost shy to do that.

Instead, his words seemed to tilt the office into a different dimension, a dimension in which its oppressive weight became mere shadow.