

# Next mid-session exams to be held before Christmas

By MARILYN ASTLE

Mid-session exams will come before Christmas next year.

"For the first time students will be able to enjoy their Christmas vacation with a clear conscience not having to come back and face exams," said Registrar A. D. Cairns.

Registration for the winter session is Sept. 9-12 with classes starting on Friday the 13th.

This will allow thirteen weeks of

instruction before exams scheduled for Dec. 16-21.

Christmas vacation is slightly longer extending from Dec. 22 to Jan. 7.

The second term break is a long weekend March 7-9.

Lectures end April 11 and exams commence six days later.

Final exams have been compressed into eight days from the up to fourteen in the past, said Mr. Cairns. For this reason exams will be sched-

uled on a sectional basis like the present January exams.

This means each section of a course will have a separate exam with the possible exception of sections which meet at the same time.

Changes in registration and final exam dates will affect all faculties except medicine, dentistry and law.

Mr. Cairns said the main reason for the changes was general dissatisfaction with the present system, particularly with students' inability to

enjoy the Christmas vacation under the tensions of forthcoming exams.

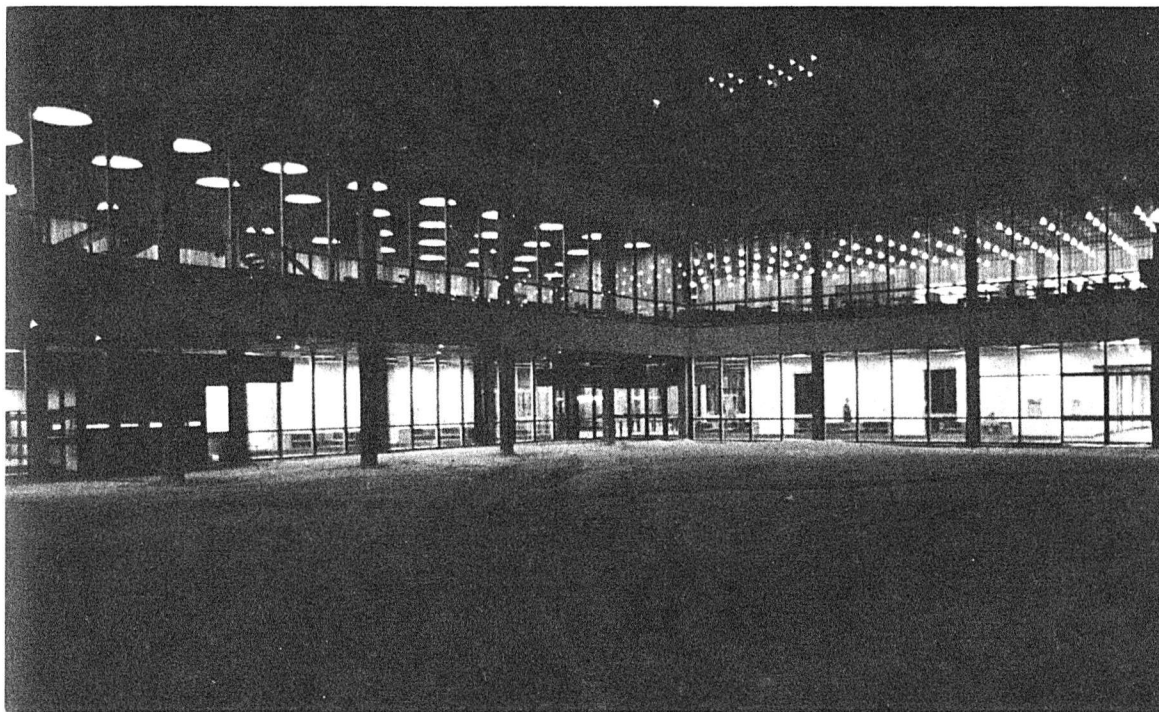
The General Faculty Council set up a committee to investigate possible changes in the academic schedule last fall. Students' council was consulted before the final plan was brought to the GFC Dec. 18.

Mr. Cairns said there should be little effect on students' summer earning period as the time added in the fall and that removed in the spring are approximately equal.

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—Ken Voutier photo

**THE FRIGID, FROZEN NORTH**—This cold, cold igloo is our own dear students' union building as seen through -20 degree winter weather. The halls are empty, probably because everyone stayed home where it was warm. Isn't cold weather a good excuse for staying home and missing classes?

## 'Activists must involve the students'

Jean Rands addresses meeting of campus Young Socialists

By LEONA GOM

Student power movements today tend to come to socialist conclusions.

Jean Rands, organizer of the Vancouver Young Socialists and once their candidate for mayor of Vancouver, said, "I don't think it's inevitable, but it is likely in this period because that's the only alternative the students have."

Miss Rands spoke at a meeting of the Young Socialists Friday on Student Power and Social Change.

"There is a tendency in North America toward the erosion of the democratic rights we already have," she said. "The student power movement is taking up questions affecting everyone in society, not only on the campus.

"Free speech and academic rights are the most important issues.

"But the enemies of the students are very powerful," she said.

"The anti-war movement becomes the natural ally of student power. The people students are fighting are essentially the same

ones as the anti-war people are fighting.

"The most important thing is to defend the people of Vietnam who are dying for socialism."

Miss Rands stressed the importance of the university not being isolated from society.

"So long as the student power movement limits itself to the university, it becomes very easy for the administration to buy students off," she said.

"That's what we have to try to avoid."

There is also a problem in lack of "an organizational form extending across Canada," she said.

"The movement is so amorphous and disconnected on different universities.

"Students must become much more organized and more clear as to what student power is.

"It is also important for student activists to take issues to the students themselves, and actually involve a whole mass of students. It is not enough for leaders simply to take power," she said.

## Dotsenko leaving at end of March

Soviet physicist seeks new post upon termination of research grant

By DENNIS FITZGERALD

Dr. Boris Dotsenko, Soviet nuclear physicist who defected last October will be looking for another position by the end of March.

At this time his research grant terminates and he hasn't been offered a position at the university.

The former head of the research laboratory at the University of Kiev arrived at the U of A in November of 1966 on an exchange program between the U of A and the University of Kiev.

He explained his defection last October by saying "I found I could do much better work here than I could do there."

Dr. Dotsenko, 41, is a theoretical nuclear physicist.

His colleagues generally say he is a capable scientist and a personable fellow.

When he defected he applied here for permission to remain a year.

He also applied to Soviet officials to divorce his wife Kladvia, 38.

### LITE HOPE

He has a daughter Irina, 10, but he has expressed little hope of getting her over here.

Dr. Dotsenko has applied to other Canadian universities but to date he hasn't received any offers.

University president Dr. Walter H. Johns in explaining the university's position said "When Dr. Dotsenko first arrived we were expecting a grad student who would teach in the Slavonic languages department.

"However we accepted him and gave him a grant to work in the nuclear research lab.

"We kept him on the grant after he defected, however, we don't have an unlimited budget."

With Dr. Dotsenko's defection the exchange program was abruptly terminated.

### ALSO CANCELLED

"Not only was the graduate exchange program cancelled but also a three week visitation program for professors and the exchange of valuable books and materials," said Johns.

Several people on campus are disappointed over the termination of the program.

Physics department head J. H. Sample said, "It is too extreme to say Dr. Dotsenko has been pressured into leaving in hopes of reviving the program, as reported in an Eastern paper.

Academic vice-president Dr. Max Wyman said, "It is doubtful that the program would be revived even if Dr. Dotsenko left."

## AUCC looks at housing

Student housing at U of A will come under the scrutiny of a national investigating team during exam week.

The team, established by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, is studying student housing across Canada.

The aim of the study is to answer the question, "How does the particular housing situation of a student affect his total learning experience," said project director Dr. David Fisher in a letter to the university.

He says the study "Does not expect to find one solution for student housing, for no single problem exists, but asks what is expected of student housing and what must be done to fulfill these expectations?"

"The research group will examine the total implications of various physical aspects such as quality of furnishings, room size, locations of bathrooms, common rooms, food services and recreational facilities," said Dr. Fisher.

The investigation will include the examination of relationships between student housing and other aspects of campus planning such as parking and public transport. Also to be examined is the financing of student housing, both the capital and operating costs.

The study is being financed by a grant from the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

The steering committee that will be visiting U of A consists of eight members.