

## U of A annexed by College?

*The best of both worlds says College St. Jean; U of A reaction apathetic*

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The University of Alberta will come a step closer to bilingualism early next year if it absorbs the College St. Jean.

The college has asked to be annexed by the university "more for philosophic than financial reasons" according to Father Francis McMahon, Rector of College St. Jean.

"We feel that French is a language for all Canadians. There is the feeling that the (French) language and the (Roman Catholic) church are too closely identified in the mind of the public," he said.

College St. Jean was formerly under the administration of the Oblate Fathers of the Roman Catholic Church, and is presently under the interim administration of a secular committee.

The college administration hopes to ensure financing for French language instruction in the province, and at the same time lose the

image of a church-supported school by becoming a part of the U of A.

The formula for amalgamation presently under study at the U of A suggests the complete absorption of the college by the university.

"This is only a working paper," said U of A president Dr. Max Wyman. "It is presently under study, and may be changed by suggestions from the committee. It is not final yet."

He said, however, that he did not think the college's request would be turned down, or that the college's French-Canadian nature would be changed in any way.

The college would be a French language part of an English language institution, he said.

This means courses offered in French at the college would be available to all students on either campus. Also, courses not offered at the college in French could be

picked up on campus by students from the college.

The three-mile jaunt from the university to the college may inhibit the free passage of students from one campus to the other, but it does have its advantages.

"We will still be able to provide many social activities here in French. We will not be in so much danger of being swamped by the English campus," said Father McMahon.

Although a few students expressed a fear that the college would be swamped by the larger university, and become a school for the teaching of French-Canadian culture, rather than a French language institution, no one has felt strongly enough about it to register a formal complaint with Father McMahon.

Most of the students are not worried about the idea of being over-powered by the larger Eng-

lish-speaking institution.

"I don't think that they would deliberately set out to do away with the French language. I would think they would welcome it," said one student.

"This is more of a problem at the primary school level," said Father McMahon. "I don't think it will be a problem here."

Most of the college's 180 students were looking forward to the advantages offered by amalgamation.

The two students' unions have beaten their respective administrations to the draw by merging into a single body. The former president of College St. Jean students' union Lucien Royer is now sitting on the U of A council as the College rep.

"The merging of the two campuses is definitely in the works," said Bob Hunka, students' union external vice-president. "We've simply anticipated the administration on this."

The students at the college have been admitted to the students' union at a lower rate of fees than on-campus students.

"They (College St. Jean students), will not be using the building or the other facilities as much as the kids around here," Mr. Hunka explained.

Students at the college do intend to make as much use as possible of U of A facilities.

"This will allow us to go to the SUB, athletic events, and other things on the English campus, while having French-Canadian events here," said one student.

"It will allow us to partake of the best of both worlds; the English events at the university proper, and the French on this part of the campus," was another reaction.

While the reaction of the students at College St. Jean was enthusiastic, and positive, the majority of the U of A students reacted in an apathetic manner.

A few U of A reactions were as follows:

"I didn't even know there was a French college in this city . . . and I really don't care."

"Good for them."

"College St. Jean? I thought it was in Red Deer." (It is located at 8406 - 91 St.)

"Why not a Ukrainian college?"

The reactions of a few of the students were a little more hopeful.

"The inclusion in the university of another ethnic group with the French language can only help the university, and expand the facilities of the College St. Jean."

"I hope that it has an effect on the university. I'd like to see the university setting the pace for the rest of Canada in becoming a bilingual institution."



—Jerry Kyle photo

**FROM SUPER DUCK TO DEAD DUCK**—This is the story of the Golden Bear football club this season. In fact, the Bears are, indeed, dead ducks, what with two losses in as many starts. It also appears to have been open season for this unfortunate mallard which mysteriously dropped to the turf when the timekeeper fired his parting shot to end the first half of Saturday's contest. The Bears went down to defeat 24-20 at the hands of the Calgary Dinosaurs. (Game report on page 4.)

## Then there were eight in SFU last strand

BURNABY (CUP) — The Simon Fraser University administration Friday began dismissal procedures against eight of 11 striking professors from the department of political science, sociology and anthropology and placed the eight on suspension until their firing is completed.

### Election notice

Barely half the candidates in the students' union by-election Friday have handed in their platforms or had their pictures taken for publication in *The Gateway*.

If those platforms are not forthcoming by 6 p.m. today, they will not appear.

The photographs will be taken in photo-directorate at 6 p.m. also.

Those candidates who have not handed in their platforms have unfortunately handicapped the remainder as this issue of *The Gateway* and Tuesday's had been set aside for candidates.

Now, there will be just that much less time for students to consider their choices.

In a letter to each of the professors, administration president Kenneth Strand made good an administration threat issued September 24, the day the PSA department went on strike, in an effort to bring administrators to the negotiating table and end an administration trusteeship over the department.

The eight professors are deposed department head Mordecai Briemberg, Kathleen Aberle, John Legget, Prudence Wheeldon, Louis Feldhammer, Nathan Popkin, David Potter and Saghir Ahmad.

All of the professors except Ahmad were denied tenure, demoted or placed on probation by the administration tenure committee in late August, overturning recommendations made by the department's own tenure committee. Ahmad, a visiting professor in the PSA department, had strongly supported PSA resistance to the administration.

Strand and acting administration vice-president L. M. Strivastava set a deadline of 5 p.m. Wednesday for the professors to declare that they would attend regularly scheduled classes and teach course material as described in the university calendar and approved by the academic senate. Failure to respond, they said, would constitute ground for dismissal.

None of the striking faculty responded.

The suspensions, according to Strand, became effective at noon Friday.

The professors were relieved of all teaching and committee duties, and lost all voting privileges in university decision-making bodies.