

California Campus Architect Comments On U of A Growth

The University of Alberta has undergone "astonishing development during the past six years," stated Louis A. De Monte, campus architect of the University of California who visited Edmonton last week.

"The size of the Alberta campus has almost doubled since 1954," Mr. De Monte observed. He added "At the same time there has been a corresponding increase in the number of students."

Dr. DeMonte said University planning is a dynamic thing which requires constant review and correlation with the needs of our modern society. Design involves not only land use problems, but also a careful orientation of the various faculties to expedite students' movements. "The University of Alberta is falling into such a plan very well," he stated.

In an interview in the office of A. A. Arnold, deputy minister of Public Works, Mr. De Monte said his primary job was "to advise on planning and planning procedures."

During his trip, he divided his time between the University campus and the Department of Public Works.

Mr. De Monte, who visited Edmonton last week at the request of both the University and the Department of Public Works, is acting as adviser and co-ordinator for long-range planning of the Alberta campus. He is also aiding in the design of the new campus of the University of Alberta at Calgary.

NEW ORIENTATION

The trip was a return one, as Mr. De Monte previously visited Edmonton in 1954. At that time, he advised a re-orientation of the Alberta campus to a north-south direction. Older plans involving an east-west expansion had become "impractical".

When asked about trends in modern University architecture, Mr. De Monte said, "The old University Gothic is a thing of the past. Modern trends in design vary greatly with need and financial position. Our aim is the utilization of modern materials and modern techniques."

Asked for his opinion of the type of building which has been constructed on the University of Alberta campus during the past six years, Mr. De Monte said, "Every building is the answer to a problem involving space need, material availability and cost. The University of Alberta campus is one of which this community can be justifiably proud."

He said the new mathematics, physics and chemistry building were "well designed for their purpose," and he added, "Your new swimming pool and rink are two of the most beautiful areas I have seen."

When asked about the question of residences for the University of Alberta, Mr. De Monte said they were certainly in the general plan for the campus, but he could say nothing more at the present time. He stated, "Reflecting modern trends, the new

residences at the University of California, for instance, are very complete and not at all spartan. We feel that good quarters make for better study habits."

Mr. De Monte observed that it is absolutely essential on a campus such as ours first to provide classrooms and laboratories which "are the heart of any University", and which "make the University the cultural centre of the community."

Mr. De Monte is a graduate of the University of California with an A.B. and an M.A. in Architecture. He makes his home in Berkeley, California, and has been involved in University planning for some 20 years.

Mr. De Monte stated he had enjoyed this trip immensely, and he would be only too happy to return if the invitation were extended again.



Assiniboia's Outmoded Interior

Reasons For Residences Given By Men's Adviser

The adviser to men students, Major Roland Hooper, sees a strong need for new residences,

and has outlined some of the reasons.

He feels that students can maintain a better academic standard when they live on campus, due to regular "quiet hours" and good study facilities. He believes that the increased opportunity to meet other students and to participate in social activities provides experience in adjustment which is a big part of the value of University education.

Major Hooper has pointed out that on-campus residence is usually more economical because it saves transportation costs, and frees travel time for study and recreation. He says, "A student who lives on the other side of town will not come over often for our recreational and cultural activities."

He also mentioned the parking problem, pointing to the reduced need for cars when students live on campus.

Asked if, in his opinion, a majority of men students would prefer to live on campus, provided adequate accommodation were available, Major Hooper answered, "Yes, at least in the first year or two, until they are well adjusted to the University environment."

For information as to when this campus will have additional accommodations he relies on what he reads in the papers, but he has indicated that from his point of view, new residences ready for use in 1961 would be "greatly appreciated and a tremendous help."



Major Roland Hooper

Dean Optimistic On Residences

Mrs. J. G. Sparling, new Dean of Women, stated that she is very optimistic about the residence problem and feels that there is a definite movement in that direction.

Although she did not feel prepared at the time to give a formal statement, she feels very strongly about the matter. Having had a residence background, Mrs. Sparling recognizes the definite contribution that residence life could give more University students.

"I believe that residence living contributes to the development of the all-round person, and it would be my hope that we will have residence facilities for all or a very large percentage of students," stated the Dean.

Her optimism is sparked by the feeling that the general population will wish for residences and that "we have a very forward looking government."



Mrs. J. Grant Sparling

Council Asks Students To Write

Hal Veale, Chairman of the Students' Council Residence Committee, has appealed to all students to write their MLA's suggesting immediate action on the urgent need for student residences in Alberta.

Several reasons for initiating this action, according to Mr. Veale, is that less than 10 per cent of Alberta students are housed in residences, while the national average is 27.6 per cent.

No official residences have been built since 1915. He also said that studies show that residences are beneficial to the student, both scholastically and socially.

Students' Council formed the residence committee to investigate the problem. A brief is being prepared to submit to the government. It is hoped that all students will give their backing to this brief by writing their MLA's.

Residence Findings Outlined

In 1957 the University Grants Committee of Great Britain issued a report of their findings on halls of residence. This report has been circulated to members of the Committee on Residences at the University of Alberta. The following are excerpts from that report.

... we shall not be able to go on taking our present numbers of students, still less to take more students, unless we can ourselves provide places for them to sleep... It can no longer be assumed that lodgings form an elastic reserve of accommodation which can be stretched indefinitely to admit increasing numbers...

... One side of the problem is to supply the students with a house to live in. The other is to supply him with the kind of house in which he needs to live if he is to get the most out of his short stay at the University...

... The successful halls are those which continually suggest new interests and fresh points of view to their students. They have a great asset in the variety of their member-

ship, which is drawn from all faculties and many different backgrounds...

... A hall of residence is a community smaller than the University to which students can readily give their loyalty. For many of the students membership of a resident corporate group gives a new and different significance to their University career. "The influence of the hall", one witness affirmed, "is half the total influence of the University on a student..."

... Many a young man or woman who once arrived in hall shy and awkward leaves it a pleasant and balanced personality. To quote a representative of the students' point of view, "Life in hall turns a school-boy into an adult prepared to take his part in the community..."

... halls of residence can, and should, play a highly important part in the general education of University students. We do not feel that the problem of residence could be solved by the extensive building of dormitories which merely provide more sleeping accommodation for undergraduates...

NFCUS Calls For 10,000 University Scholarships

HALIFAX (CUP)—A resolution calling for 10,000 scholarships of approximately \$600 each was passed by the National Federation of Canadian University Students congress, held at Halifax this month.

The scholarships will be awarded on the basis of financial need, intellectual ability, and willingness to work. Five universities abstained from the vote.

The resolution, proposed by McGill University at Montreal, had been rewritten to read "The federal government be requested to cooperate with all interested provincial governments in the establishment of a scholarship and bursary program." when Montreal and Laval Universities pointed out that education is purely a provincial matter.

It had originally asked for federal aid only. However, it was on the point of provincial aid that some of the Maritime universities abstained.

During the congress, a Progressive Conservative MP from Halifax told the delegates that the problem of paying for education is not a simple matter. "You are asking the federal government to pay more money, but where will you get the money? You get out of the government what you put into it."

He warned that if taxes were the means they would "be levied against you in your future earning years." However, he indicated that there might be a break in the clouds in the not too distant future.