

Fall Convocation

One of the major speeches made at Saturday's Fall Convocation was Dr. Harry Gunning's Report on the University.

In his first Convocation Address, the University President paid tribute to three past officers of the University, Dr. Walter H. Johns, sixth President of the U of A, Dr. A.G. McCalla, former Dean of Graduate Studies, and Dr. Max Wyman, former U of A President.

"Under the dynamic leadership of Walter Johns, this University gradually emerged from the chrysalis of parochialism into a fully developed centre for creative education..." he said, "he worked tirelessly to make the University better known and more highly respected."

Dr. McCalla, he said, "had one overpowering objective, and that was to make our graduate degrees equivalent to the best that could be obtained anywhere in the world."

"A university without an outstanding Graduate School is to me a contradiction in terms."

President Gunning accredited the development of the machinery for governing this University with intelligence and justice, to Max Wyman, past U of A President.

"Under Max Wyman, we have developed a new awareness

of the importance of treating all people with justice and humanity. To me this represents a giant step toward true institutional maturity."

After completing his praise of these men, Dr. Gunning moved on to a totally new tack in his address.

"Over the next decade we will witness many profound changes in our society as we struggle to provide food and materials to an ever-increasing world population without irreparably damaging the delicate eco-balance of our planet."

The text of his speech moved on to stressing the importance of the U of A's responsibility and duty to the furthering of research.

He mentioned examples like the Planet and Animal Research Stations at Ellerslie where the U of A is solving problems of food production, coming up with pieces of knowledge for our use.

"It is only the forefront research workers who are capable of fitting these pieces together."

He went on to explain and expound the methods by which this university is achieving these important goals.

The creation of a Faculty for Interdisciplinary Affairs, he said will have as its prime objective "the bringing together of experts in the solution of



University dignitaries employ this rare opportunity to display their traditional academic robes.

interdisciplinary problems of special importance to the people of Alberta."

Computer assisted learning centers, he said would expand the scope and potential of this institution, and it is also well within our present scope to implement it.

Speaking on yet a different trend, the president commented on the possibility of enrolment

quotas for this campus.

"I think this is a matter on which we should make haste slowly. I would like our Senate to discuss this fully with the

public."

"This is your university," he said, "and we want you and your sons and daughters to maximally benefit from it."



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Graduands finally get theirs

by Mary MacDonald

"Young people today are the conscience of the nation." This was the theme of the address of the Rt. Hon. John G. Diefenbaker to the graduates at Convocation Exercises Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Diefenbaker expressed his appreciation of being conferred with an honorary doctorate of law degree and

remarked it was quite an accomplishment at his age to gain such a degree so easily without really working for it.

The "Chief", still his oratorical self, stated that he was not present to dole out advice to thy graduates but did pass on some points to ponder.

He stated, "I live every day thinking of tomorrow." To be prepared for every day living but with an eye to the future.

Mr. Diefenbaker described freedom as a fragile thing in which "we have the right to be wrong but not to do wrong." He said we need not be reminded of the famine in the world or other setbacks but that "there are things to be done. So much to do in so little time."

The former Prime Minister noted that as Canadians we have many fears "fears where this country is going, fears for mankind..." He suggested that the hope of Canada lies within the power of the individual. "If each one could contribute just a few hours devoted to public service, it would bring about change."

This service need not be in politics but in the public interest so that could be said of each "In life - service; in death - courage."

He wished the graduates success but not necessarily financial success. "I have been on the mountain peaks and in the valleys, I wish you success but not necessarily by that a monetary one."

Mr. Diefenbaker concluded with a vision for all "Look ahead and decide where Canada as you discern it should be," and try to attain this.

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Chancellor Ron Dalby officially confers degrees.

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