

U of C loses head

Calgary university president Armstrong resigns position

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CALGARY—Dr. H. S. Armstrong resigned as president of The University of Calgary Dec. 18, four years to the day after the resignation of the previous president Dr. Malcolm Taylor.

Dr. Armstrong said, "I sincerely feel that the best interests of the university will be served by my freeing the Board of Governors to seek and appoint someone to whom their unanimous support can be assured."

Recent rumours had stated a rift was present between Dr. Armstrong and the board to the extent that his resignation might be requested by the board.

Armstrong said, "It has been a great shock to me to learn that I apparently do not enjoy the unanimous support of my Board of Governors."

His resignation was influenced by the University of Guelph in Ontario, where he will become Dean of Graduate Studies July 10.

A presidential advisory selection committee is being formed with the faculty and three board appointees. Three possibilities for

the post from the campus are Deans A. M. Neville, H. S. Baker and J. B. Hyne of the engineering, education and graduate studies faculties.

Dr. Armstrong cited two instances which illustrated the problems with the Board of Governors.

The first was the president's residence to be built on campus. Dr. Armstrong said when he accepted the president's post he understood this house was to be constructed for him.

Construction was delayed by the board.

He said a Board of Governors was appointed by the provincial government without the consultation he was assured six months earlier.

Dr. Armstrong came to U of C on May 1, 1964 from U of A where he had been dean of science and vice-president.

Conference to deal with the question of more total art

Plans are a-foot for a three-day festival of the arts to be held March 27-29.

Co-ordinator of the project, John Thompson, arts 4, said it will be based on the newest arts and the boundaries between them and the older arts.

The conference will ask the question, "Are we headed towards more total art?" said Thompson.

The conference plans to have three or four speakers, films from the American underground and an art display by the fine arts faculty.

Also hoped for at the conference will be a program of contemporary music and a presentation of the final acts of the Broadway play "America Hurrah".

A room may also be painted "not psychedically," said Thompson who believes there is no such term.

The conference, known as Con/Fusion, is partially sponsored by the students' union.

Arts Council sponsors formal dinner and dance

At its meeting Friday in the SUB seminar room, the Arts Council made plans for its March 16 formal.

The dine and dance affair will be held at the Macdonald Hotel. Tickets are \$10 per couple and may be obtained from members of the Arts Council.

The seminars sponsored by the council were also on the agenda. At the first seminar, to be held Jan. 30, the faculty system will be discussed.

The constitution was given second reading at the meeting, which was chaired by arts rep David Leadbeater.

Second year Chemical and Mechanical Engineering students are required by

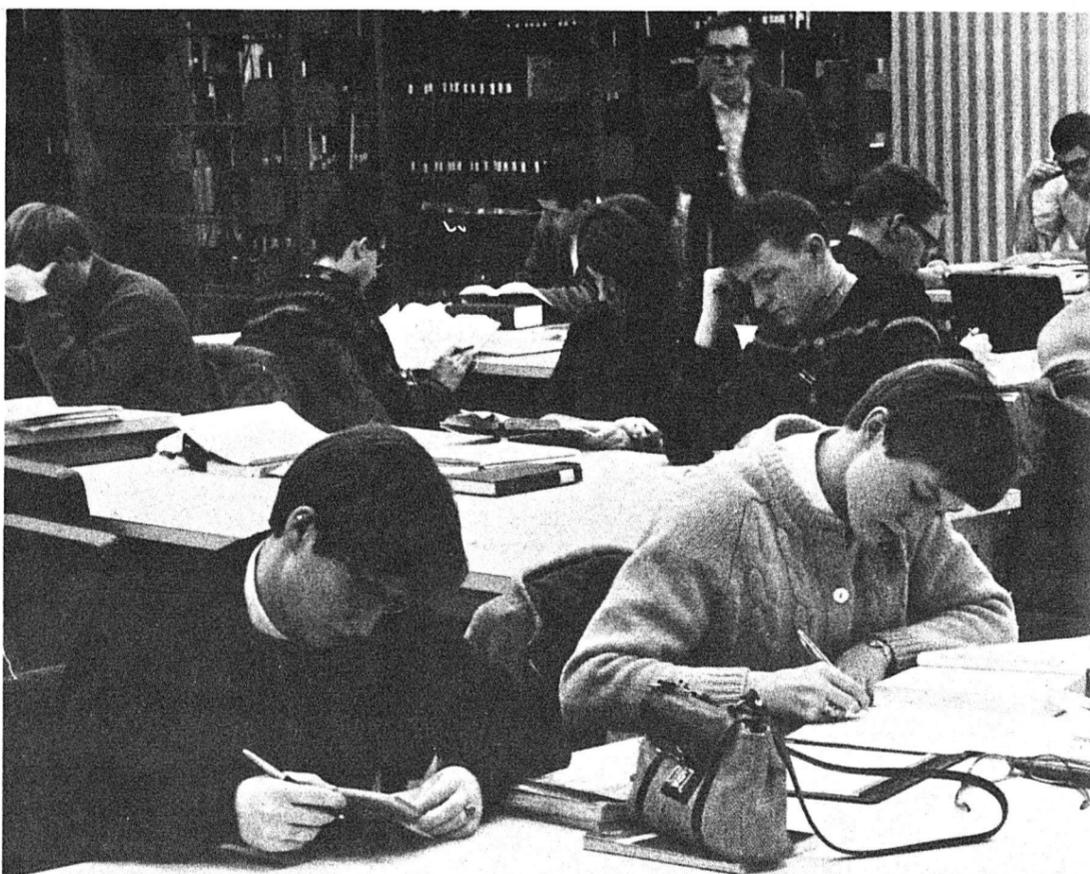
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Dropouts lack the maturity to face challenges presented by university

By PAT HIDSON

The Registrar's office reports that up to Dec. 15, 171 students had withdrawn from U of A.

"Too many shallow, spoiled, soft students float to campus registration in their little padded world and two months later drop out because they haven't the guts to face the physical, mental and personal challenge," said Sandra Wheeler, fine arts 1.

"Not having come through adolescent development," was the term used by A. J. B. Hough, director of student counselling. He said an adolescent displays characteristics of intolerance of the authority figure, self-centeredness, extreme sensitivity, stubbornness and moping.

This could conceivably constitute a problem in adjusting to campus life.

An older adolescent is less self-centered, more tolerant, and dis-

criminating about what they rebel against. They have more self-confidence, he said. The Registrar's office reports most students fall into the 18 to 20 years old bracket, a total of 7,950 students, but there are many other problems inherent in withdrawals from the university.

Mr. Hough said how a student reacts to university also depends on his home life. "Some students can't stand being told what to do, chiefly any time there is a crisis situation at home."

A student who is away from home may be simply homesick. Mr. Hough said that this is quite often the cause of students withdrawing around October and Christmas.

Academic pressures are a basic and perhaps main cause of a student's withdrawing. However, said Mr. Hough, it is not possible to separate the emotional problems

from the academic. The two are inter-related.

"A real pressure factor is an instructor who lacks ability to present material," he said.

Mr. Hough said a student may react by pounding the books, taking another class, or simply "throwing up their hands." He said "This may suggest their degree of stability; using the term very broadly."

Student Health Services, and Counselling Services advocate having mid-terms before Christmas holidays.

"It was surprising how many students studied on campus during the holidays. Students need a complete mid-term break, without academic stress," said Mr. Hough.

Students have more mental health services available than the general community, he said because of a co-operation of highly trained staff in oath.

The Health Service and Counselling service co-operate in helping students with problems.

Mr. Hough said a problem which appears to be emotional could have a partial physical component, such as glandular or brain damage. The possibility of physical impairment must be ruled out before a student is directed toward a psychiatrist's help.

If a period in the infirmary or psychiatric ward is necessary, then treatment is done by psychiatrists. Often a psychologist and psychiatrists will work together to restore a student to a balanced mental attitude. "There are constant cross-referrals," Mr. Hough said.

There are cases where a student will be sent to Oliver provincial hospital. Mr. Hough said mental health cases on campus were not more predominant than the general community.

He said this is due to the services available to students.

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