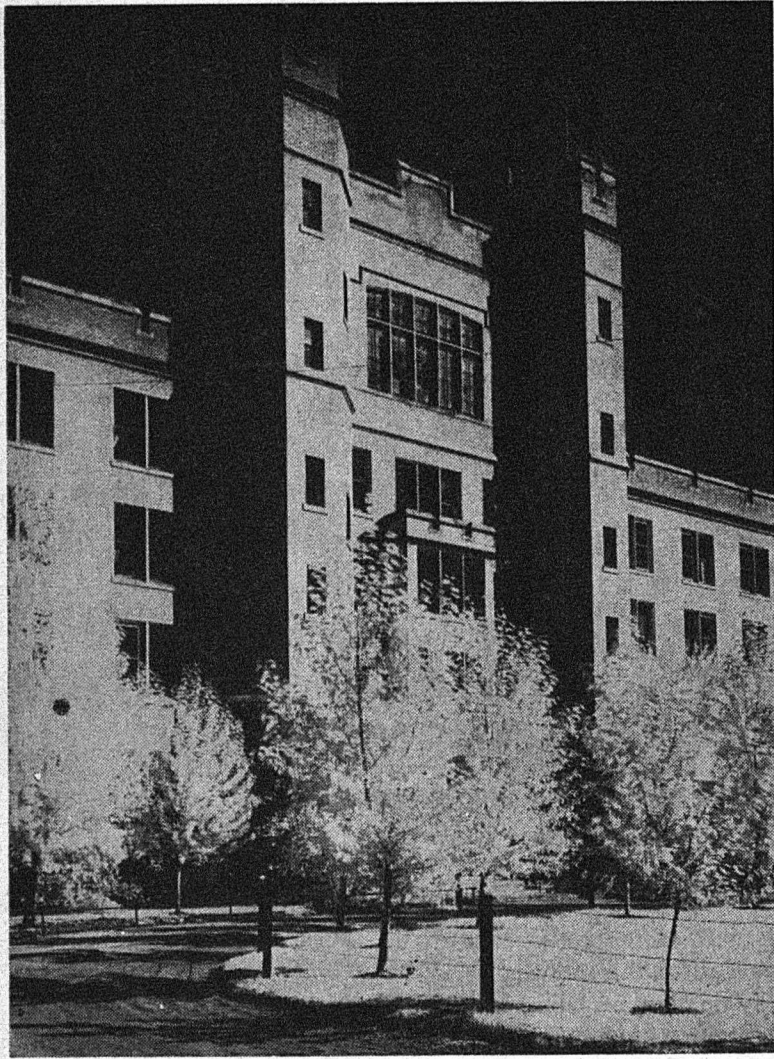


U of A May Get "High Rise" Multi-Storey Residences



St. Steve's Crumbling Exterior

The University of Alberta has an immediate need for residences for some 1,500 undergraduate students.

In order to provide these accommodations the University, in co-operation with the Department of Public Works, has undertaken a program of research and investigation in order to guarantee full utilization of land, and buildings of the most desirable design.

The land available for these residences consists of some fifteen acres between the Jubilee Auditorium and Windsor Park, and contained between University Avenue and 87 Avenue. This limited space demands the use of a "high rise" multi-storey design so that green areas and playing fields can be preserved.

Last summer, an investigation and tour of new residence buildings in the United States was carried out. Making this tour were Mr. Justice Hugh John MacDonald, member of the Board of Governors; Mr. A. A. Arnold, deputy minister of Public Works; Mr. Arnold Henderson, chief architect of the Department of Public Works; and Professor A. Ryan, Provost and Executive Assistant to the President.

DORMITORIES PRAISED

Professor A. Ryan describes the new residences at the University of California as, "typical of the best high rise dormitory groups going up across America." These groups consist of four nine-story ultra-modern structures surrounding a "sculptured roof" dining hall and serving area.

Each unit houses 200 students, and includes central lounges common to two floors, study areas and two-occupant rooms. The central buildings include a recreation room, administrative offices and a maintenance shop. Professor Ryan said these buildings, described by backward administrators as "white elephants", are fully occupied and more than one hundred per cent subscribed.

The officials next visited Brigham Young University where over forty per cent of the student body is housed in "varied residences". These structures tend to be lower and more spread out, as Brigham Young has no



A. A. Ryan

CAREFUL PLANNING NEEDED

"There has been a temptation to put up anything," said Professor Ryan. "I think we were wise to look this thing over carefully before we jumped." Professor Ryan emphasized, "Above all, a residence is not just a place to hang one's hat." He noted the great increase in enrollment during the past few years, and said it would double from its present 6,500 in the next fifteen years.

"Space limitations make construction of the 'high rise' type residence necessary," said Professor Ryan. He stated that designs which had already been suggested were being modified to include lounge area, but that such designs were merely proposals.

"The University must soon accommodate at least 1,500 more undergraduate students," said Professor Ryan. He stated, "The long range order of procedure will be undergraduate single men and women, graduate married students, graduate single students, undergraduate married students and staff."

The exact question of how soon must remain a question mark. "However, it must be remembered," he said, "that the University and the Department of Public Works would not undertake such a tour if some action in the near future was not anticipated."

The vast sums of money involved in such a project must bear careful consideration. At the University of California, each unit of four residences with central dining hall cost some \$7,600,000, and furnishings and landscaping added another \$10,300,000. Here at Alberta our new Physical Education building cost \$2,500,000.

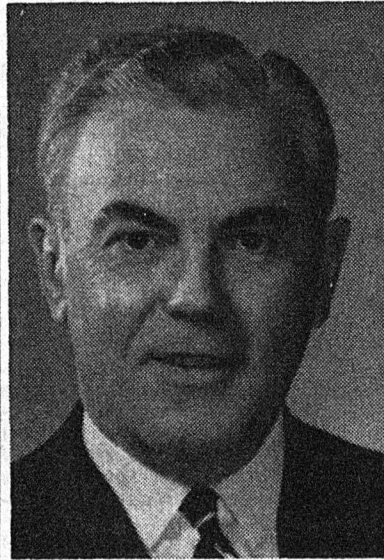
Johns Says Residences "Absolutely Necessary"

In a recent interview Dr. Walter Johns, president of the University, stated that the construction of residences on this campus was absolutely necessary.

"Residence life contributes substantially to the social maturity of students as well as to their intellectual growth. Provision of suitable facilities for study as well as for meals and lodging creates a situation in which the student can reap benefits," he said.

He said also that the administration has been working on this problem for some time and although there are no visible results some progress has been made toward the financing and building of these residences. The main problem facing the University is that of finances. It is expected that services in the new residences will be cut down in order to reduce costs.

Dr. Johns added that it is most important for students to live as close as possible to the University in order that they may participate in campus life and make full use of campus facilities.



Dr. Walter H. Johns

space problem. Professor Ryan particularly noted, "admirably thought-out lounge and study areas, and one of the best planned cafeteria buildings in America."

Mr. Justice MacDonald and Professor Ryan continued on to the Universities of Missouri and Kansas. At Missouri, large new "high rise" women's residences have been constructed. These huge structures accommodate some 600 students each. A central dining area and recreation area includes underground parking facilities. These widely-publicized buildings contain centralized lounge and recreation areas.

Kansas has "very fine men's seven story residences for 430 students each with excellent small group lounges," said Professor Ryan. "Each has its own big handsome private dining and main lounge."

Just what does this tour mean for the students of the University of Alberta? What kind of residences can we expect, how many and how

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