

Universities ask for money

Government will match proceeds — Manning

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At a recent press conference, Alberta's three universities announced the launching of a capital building fund campaign with a \$25,000,000 objective.

The reason for the campaign—The Three Alberta Universities Capital Fund—is the anticipated growth to and beyond 1972 of the three universities involved.

Only projects of high priority in the construction programmes of the universities are included in this growth estimate. These very essential construction projects will enable the universities to accommodate projected increases of student enrollment of 6,000 or 40 per cent at the U of A (Edmonton); 5,000 or 74 per cent at the U of C in Calgary; and a doubling of the present enrollment of 1,100 at Lethbridge university. These are 5-year (1967-72) projections.

Alberta's universities are the last in Canada to seek support from private sources. The nation-wide appeal to business and industry, foundations, alumni and friends will enable financing of capital construction to 1972.

Premier E. C. Manning, recognizing the importance of this fund drive had this to say in his written statement of support for the drive:

"Because of the vital role of higher education and its significance in ensuring the continuing future prosperity in Alberta and Canada, the government of Alberta has committed a total of \$185,000,000 to provide for capital expansion by the three universities during the period from 1967 to 1972.

"Having regard to trends in enrollment, the universities have determined that their capital requirements will substantially exceed the \$185,000,000 provided and, for this reason, the three universities are embarking on a national fund-raising campaign with an objective of \$25,000,000 which amount the Government of Alberta will match, on a dollar for dollar basis.

"Recognizing that this is the first such appeal ever conducted by the universities of Alberta, I urge every citizen and every company located in Alberta, or doing busi-

ness in the province to extend this campaign their most generous support.

"Such support is a vital necessity if the campaign is to achieve its objective, thereby enabling the universities to meet the need for greatly expanded physical facilities to keep pace with the rapidly increasing student enrollment."

The most intensive phase of the campaign will take place during April and May of 1969 and the organization of committees for that portion of the appeal is already under way. It is anticipated that upwards of 5,000 volunteer canvassers will be participating in the campaign at the local level.

Consultants to the campaign are Duff, Abbott and Associates Limited, under the direction of the president of the firm, Donald J. Duff who is a graduate of the University of Alberta (Edmonton). Members of the administrative staff of all three universities are involved at the campaign, the largest voluntary appeal ever to be conducted in this province.

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York opens senate

TORONTO (CUP)—York University has joined the rapidly expanding group of Canadian universities to at least partially open their senates.

The vote was taken Thursday and met with little opposition. York's senate has 108 members, five of them students. The senate will open its regular sessions though, as in most other cases, provisions exist for closed session in "extraordinary" situations.

Other schools that opened their senates are: British Columbia, McGill, Simon Fraser and Waterloo.

In addition, McGill announced Thursday that the Board of Governors will meet in open session as of January, 1969.

Waterloo pig earns degree

WATERLOO (CUP)—DeHavilland Pig was awarded an honorary degree by students at the University of Waterloo in a mock convocation ceremony to protest the university's awarding of honorary degrees to two members of the military-industrial complex.

The awards were given to O. M. Solandt, former director-general of defense research for the government and former chairman of the defense research board, and to M. McLaughlin, chairman of the board of General Motors.

The mock ceremony bestowed an honorary doctor of engineering degree on the 50-pound pig in the back of a pick-up truck just outside the stadium where the "legitimate" convocation was taking place.

Guests at deHavilland's ceremony carried signs reading "No diplomas for Warmongers" and "Diplomas sold here".

DeHavilland was none too happy about his degree and escaped the platform a couple of times. He refused to pose for photographers as well.

Ontario College Federation formed

KINGSTON (CUP)—More than 100 delegates representing nearly 25,000 community college students in Ontario met here this weekend to form the Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology Students Association of Ontario (CAAT).

The result—a loose federation, with no central agency or staff, to "improve the public image" of the colleges and their students and to improve communications between them.

Only one delegation, Niagara College, favored a strong, centralized federation. All work of the association will be carried out by co-ordinators at each member college. A head co-ordinator will assume responsibility for annual conferences.

Initially, the association will be open only to community colleges, but the constitution can be amended to allow any college or university to join the group.

The group rejected membership in the Ontario Union of Students and the Canadian Union of Students, primarily on ideological grounds. Mike Smith, a delegate from Mohawk College in Hamilton, stressed co-operation with administrations and said; "burning is not something that CAAT's want to bother with—the image that CUS has created is not what we want."

Gord Goldsworthy, of Centennial in Toronto, the present head co-ordinator, was pleased with the conference: "it has instilled a new awareness that results can be achieved by co-operative efforts."

A strong federation will come when it is desired, said Goldsworthy. "The strongest factor of our association," he said, "is that each college can be independent and maintain its autonomy . . . it is student oriented, not a political oligarchy."

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