

Men must exploit their extraordinary potential

"God can't go wrong"

By NANCY CARR

Man must learn to disengage himself from his conditioned reflexes and begin to think for himself, famed architectural engineer Dr. R. Buckminster Fuller told a packed audience at Head Hall last Monday night.

Speaking on "Man's Role in the Universe" the 77-year-old Fuller gave a two and a half hour address that was a unique blend of science and philosophy. As usual, he used no lecture notes, preferring to engage in what he called "thinking out loud." In discussing his own life, Fuller, who calls himself "just a low average character", said that at the age of 32 he decided to commit himself to helping his fellow man.

To do this, he said, he had shed his own conditioned reflexes and "get back to the innate capabilities we were all born with." If man does this, he continued, he can begin to assume his proper role in the universe as solver of the problems which beset humanity.

"Man", said Fuller, "is able, with his extraordinary mind, to discover certain principles in the universe which must be eternal.

Man, with his tiny brain, has contact with eternity . . . you and I are little monitors, sensing information and processing it."

Crediting the younger generation with being "much less misinformed", Fuller said, "We're, all of us, just coming out of the womb of ignorance. You've absolutely got to do your thinking.

"We are finally in a situation where the world is concerned about making a mess. The whole world is wanting to think."

Fuller said that with man's vast knowledge today, there should no longer be any excuse for war or poverty in the world.

"It is highly feasible," he said, "to take care of all humanity with the highest standard of living man has ever known, and it can be done by 1985. We've learned how to take care of everybody. For this first time in history, there's ample to go around. It doesn't have to be you or me."

In closing, Fuller affirmed his faith in the divine order of the universe, saying "My faith in the Universe is absolute. God can't go wrong. God never makes any mistakes."

Fuller received a standing ovation for his address.



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Monetary problems "temporary"

By BOB JOHNSON

The financial problems that arises from reduced enrollments at university "is essentially a temporary one and should be soluble through the many adjustments in programme and responsibility that are possible within a university," said University of Winnipeg President Henry E. Duckworth.

In his address to UNB's Convocation on Wednesday, Dr. Duckworth elaborated on recent changes in the university's constituency and the appropriate response of the university to these changes.

He said the traditional university has virtually vanished from the Canadian scene. Universities have become increasingly dependent upon public funds, and consequently, increasingly egalitarian.

"Attendance at university has become less the exception and more the rule, less of a privilege and more of a right," he said.

Dr. Duckworth commented on the dramatic increase in the percentage of young people attending university which occurred between 1955 and 1970 and produced a growing demand for post-secondary education.

"To this effect was added in the 1960's an enhanced belief that university education led directly to high paying jobs," said the University of Winnipeg's president.

He said, "The fallacy of this belief has been rudely exposed in the past two or three years and many young people who,

a few years earlier, would have entered university on the strength of it are no longer doing so."

Others who, two or three years ago, might have proceeded to or continued in university are now taking permanent jobs, are delaying university work for financial reasons, are exploring the world or are exploiting our unique system of unemployment insurance," he added.

"As a result," he said, "the rising university enrolment figures of the 1960's have not only levelled off, in some cases they have actually dropped."

Dr. Duckworth said, "The net result is that we have a narrower constituency to deal with. Instead of attempting to be all things to all people, we can begin now to be some things to some people."

"Instead of responding erratically to those who came to us for the wrong reasons, we can begin now to respond consistently to those who represent our proper clientele. This will not require a revolution within the university but it will require that our evolution take cognizance of the changes in the total environment," he said.

Over 300 University of New Brunswick students receive degrees during the 20th Convocation ceremonies at the Lady Beaverbrook rink.

During the proceedings five distinguished Canadians were honored by the university. Henry E. Duckworth, president and vice-chancellor of the University of

Winnipeg and John S. Carman, a Canadian earth scientist were conferred with honorary doctor of science degrees. Former Dean of UNB's Education Faculty Robert J. Love; McCain Produce Company President Mrs. A. D. McCain and New Brunswick's Lieutenant-Governor Hedard Robichaud received honorary doctor of law degrees.

The title "Professor Emeritus", awarded on or after retirement from active academic duties, was bestowed upon Robert E. D. Cattley in abstantia.

Dr. Cattley is the retired head of the department of classics and ancient history and was unable to attend convocation due to poor health.

He is best remembered by the public as university orator from 1949 until his retirement in 1968. During this time, Dr. Cattley prepared and delivered eloquent citations for the majority of honorary graduates of the university.

Barbara Joan Pepperdene of UNB's sociology department and Leonard Philip Edwards of the mathematics department were presented awards for excellence in teaching.

This is the first time that such awards have been made by the university.

They are made by a university committee consisting of professors and students to certain faculty members who in the committee's estimation have shown an excellence in their teaching ability.



Photo by Ken De Freitas

Over 300 UNB students received degrees during Fall Convocation at the Lady Beaverbrook Rink Wednesday afternoon. Above are shown three of the Ph.D. recipients.

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