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Ideal university proposed

OTTAWA—The present educational system should be revised in order to produce "the total man", Laurier LaPierre told St. Patrick's College students.

"Education must cope with the uniqueness of the individual," the former co-host of This Hour Has Seven Days said as he outlined his concept of the ideal university to more than 600 students at the Centennial teach-in.

Education has largely neglected its social responsibilities in that it has failed to produce total men—individuals who fight mass uniformity, who have a sense of political consciousness and who are prepared to earn a living, he said.

But the situation can be rectified by means of the community of scholars—the teachers and students—he suggested.

"We tend to forget the university is a society devoted to the pursuit of knowledge and involvement," the fast-talking history professor from McGill University said.

"And the university must be a reflection of the community of scholars who compose it."

If the university is to become this reflection, and if it is to produce the total man, its students and teachers should exercise at least 51 per cent control over it, he suggested.

"They should have a say in the direction of the university but let the administrators do the administrating."

Other reforms, such as the abolition of the already much-criticized lecture-system, must be implemented if the ideal university is to exist, he said.

He suggested oral examinations replace written ones and that professors assign letter grades instead of percentages.

There is "no room in the university for the indifferent and the uninspired," he warned the students.

Commission on education called

TORONTO—Ontario's university presidents recommended a full-time commission to study higher education in the province.

The recommendation—which includes a proposal to give every university entrant \$100—was made in a study of opportunities and facilities for post-secondary education in Ontario over the next 10 years.

The study, From the Sixties to the Seventies, says the commission is imperative if adequate higher education is to be available to all who can profit from it.

The report also recommends a special commission on student housing be established immediately to solve the problems of student living accommodation.

In recommending each student receive \$100 upon entering university, the report said, "if a student is worthy of admission, he is worthy of support."

Awards above this amount would be subject to a means test, the report said.

Split over syndicalism

QUEBEC—A major split in the ranks of Quebec students became apparent at the Congress of Science and Engineering Students of Quebec, held at Laval University.

The CSESQ, which groups most university students in these fields, held long heated discussions over syndicalism and the question of whether Scientists and Engineers should form unions to fight for higher salaries and better working conditions.

Delegates fought over a resolution which condemned labour unions for these groups for restricting individual freedom and also proposed the maintenance of the Law of Supply and Demand.

Science students generally opposed the motion which drew strong support from the Engineers, who argued that a union meant loss of professional status and held back advancement of the good worker.

The Congress condemned proposals to set uniform courses in first year science and engineering across the province as preventing necessary flexibility but did urge an inter-university committee to facilitate students who wish to change university before their degree.

Rhodesian lecturer jailed

SALISBURY—A South African history lecturer at Salisbury University was sentenced to 20 years in prison for working with the outlawed African Nationalists party.

The prosecution told the Salisbury High Court that John Andrew Conradie had admitted charges of taking part in a "diabolical plot which could have led to the loss of many white Rhodesian lives."

Conradie also admitted he distributed money for the African Nationalists party and passed on hand grenades, said the prosecutor.

Council reverses decision on frat rezoning

City council has disregarded recommendations and decided Feb. 27 to prevent fraternities from building in the Garneau area.

It was recommended to council Feb. 20 the block between 86 and 87 Ave and 110 and 111 St. be rezoned to allow the building of fraternity houses.

Outgoing IFC president Bob Rosen said, "There is a lot of bickering going on. We plan to go back and try again. There is a good chance we will win."

"We have the city planning commission behind us.

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"The university considers fraternities the same as any other form of housing—an asset," added Rosen.

New IFC president John Rouse said, in the U.S. the situation is different; fraternity houses are recognized as an integral part of campus housing.

At the University of British Columbia the administration provided land for a fraternity row.

The major problem here is the fraternities must get together and take action; they all realize the problem but tend to look out for their own necks first, said Rouse.

Convocation honors four tonight

Religion, aviation, the arts, and science will all be represented at the special Centennial Convocation tonight.

His Eminence Paul-Emile Cardinal Leger, C. H. (Punch) Dickins, Mrs. Donald W. (Pauline) McGibbon and Dr. Charles H. Townes will receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. No other degrees will be conferred at the special ceremony.

Cardinal Leger, Archbishop of Montreal, is one of Canada's best-known churchmen. Mr. Dickins, a World War I ace, is a famous Canadian bush pilot. Mrs. McGibbon is a past president of the Dominion Drama Festival and presently chairman of the Board for the National Theatre School. Dr. Townes, professor of physics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, was a 1964 Nobel Prize winner for his research in the field of microwave physics.

An address on Canada's Centennial will be given by Alberta lieutenant governor the Honorable Dr. J. Grant MacEwan. Chairman of the Board of Governors, Dr. J. E. Bradley will speak on the university and its future.

The ceremony begins at 8:10 p.m. in the Jubilee Auditorium.



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PIGEON-TOED SCOTCH HOPPER?—Would you believe a knock-kneed concrete stomper? Or maybe a long-haired urban-style stubble jumper. Well then, how about a U of A student who just missed the crack that would have broken her mother's back? Would you believe we don't even know her name?

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