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BEAUTIFUL LOSERS—You don't have to get in on the ground floor around here to win, but it helps. Valerie Christie, at the bottom right, representing ground floor was crowned Miss Residence Saturday night at the res queen formal. The first year student was selected from 11 candidates each representing a floor in Kelsey Hall.

UVic president resigns again, will return to teaching role

VICTORIA (CUP)—Malcolm Taylor has resigned from the job of university president for the second time in four years.

Taylor resigned as president of the University of Victoria four years after leaving his post as principal of the University of Calgary, then the Calgary campus of the U of A.

Taylor declined to give a reason for his resignation but said it had nothing to do with a rumored disagreement with the Board of Governors.

RETURN TO UVIC

After a one year sabbatical leave he intends to return to UVic to teach political science.

A committee composed of all elements of the university, including students, will select a new president.

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Bentley speaks on India's problems

Indian agriculture examined

"Two or three are enough—see your doctor."
So says a billboard beside a highway in India.

Dr. C. F. Bentley, dean of agriculture, said family planning is one of several improvements India is recommending in its aim for food-grain self-sufficiency by 1971.

He was speaking Friday to the soil sciences department on India's agricultural problems.

"India is the first nation in the world with a government-supported program of family planning," he said.

Other improvements by the five-year plan concern increasing use of crop fertilizers, irrigation, and amount of pesticides. Farmers are also encouraged to use new high-yield varieties of grain.

As things are now, said Dr. Bentley, "virtually all rice is harvested by hand sickle, and there is no production of forage crops as we know it."

He said it is physically possible

that the goals of the five-year plan can be attained, but there are many problems.

"First there is a lack of resources. India has almost none of the ingredients of fertilizer, so almost all need to be imported, and the transportation systems cannot cope with the demands.

"Then there is a technical problem. Agriculture as a profession in India has a very low status, and standards on the average are declining.

"Many students educated here have faced extreme frustration when they have gone back to India to work."

"Finally," said Dr. Bentley, "there is the socio-political problem. The people have a deep distrust of private enterprise."

He said it is our duty of "man's humanity to man" to help India solve her problems.

"Also, it is a challenge to our ingenuity and our ability to make our systems available to them."

Student debaters conclude that poverty is here to stay

A baker's dozen of loafers, lovers and lunch-baggers sat in the SUB theatre lobby Thursday and heard why poverty cannot be eradicated.

Debating the affirmative Art Rosenberg sci 1, said: "Today's society with its evil values, hypocrisies and double standards is not fit to deal with poverty. The understanding of the individual has been lost in statistics."

Under the present system of social reforms the poor are destined to remain unable to provide themselves with the means for a comfortable living, he said.

Also debating the affirmative, Benny Toane, sci 1, said: "Poverty is structural and beyond a person's control. There is a lack of understanding of the cost of poverty measures."

The negative said the affirmative was fatalistic and they recommended a reworking of the system rather than a condemnation of it. "To eliminate poverty would be to eliminate a tradition. To provide the means to fill basic needs would be to eliminate poverty, said Terry Moore, arts 1.

Urging a reliance on existing

poverty control measures, Moore said, "If the money spent by the U.S. on the war in Vietnam were given present organizations, poverty would be eradicated at home and not furthered abroad."

In rebuttal to a statement from the affirmative, Alison Lees, arts 1, said. "Our children will not mind associating with the poor as our opponents say."

In his debating death throes, Toane asked "How many people are willing to change this system?"

Official notice

Applications are now open for 1968-69 students' union positions. Those available are outlined in the Personnel Board Booklet. The booklet may be obtained at the receptionist desk of the union offices, second floor SUB. All applications should be made to Val Blakely, chairman personnel board by March 8, 5 p.m.

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