

Plan For Aesthetic Architecture Does Exist - Must Consider Costs

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Administration Reporter

A plan for the aesthetics of campus architecture does exist. However it does not necessarily follow that new buildings on the Edmonton campus will be uniformly designed.

These facts were revealed Monday by Dr. B. E. Riedel, recently appointed chairman of the Campus Planning Committee.

GUIDED BY CONSULTANT

"This general plan of architectural aesthetics which was developed has been guided by a consultant, Louis Demote, appointed by the Board of Governors. His function is to professionally consider over-all campus planning," professor Riedel explained. Recently, for instance, both Mr. Demote and the Campus Planning Committee have been responsible for the plans of the new Education Building.

For the still-to-be-opened Cameron Research Library a special consultant, Keyes Metcalf, Librarian Emeritus of Harvard University, was hired. It was on his recommendations that this new library be built and located where it is.

Dr. Riedel defended the location of the library, explaining that "future plans call for the removal of the two old labs flanking it on either side."

While a general plan does exist for the aesthetic qualities of campus buildings, the "architectural development—in which the Campus Planning Committee has some responsibility and interest—has to depend on the architects," Dr. Riedel revealed.

NO PLANS FOR UNIFORMITY

Asked if a plan for homogeneity in appearance of future campus buildings may be expected, Dr. Riedel replied that "there are no definite plans to make a uniform campus. Changing standards require changing designs," he said. "We want to have a good looking campus, but we have to consider the costs. In planning new buildings, the functional aspect is important."

For example Dr. Riedel pointed

out that many charges have been levied against the design of the Chemistry and Math-Physics complex. "But those who use it are happy with it as what they need," he said.

DEFINES IDEAL CAMPUS

He wished that someone would be able to design the "perfect building"—in relation to design, function, and cost. Such a building would then take its place on a homogeneous campus, defined by Dr. Riedel as "being pleasant, with adequate open areas, and having buildings that don't conflict with each other."

Dr. Riedel negated recent charges that there was a considerable waste of money on the new Food-Services Complex. He added, "the Campus Planning Commission should take less responsibility towards public reaction on this complex than on other buildings. Because other than provincial funds were involved in the project, the CPC was not so involved."

The professor of pharmacy and executive assistant of the vice-president outlined plans for future expansion on campus. "The Campus Planning Commission has developed a long range plan which has been given approval in principle by the university Board of Governors." He anticipated this plan will serve as a guide for the next 15 years. The plan as developed by Mr. Demote remains flexible, however.

NEED FOR SPACE

This long term plan described by Dr. Riedel places a "very definite need for additional space due to future increases in both students and staff." He denied a report carried in The Gateway that the university has stopped buying up properties in the Garneau area. "The plan," he said, "includes space in Garneau and in fact is only possible if the land will become available in the not-too distant future."

What new buildings are contemplated for the immediate future? At present the CPC has under active consideration three new buildings: for Household Economics, the Social Sciences, and for the Biological Sciences. Considered for future years is a Fine Arts Building.

The Household Economics building, to be located just west of the new Education Gym, is going to tenders almost immediately, Dr. Riedel reports. "The new Social Sciences Complex plans are pretty well completed and call for a tower structure rising ten to 12 storeys. This will be located just east of the Agriculture Building. The Biological Sciences Building, although plans are not definite, would probably be located north of the Agriculture Building."

As the chairman of the Campus Planning Committee, Dr. Riedel realizes that the faculty cannot always have the ultimate truth in campus planning. "If someone on the staff wanted to direct the aesthetic nature of our planning," Dr. Riedel said, "I'd ask the president to appoint him to the committee."



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Professor R. W. Longley, present director of the Boreal Institute, says that the organization's library contains more than 3,000 items, including current numbers of serial publications as well as articles and books written by nineteenth century explorers, and pamphlets concerning all facets of Eskimo civilization.

A Boreal Institute public meeting will be held in the faculty lounge on Nov. 22 at 8 p.m., the purpose of which will be to describe to interested students and profs past activities and future plans.

TB Rate Related To Poverty

The high tuberculosis incidence among the Metis people may well be due to economic poverty and what amounts to a lower class way of life, according to the University of Alberta Committee for Social Research.

In a report to the Alberta Tuberculosis Association, the Committee urged that immediate steps be taken to interpret the report and recommend changes in the Metis status.

The report states that community development is the most likely means of effecting lasting changes. Simultaneous development of the "grass roots" economy with large scale industry and an immediate economic survey of the northern area would facilitate the necessary changes.

The report also advocates an improved image of the Alberta Metis to erase the stereotyped image now prevalent. Advanced vocational or academic training or work should be

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The 414 page report was based on a case study made on Improvement District 124 of the Lesser Slave Lake area.

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