

ADMINISTRATION TO MOVE JAN. 23

McGill's administrative offices will move into their new quarters commencing January 23, 1967. The new Administration Building, converted from the old Biology Building, will bring together, under one roof, the principal administrative departments of the University, which are presently situated in various quarters on the campus.

The move will be carried out over a period of several days, under building director GEORGE A. GRIMSON, Executive Assistant to the Principal.

Following is the allocation of space in the six-storey building, by floors:

- 1ST FLOOR: Duplicating Service; Student Aid office.
- 2ND FLOOR: Registrar; Admissions; Dean of Students; Mail Room; Conference Room.
- 3RD FLOOR: University Extension; Accounting; Internal Auditors.
- 4TH FLOOR: Comptroller, Payroll; Budget Office; Personnel Office; Purchasing Department and Stores.
- 5TH FLOOR: Principal's Office; Vice-Principal (Planning); Vice-Principal (Academic); Executive Assistant to the Principal; Business Officer; Office for Institutional Research.
- 6TH FLOOR: Secretary to Board of Governors; Archives; Information Office; Conference Room; Visitors' Office.

The space vacated by those administrative offices presently situated in Dawson Hall will allow for much-needed expansion of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research and the Faculty of Arts and Science.

MADAME VANIER VISITS UNIVERSITY FOR "SING AT XMAS"

On Dec. 10 Her Excellency, Madame Vanier, visited the University to attend the annual "Sing at Xmas" concert in Sir Arthur Currie Memorial Gymnasium.

This was the 22nd year that the McGill Choral Society has presented its annual "Sing at Xmas" which has attracted audiences averaging from 1800 to 2000.

Since the beginning of the concerts in 1945 the Society has been directed by GIFFORD MITCHELL, Music.

In addition to a connected story of the first Xmas and traditional lively carols, DR. CLIFFORD KNOWLES, Student Counsellor, read a number of Xmas stories from various countries throughout the world.

Prior to attending the concert, Madame Vanier attended a small private dinner given in her honor by MISS HELEN REYNOLDS, Warden of Royal Victoria College. Attending Madame Vanier was a small Vice-Regal party of five persons.



Among those who attended the reception of the Institute of Islamic Studies on Nov. 29 were (from left to right): Dr. Charles Adams, Director of the Institute; Mrs. Abdur Rabb of Pakistan whose husband is a student at the Institute; Prof. Toshihiko Izutsu, holding his newly-published book, *Ethico-Religious Concepts in the Qur'an*; and Robin Farr, Director of the University Press, who has resigned to initiate his own publishing venture in Ontario.



ISLAMIC STUDIES BEGINS PUBLICATION OF SERIES OF BOOKS

On the evening of Nov. 29 the Institute of Islamic Studies held a reception in the Leacock Building to mark publication of the first in a series of books to be known as the McGill Islamic Studies. The series is to be published jointly by the Institute and the University Press. Included in the series will be works written by members and associates of the Institute.

The first book in the series is entitled *Ethico-Religious Concepts in the Qur'an*. It is the work of PROF. TOSHIHIKO IZUTSU, a Japanese semanticist and student of Islamic thought.

Dr. Izutsu is Professor in the Institute of Cultural and Linguistic Studies of Keio University, Tokyo, Japan. Through a long term arrangement between McGill and Keio University, Dr. Izutsu is enabled to spend six months of each year in Montreal and six months in his own country. When he returned to McGill in the Fall of this year, Prof. Izutsu began his fifth session as Visiting Professor in the Institute of Islamic Studies.

In making the announcement of the new series, DR. CHARLES ADAMS, Director of the Institute, said: "In the past, members of the Institute have published a number of valuable and important works in their fields, but there has been no clear way of identifying books published by private arrangement with different publishers

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BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING UNIT FORMED

As a result of rapidly increasing collaboration between the Faculties of Medicine and Engineering, a joint Unit has been formed recently called the BioMedical Engineering Unit.

Its main aim is to increase research and graduate instruction in various fruitful areas of interaction, especially that of optimization in biological control systems. Initial education efforts will be concentrated on training graduate engineers in this new area.

The Unit's main offices are in the McIntyre Medical Sciences Building. But research projects are carried on collaboratively in several medical and physiological labs, as well as in the computation and control labs of Electrical Engineering.

Director of the Unit is DR. J. H. MILSUM, Abitibi Professor of Control Engineering at the University since 1961. Dr. Milsum received his Sc.D. degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1957 and worked at the National Research Council between 1949 and 1961. In engineering systems his work area is that of optimization and computer control, and in biological systems that of neuromuscular systems in general and the

visual tracking servo-mechanisms in particular.

University staff presently participating in the Unit's program are: PROF. JOHN DEALY, Chemical Engineering; MR. WERNER FERCH, Electronics Supervisor, McIntyre Building; PROF. DAVID FIRTH, Physiology; PROF. PAT GANNON, Otolaryngological Unit; PROF. G. MELVILL JONES, Aviation Medicine Research Unit; PROF. CANIO POLOSA, Physiology; PROF. GERALD KLASSEN, Cardio-Respiratory Unit; PROF. PETER MACKLEM, Cardio-Respiratory Unit; and PROF. J. MILIC-EMILL, Physiology. DR. R. M. DAVIES, from University College, University of London, is being appointed as a visiting associate professor commencing Jan. 1, 1967, and will concentrate upon the problem of modelling muscle mathematically.

Graduate engineering students directly specializing in the BioMedical Engineering area presently number four, although some others from mathematics, medicine and physiology are taking the graduate course on Biological Control System Theory being offered this year as a joint effort of the Unit's participating staff.