

Union P R Committee holds seminar to explain itself

The students' union has a Public Relations Committee. The majority of students, however, are not even aware that it exists. As a result of this obscurity, the Public Relations Committee of the students' union, in co-operation with Ed Hamula of the Public Relations office of the U of A, will host a Public Relations seminar Tuesday, January 30, at 7 p.m. in TL-12.

The objectives of the seminar will be to acquaint the student with the purposes of public relations and to outline the problems of the university and its student activities in their relationship to the news media. Representatives will be present from the Edmonton Journal and local radio stations.

Everyone is welcome. All those wishing to attend are asked to advise Harv Haakonson, Director of Public Relations, before January 24th. He can be contacted at 432-4358 or in Room 250 SUB between 3 and 5 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Student financed housing, parkade, proposed by NDY

By MIRIAM McCLELLAN

U of A needs a strong syndicalist students' union to preserve student-controlled housing, concluded the New Democratic Youth Tuesday night.

Students have a right to unsupervised, private housing that is not too expensive for the average student, they said.

The students could finance their own buildings through the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation. They emphasized the urgency of the campus housing situation.

The proposed demolition of the university housing in the North Garneau area will leave about 800

to 1,000 students displaced with no housing alternative proposed they said.

As a solution, the NDY suggested all demolition be discontinued until plans for student buildings are concrete. Instead of using the Garneau area for parking, the NDY proposed the immediate construction of a parkade.

The problem of campus housing was discussed as the campaign platform for the students' union elections in the spring.

The NDY debated the syndicalist's view of the students' role in society. The importance of politics in each student's life must be realized, they said. Students must see themselves in political roles.

Council briefs

Council plans panel 'hot seat'

Bookstore manager Charles Canfield told students' council Monday night the bookstore should open by Sept. 1 next session.

This, he said would ease the problem of 15,000 students all trying to buy their books in one week.

Mr. Canfield said there is a chance the bookstore will buy used texts at the end of the year but a definite decision will not be reached for two or three weeks.

Premier E. C. Maning will speak on political realignment in SUB theatre Jan. 31 in the first of three special events proposed by the activities board.

The events are designed to involve students with "issues every student should be involved with," said Sinclair.

"Students can face not only the issues of today, but they can also face those who make the issues."

The premier will also field any questions students may wish to ask him on the topic.

The second of the events will be a teach-in on "the Welfare State versus Free Enterprise."

Sinclair said Senator Wallace McCutcheon, Colin Cameron, a New Democratic MP from British

Columbia, Robert Thompson, former national leader of the Social Credit party, and a Liberal cabinet minister have been invited to attend.

The third event, a teach-in on "A New Look into Canadian Federalism," will be studied to see if it is financially feasible and if the politicians invited are able to attend.

The students' council will "Take to the Hot Seat" in a panel discussion scheduled for Jan. 25. Al Anderson expressed hope that representatives for arts, science, and education; The Gateway editor; and the council's executive would be panel members.

Council approved in principle a motion which would extend students' union exchange scholarship program to include Acadia University in New Brunswick as well as Bishop's University at Lennoxville, Que.

Under the program each university would send a student to each of the other universities.

Students eligible for the scholarships must be full-time students, members of the students' union Canadian citizens, active in extra-curricular activities, have a minimum average of 65 per cent and

never participated in an exchange before.

At present the scholarship includes free tuition, but not travelling costs although the federal government is being asked to pay travelling costs.

A motion to make Friday night activities night at SUB was passed.


Activities Board chairman Glenn Sinclair said he plans to have a student cinema, followed by a dance, with the Room at the Top open each Friday. Any organization may put on the dance, and the students' council will insure that a space is available.

Council adopted a motion that would allow only students of U of A, N.A.I.T., and their guests to attend university dances. Sinclair proposed this motion after receiving many complaints from students who refuse to attend dances until "bubble-gummers and high school students" are banned. For certain dances, such as Bar None, this admission procedure will be dropped.

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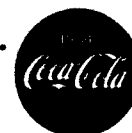

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