

# SoCreds Erupt In Campus Politics

## Round-up By Parties

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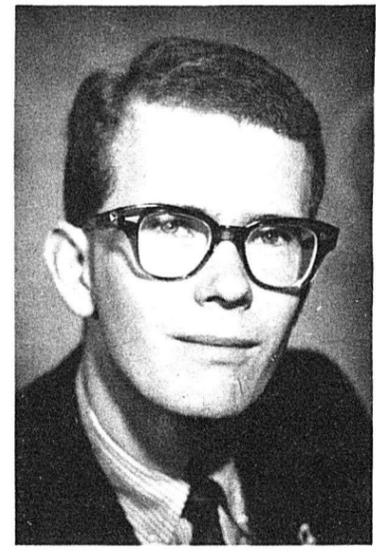
**GORDON YOUNG**

... Conservative



**PRESTON MANNING**

... Social Credit



**ROBIN HUNTER**

... New Democrats



**IAN PITFIELD**

... Liberal

The only political crusade of the year will come from the Social Credit Association.

This is evident from the survey of party plans for the year.

In outlining his party's contention that free enterprise must reform to continue its existence, SoCred president Preston Manning said his group would "advocate boldly and persistently" these propositions:

"The implementation of basic social and economic reforms is an essential prerequisite to the establishment and preservation of a truly free society and a solid free enterprise economy in Canada.

### CITIZENS' DUTIES

"The basis of the required social reforms must be the recognition, acceptance, and discharge of individual responsibility on the part of every Canadian citizen.

"The basis of the required economic reforms must be the recognition and removal of those defects and abuses in our present economic system which are bringing free enterprise into disrepute."

We await the specifics.

A rally, featuring Premier E. C. Manning, is planned to impress these points on students, especially those in the faculties of medicine and dentistry.

### FEW MEETINGS PLANNED

The SoCreds plan few meetings, but will concentrate on personal persuasion to increase their support.

Also planned is the solicitation of various campus groups for resolutions which the Association would present, in the form of a brief, to the provincial government.

The trend among the three other major parties on campus will be a somewhat cooler kinship with their provincial and federal counterparts.

The Liberal Club, which won 43 per cent of last year's popular vote, plans to retain this position by keeping the campus aware of its activities.

### PRESENTING SPEAKERS

To this end, the club plans to present a series of speakers, in which it is hoped to include several Cabinet Ministers.

The Liberals, whose aim is to acquaint students with politics in general, as well as the specifics of Liberalism, plans monthly meetings. Each of these meetings will feature a speaker who will deal with one phase of the party policy.

Other Liberal plans call for the sponsorship of public debates, panels, seminars and the publication of a newsletter.

The Liberal debates will be on the basis of challenge, and it would seem that at least one group, the New Democrats, will be answering the challenge. Indeed, NDP leader Robin Hunter has warned that his party will be doing challenging of its own.

Other plans of the New Democrats, who have been highly active in the past, call for a series of meetings based on panel discussions, involving professors and other informed persons. The first panel, to be held soon, will be on the Sino-Soviet conflict.

### PRESENTING SPEAKERS, STUDENT GRIEVANCES

The NDP will also present off-campus speakers, including, it is hoped, party leader T.C. Douglas.

The New Democrats plan to continue their policy of presenting student grievances, regardless of the attitude of any political group to these stands.

Official Opposition group in last year's Model Parliament, the Progressive Conservatives also plan to bring guest speakers to campus.

The Conservatives also plan a series of debates involving teams representing the campus Progressive Conservative Student Federation and the Edmonton Young Progressive Conservatives.

The Liberals, Conservatives and New Democrats have all

emphasized a system of policy committees to establish their platforms in the Model Parliament campaign.

### SEND REPRESENTATIVES

All four parties plan to send representatives to various provincial and federal conventions being held during the year.

The Young Canadians for Freedom, an ultra-conservative group which was active last year will not be a force this year.

Three years ago, the Communist Party was active on campus. Last year, after a year of absence, it manifested itself through two editions of the anonymously published paper, "The Socialist Student".

At present, nothing is known of Communist plans for the session. Whether there are any, and whether the instigators of these plans will identify themselves, remains to be seen.