

# The compleat student's guide

*"I tell you folks, all politics is applesauce."  
A few students at the U of A aren't listening to the wisdom of Will Rogers.  
We often hear that today's students are a conservative, self-serving lot. But politics are not yet dead at the U of A. A core of inflamed students and organizers is attempting to interest students in the political world.  
Some campus political groups are university-oriented, some nationally and internationally oriented. Ideologically, they cover almost the entire spectrum of belief.  
Some offer training for success in the political system. Others solicit help in overturning the political system.  
Most claim to have little in common with their rivals.  
But they all share a dislike of applesauce.*

## U of A Socreds

The U of A Socreds are an independent group allied with the Alberta Social Credit Party. Most U of A members are also members of the provincial party. The U of A club shares the political philosophy of the party.

U of A Socred president Wilf Golbeck describes that philosophy as "people-oriented." It stresses individual rights, individual initiative and individual goals. Or, as Golbeck says, "Freedom! Liberty!" When pressed for elaboration, he points to agricultural marketing boards as bodies infringing on individuals' rights and goals through their enforcement of production quotas on farmers.

Golbeck calls for government to be more responsive to the individual. He describes the Lougheed Conservatives as "the party of big business," the NDP as "the party of big government," and the Socreds as "the party of the individual." A forestry student, he points out that the abuse of the environment by projects like Syncrude as an example of the provincial government's favoritism toward big business.

On campus, the U of A Socreds are concerned with "the basic needs of students," says Golbeck. He says they would "rather have a Students' Union president concerned about bookstore lineups than boycotts." He makes it clear that he is pleased with SU president Dean Olmstead.



Golbeck says he is not at all satisfied with the state of Lister Hall. He claims the "administration is trying to run the whole show" without consulting residents. He calls for the complex to be run "for students with the maximum amount of student government possible."

According to Golbeck, the Socreds believe Albertans have a moral obligation to allow a "certain number" of foreign students to study at the U of A. He says the Socreds favor a quota on foreign students rather than a fee differential to regulate their numbers. Golbeck personally feels that all foreign students should return to their own countries after graduating.

The U of A Socreds hold bi-weekly membership meetings and try to engage a speaker once a month. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information call Wilf Golbeck at 434-2587.

## Progressive Student Association

The Progressive Student Association (PSA) is a student organization concerned with student issues. As such, it is not a political group in the normal sense of the word. It is not linked to any outside political party. Its politics are student politics.

The PSA constitution lists as the association's objectives to "promote and defend the interests of students" and to "promote strong democratic student representation at all levels of the university administration."

According to the association's policy statement, the PSA is concerned with a wide range of issues. Member Brian Mason says, though, that the association will likely focus this year on the immediate, pressing issues: fees, cutbacks and accessibility of education.

Mason sees the SU as the primary vehicle through which the PSA must pursue its goals. He says the SU should take the lead on issues of interest to students, publicizing student concerns and pressing for solution of student problems. He says the SU has "the mandate, the authority, and the resources" to lead.

Mason says he expects an active PSA this year. He hopes to see some students' council members join the association. If, however, council doesn't satisfy the association, he says the PSA might be forced to adopt a higher profile and a more vocal style.

The PSA is meeting on Thursday, October 4 at 3:30 p.m. in SUB 270A. All students are welcome to attend. For more information, call Darrell Rankin at 434-4158 or Brian Mason at 424-8516.

## Communist Party

The Communist Party of Canada alone among revolutionary parties is attempting to achieve radical change through the present political system. Although its ultimate goal is the destruction of the capitalist state, the party's program calls for the election of an "anti-monopoly alliance" to prepare Canada for the coming of communism.

According to a leaflet publicizing the Angela Davis Club, the CP's U of A branch, the party works for improvements for the workers under the capitalist system as well as for the eventual defeat of the same system.

CP organizer Kimball Cariou says that on campus the Angela Davis Club concerns itself with students' issues such as cutbacks and fees. The Communist work with students and academics fight for "accessible, progressive education," according to the Angela Davis Club leaflet.

Through this work, Cariou says the party attempts to involve students in off-campus party work. The goal is to build a powerful student movement part of the alliance against capitalism.

The party's general work parallels its work on campus. According to Cariou, some problems can be attacked within the present political framework but in the long run only socialism can solve society's problems.

Among CP issues mentioned in the Angela Davis Club leaflet: "the right to jobs or a decent income; the threat to Canada's independence by US domination; the recognition of two nations in Canada, English and French; and the call for self-determination for each."

Eventually, the CP expects non-capitalists to become anti-capitalists and form the "anti-monopoly alliance" that will elect a social coalition to govern the country. The Angela Davis Club leaflet lists labor unions, farmers, students, small businessmen, pensioners, women, NDP and the CP as the core of the anti-monopoly alliance.

Cariou says the coalition government would be similar to the overthrown Allende government.

## NDP Campus Club

The NDP Campus Club is an independent group allied with the Alberta NDP. The NDP is a social democratic party, gathering together those wanting to change the existing order to better serve the working class without destroying the present system of government.

According to Paul Sanborn, a graduate student and past secretary-treasurer of the club, its members tend to see university issues as reflections of outside issues, since the university is an integral part of society.

The student issues listed by Vidya Thackur, past president of the club, include housing and funding cutbacks, tuition fee increases, opposition to foreign student quotas and differential fees, and the necessity to overhaul the student loan program.

Both Sanborn and Thackur, though, emphasize their beliefs that these issues are simply one aspect of the provincial government's twisted spending priorities. Sanborn says it is "important for students not to view their immediate problems in isolation."

Sanborn points to the current "crisis in medicare" and hospital funding cutbacks in the province as other indications of the Lougheed government's "incorrect priorities." He claims that the government is placing too much emphasis on projects like Syncrude and Alsands, and not enough on public programs and social services. Thackur considers it incredible that in a province of such obvious wealth as Alberta we see social programs suffering from lack of funds.



The general objective, then, of the NDP Campus Club is to publicize the NDP on campus, according to Sanborn. Although the club is concerned about students' issues, he and Thackur agree that students must be socially-minded in order to achieve change for themselves and others.

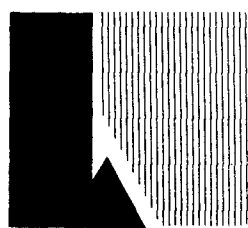
The club is currently organizing for the coming year. Anyone interested in joining should call Paul Sanborn at his office at 432-2883.

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## Liberal Party

The Liberal Party has no organization on campus, according to John Brennan, vice-president of the Alberta Liberal Youth Organization. He does say, however, that there are a few U of A students who are members of their Liberal constituency associations and attend party conventions periodically.

Brennan heartily encourages anyone interested in joining either the Alberta Liberal Party or the Liberal Party of Canada to join their Liberal constituency association. For information, contact the Liberal office at 482-



## Progressive Conservatives

The Progressive Conservative Party also suffers from a lack of active representation on campus at present, according to Dora Koop, former president of the U of A Young PCs. However, she says she expects some PC activity — such as public meetings and speakers — at the university this year.

According to Koop, the U of A club, when active, is not concerned with issues as much as with providing

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