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thank you, mr. manning

Premier E. C. Manning and his cabinet are to be heartily congratulated for their recommendation to the legislature of a \$235 per student increase in its annual grant to the university.

This increase is a concrete sign that the cabinet is becoming aware of the financial problems not only of the university, but of the students as well.

One of the interesting facets of this generous increase is that it should virtually eliminate any need for a tuition fee hike next year. If the Board of Governors decides to boost the fees, it cannot fall back on the provincial government for an excuse for such an increase. Governors cannot argue that the province did not give it enough to run the university properly. The grant increase

has removed any pressure from the government to advocate a fee increase.

The Board is running the university this year with tuition, a \$2 per student federal grant and a \$1,365 per student provincial grant. Next year, it will be able to run the university with tuition, an increased federal per student grant and a \$1,600 per student provincial grant.

When the board decides on next year's budget, it will have an increase of more than \$3 million in provincial grants, plus the increased federal grant to apportion as it sees fit. Unless some contingent situation arises that requires an amount greater than the projected increase, there will be no reason for the Board to decide (and only it can decide) on an increase in tuition fees.

harnessing youth

by don sellar

A new student movement centred on the ideals of social involvement and social conscience has appeared on the Alberta political scene.

But no political party has yet managed to attract The Movement into the realm of practical politics, even though all have tried.

The Social Credit administration has proposed a youth ministry to harness The Movement, and opposition parties have also been quick to recognize the fact that half of Alberta's population is beneath the age of 25 and therefore a prime political target.

Progressive Conservatives, meeting in Calgary at the weekend, were exposed for the first time to the formless conglomeration of young ideas which have been bouncing about on Canadian university campuses during the last few months. At Calgary, the party had its first real look at politically uncommitted, but socially aware youth.

Conservative Party leaders now realize that it is one thing for them to espouse the vigor and enthusiasm of youth and to promote "an accent on youth," but quite another for them to find a place in their party for young persons who tend to reject party affiliation and solidarity.

Even the young and aggressive Peter Loughheed, who someday hopes to lead a revitalized Conservative machine into power in Alberta, has failed to say precisely how he intends to harness youth.

At the PC convention, young Conservatives committed to Mr. Loughheed's cause paid nothing more than lip-service to student activists who today demand a much greater part in the running of university affairs than they have ever had before. That lip-service came from Joe Clark, U of A political science lecturer and newly-elected first vice-president of the Alberta PCs, when he spoke briefly to the party's student federation Saturday night.

Clark told a nearly-empty room that student activism is a force which Conservatives must reckon with. He called on delegates to contribute towards the building of a "strongly-dissident" student federation which would foster student contributions to all levels of political endeavour.

Earlier in the day, Edmonton campus PC leader Bill Winship spoke out during a panel discussion on the advisability of establishing

a youth ministry in Alberta. His words were rife with frustration.

The question of a youth ministry, he said, is nothing more than "political expediency" coming at a time when campus parties are struggling against political apathy.

"We can't attract members to our campus club," he admitted. "And there's no use talking about a youth ministry. We have to get youth interested and involved in government."

Winship's words followed those spoken by three of four panel members, who were extremely critical of Premier Manning's proposed youth ministry. The three critics had all expressed concern over the inability and unwillingness of political parties to recognize youthful ideas in the harsh world of political reality. They spoke for The Movement—which advocates social action and open protest.

And they were facing a pitifully small audience already committed to political action within the party framework, an audience apparently unwilling to defend the political Establishment or party affiliation.

The subject under discussion was youth, but it was not made clear whether debate was to be by youth or about youth. As things turned out, the debate was watched by a small number of young persons and a handful of older party members who were interested in listening, not in participating.

The panelists, three of them committed to activism and not to party, frequently showed signs of disgust when the party-dominated audience refused to join the discussion.

One prominent figure who did not take part was Peter Loughheed himself. Mr. Loughheed appeared only briefly—and did not comment on any aspect of youth affairs, though he has publicly supported The Movement's drive for student responsibility.

Presumably, Mr. Loughheed was there to listen to The Movement and observe the things which he has previously been told about secondhand. Before him sat the phenomenon of committed party youth—mostly silent—while the activists had a field day attacking political bureaucracy and expediency.

"The future is ours," Conservative banners proclaim; but not until a youthful and exciting leader can find a way to harness the forces he claims to want to represent.



another med show rolls by

the old ways

by bryan campbell

Provost A. A. Ryan and the Discipline Interpretation and Enforcement Board have clashed over a residence liquor raid.

A residence house committee member who took part in the raid was accused, by another student, Omayal Karmy, of "acting against the ordinary principles of good conduct and the best interests of the student body as a whole."

The Board did not fine the student since he was acting in his capacity as a Lister Hall house committee official, but in an unanimous verdict they ruled he "did act against the principles of good conduct when he used a pass-key to enter a room without knocking."

Before Christmas an unidentified student jumped from his fourth storey window in Lister Hall during another liquor raid, breaking his ankle.

The dispute centered around Provost Ryan's contention that the DIE Board had no jurisdiction in residence matters, but when the provost took the problem to students' Council on Monday, January 17, he raised these more serious points:

"Do you know how long it took this council to grow into something sensible?" he said. "This is a development of half a century here. They have had one term over there with a bunch of seniors, three-quarters of whom have not co-operated. And freshmen who are all out of town and from all over the country—many of them have brought serious personality problems here. Some of them are heavy drinkers, and some of them have other difficulties we are aware of. When I say heavy drinkers, I mean to the point where they are going to fail out."

"What do you expect from a handful of elected house committee . . . put yourself in their place . . . what would you do?"

Even this all-inclusive statement fails to cover all the problems in Lister Hall. Gambling is rife. Reports put the nightly losses of some students as high as twenty dollars.

Something is wrong in Lister Hall. Everyone agrees, but no one has a solution.

I spent three years in Athabasca

Hall in the afterglow of a great man—Reg Lister. I never had the privilege of meeting him, but his friendly ghost haunted the old building with its long tradition of residence government.

I must have a serious personality problem or something, because the first weekend I was in residence there was a dance and the fellows in my wing organized a small party.

It took place in my room, and next morning as I lay on my bed feeling sick with bottles all over the room, there was a rap on the door.

It was Dr. Morrison, the warden. I thought it was all over. I had read the handbook. He gave me some fatherly advice about drinking and running up and down the hall waving a bottle and left me with a warning not to run around with a bottle.

Dr. Morrison made you feel like he cared about you first, and the regulations second. They drank in Athabasca the same as they drink in any other residence in any other university.

But the parties in Athabasca Hall were noteworthy for the presence of hall seniors. They were always there in the thick of the action and they passed on residence tradition. They kept the noise down and the stakes low, they taught respect for the building. They made residence life. It may sound trite, but the golden rule was the fundamental regulation.

If you cannot eliminate liquor and gambling at least teach the students how to handle them—that was the philosophy of the old residence.

In Lister Hall, they are trying to go by the book. The residence government, headed by resident dean Terry Hore, is too young to provide mature leadership. Also Hore may be too busy with his classes in education to take time out to help the students. The house committee has no tradition to help them interpret the handbook and define their jobs. They are stuck.

I am not saying we can apply the old system to the new residences—what I do suggest is that the people in Lister Hall look back to the days of Reg Lister and make some changes. And now, before it is too late.