

# NDP hopes to increase membership by 861 p.c.

Interest in the New Democratic Party is growing at a phenomenal rate, according to the campus membership chairman.

Ken Kerr, law 1, attributed this growth to the failure of other parties to offer meaningful policy to youth.

"The great range of policy within the party is part of an evolutionary process which will eventually develop into a new political system," he said.

The campus club is planning a membership drive this year aimed at a membership of 300. There are now 36 members in the organization.

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this year is a study of the Indian problem, Kerr said. Other planned activities are a visit by Quebec NDP leader, Robert Cliche, and sponsorship of a visit by the Cuban ambassador, he said.

The campus organization is a member of the Provincial Youth Organization which is the coordinating body for the four provincial clubs.

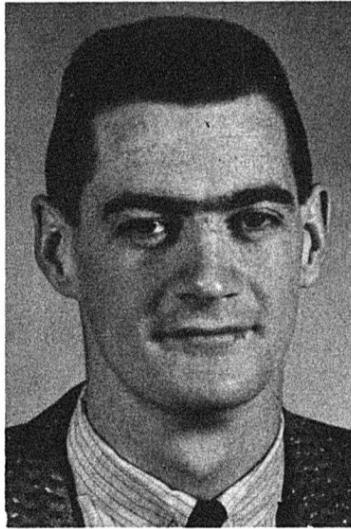
A chief aim of the PYO is the formation of political clubs in Alberta high schools. Kerr said this is promoted by the distribution of pamphlets outlining party policy.

The new leader of the campus New Democratic Party is Barrie Chivers, law 1.

Party policies will tend to be more realistic this year, said Chivers.

Appointed policy committees will deal with specific areas of policy such as foreign policy, Alberta oil and gas, and universal accessibility, he said.

"We hope to do better in Model Parliament this year as we are getting across our policies in a more palatable form," said Chivers.



**NAMED.** Bill Winship, in his first year of grad studies and former Gateway Editor-in-Chief, recently was elected president of the campus Conservative Party.

## MURAL DOWN

After clinging to the engineering building for five years the engineer's mural has been torn down.

The mural has been slowly falling apart and would have continued to deteriorate, says R. E. Phillips, superintendent of buildings.

Prof. Norman Yates of the fine arts department is designing a precast concrete facing to replace the mural.

The facing, to be in the form of five or six semi-modernistic designs bound by fluted columns, is expected to be finished by this fall.

# New UGEQ members will benefit -- price

Quebec's English universities will benefit by joining the Union Generale des Etudiants du Quebec, says students' union president, Richard Price.

## Phone book delay causes women agony

There is one student Aiken on campus and five are listed under Payne in the new student telephone directory.

But nobody knows how many U of A women are in agony because the directory will not appear until after Wauneita Formal Saturday.

Wauneita Formal is one of the major social events of the year on campus, and is unusual in the fact the women must invite the men.

This year the invitations will be a problem, because unless the women extend an invitation in person, it is difficult to make the invitation by phone.

The phone book is scheduled to appear Monday and the delay is attributed to technical problems.

However, girls, you can still find out the phone number of the man you wish to invite if you ask to look in the student index in the students' union office.

McGill and Sir George Williams and Marianopolis College have become members of UGEQ. UGEQ's constitution does not allow members to belong to another national union of students, so the English universities will have to leave the Canadian Union of Students.

"I was shocked when I heard they left, but I realize it is to their advantage," said Price.

UGEQ has a powerful voice in the provincial government, he said.

An editorial in the McGill Daily had charged McGill representatives to the provincial government had little force because they were affiliated with a federally-connected university students' group, said Price.

"The Quebecois are interested in their province, not in the rest of Canada," he said.

## Hooke

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Mr. Mathews explained Caulfield is a typical adolescent searching for values in society. He cannot find any.

Mr. Hooke was asked if the communist conspiracy had invaded Alberta schools.

## COMMUNIST CONSPIRACY

"The International Communist Conspiracy has penetrated the Alberta school system without people being conscious of the fact. A lot of people are fellow-travellers without knowing it," he said.

A direct effort is being made by the leaders of communist thought to break down belief in the Bible," he said.

He quoted Lenin as saying: "What we must do is blast God from the skies."

In response to a question, Mr. Hooke said he spoke as Mr. Hooke and not as the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

Mr. Mathews expressed the wish such a distinction be made more often by public figures.

"After all," he said, "when you said in legislature that I should be run out of the province, I knew it was all in great fun, but the public didn't."



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