

## national existential student party

NESP is a student party founded on the premise that the Canadian Government is becoming bogged down with unchanging and unequitable bi-partisan forces.

Though this country has four active political parties, the presence of left wing versus right wing attitudes obliterates the value of the system of government.

In essence, the existing political parties cannot achieve efficient government because they are either blind to this shortcoming or so depleted with apathy toward change as to neglect their shortcomings.

Student political parties are even more deeply entrenched in this static rut. Those groups on cam-

pus which derive their political voice from the existing national parties follow invariable the movements of their parent groups, apathetically resigning themselves to the position of campus mouth-piece for their seniors in Ottawa.

NESP is thus dedicated to surmounting this bulk of apathy with vigorous application of our parliamentary system for efficient and effective government. We do not follow slavishly any political dogma; we denounce neither left nor right.

We do feel that the need for good government, now, directs us to seek office in Model Parliament in order that we might demonstrate to this campus that politics need not be deplorably hackneyed and incapable of efficiency; that government need not be bogged

down to the point of being barely capable of preventing its own collapse.

On the other hand, we wish to return the brunt of legislative responsibility to the true legislators; not the dictators of party line; but the individual members; to the caucus; in fact, essentially, to the people.

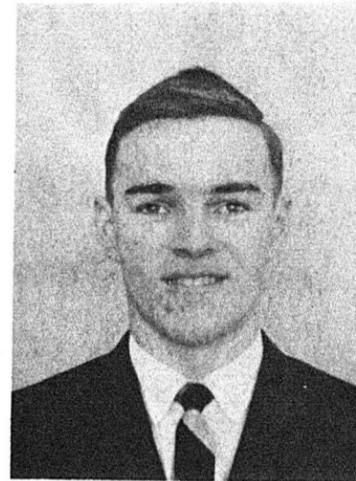
As NESP is truly a students' party, we feel that our legislative slate should come from the students. It is therefore our policy to accept the views of individual students and use them as a basis for our policy.

We welcome your views on any subject of national interest and would ask that you submit them, in writing only, to:

NESP Committee Rooms  
Eng bldg. 44A  
University of Alberta  
Edmonton, Alberta.

To this time, we have accumulated the following specific platform, based on student views thus far:

- encouragement of development of Canadian industry by Canadians
- encouragement of westernization of Canadian wealth and industry
- investigation of possibilities of provincial status for the Yukon and NWT
- re-investigation of the Medicare plan
- re-negotiation of control and placing of nuclear weapons in Canada; specifically, investigation of the effectiveness of Bomarc.
- investigation of the efficiency of crown corporations and their effect on the Canadian economy
- revision of Canada Pension Plan and Canada assistance plan to benefit the aged now.



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## new democratic party

The New Democratic Party has as its basic philosophy the recognition of the dignity of the human being, respect for moral and cultural values, belief in equality without regard to race, creed or color, a deep desire to foster mutual trust among all peoples, and a will to promote peace, prosperity, and progress for all peoples of the world.

The real and most menacing threat to peace and stability lies in the dire poverty of the majority of the human race. The glaring contrasts between wealth and poverty must be eliminated and we, as Canadians, must accept our responsibilities by making a substantial, rather than a token, con-

tribution to the task of raising the living standard of those who live outside the affluent society, at home as well as abroad.

To this end a New Democrat Government will reduce defense expenditures, increase foreign aid, and place the administration of Canadian foreign aid in the hands of the United Nations.

On the domestic front, it is altogether too apparent that the people of Canada are still inadequately protected against the hazards of illness, old age, unemployment, and invalidity. The NDP will establish a comprehensive, far-reaching and systematic program of social security designed to ensure every Canadian a standard of living which will enable him to live in health and self-respect.

The New Democratic Party believes that education is a matter of basic human rights; every per-

son is entitled to the opportunity to develop his talents to the full. Education is also a matter of sound economics. The best investment we can make is investment in our people.

A New Democratic Party government will make the necessary arrangements with the provinces to permit them to provide free education at all levels to all who can benefit from it. The amount of education a young person has access to should depend on his ability, not on the size of his parents' bank account.

Modern man is in danger of forgetting how to feel deeply, and industrial society may well turn him into a race of desiccated, suburban robots. The New Democratic Party advocates a planned program for progress through implementation of the scientific revolution based on the premise that economic, social and political institutions exist for the use of man



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and not merely to direct and control him.

For technological change to benefit man it must be used rationally and humanely. The NDP believes that it is possible, given wise administration and sound leadership, for an automated society to be more just and humane by meeting the needs of humanity before condoning the drive for individual enrichment and by approaching the problems of our times in human, not merely economic terms.

In sum, the New Democratic Party stands for economic and social justice based on the principle that no individual should be debarred, through lack of material assets, the means for developing his talents and potentialities for leading a full and creative life.

Bring your student card on Friday and "speak for Canada" . . . vote NDP for Peace, Prosperity, and Progress.

## progressive conservative party

Every year the students on this campus are asked to elect a Model Parliament. Every year a dwindling percentage of the eligible voters turn up at the polls. Every year Model Parliament sits before an empty public gallery.

There is probably just cause to boycott the campaign, the election, and the sessions. The various campus parties traditionally present to an indifferent electorate a hastily prepared, ill-conceived grab-bag of policies. Most of you judiciously avoid carefully inspecting these policies; and instead, vote (if you do) in terms of your previously conceived biases toward the national political parties.

This year the Conservative Party on campus asks that you abandon your political prejudices and examine the policies we present to you. We feel confident that you will then cast your vote for the Progressive Conservatives on Friday, February 11.

The Conservative Party is the only party making a serious effort to give the youth of this country an effective voice in their government. The Conservative Party has taken a strong stand behind U of A students in their battle to achieve representation on the university's Board of Governors. We stand firmly on the principle of increased student responsibility in university affairs.

We propose that the two sections of the revised University Act dealing with student affairs be scrapped. We propose instead to support the Students' Council proposal for the formation of a "Committee on Student Affairs", composed equally of students, faculty and administration. This body would be answerable only to the Board of Governors.

As well, the Conservative Party proposes that undergraduates have a representative on the library committee, and that a student-



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faculty committee be established to work with the National Employment Service to provide an effective employment service for all students.

Provincially, the Conservative Party proposes an immediate, impartial redistribution of the province's constituencies. A Conservative government will appoint a chief electoral officer for the province to implement the redistribution process.

Municipal budgets can no longer meet the costs of education, rapid transit systems, freeway construction, recreation, and necessary social services. A Conservative government would substantially increase the Provincial Foundation Grant Fund program, and provide other funds to bring all municipal governments out of debt and to ease the burden on Alberta taxpayers.

Nationally, the Conservative Party advocates a revitalized foreign policy. We feel Canada should withdraw from the Viet-

namese Truce Commission if a concerted effort to give this Commission a constructive role in Vietnam fails.

We feel Canada's foreign aid program is inadequate. A Conservative government would gradually increase Canada's foreign aid contributions until they amount to one per cent of the Gross National Product. A greater proportion of this foreign aid would be channelled through the United Nations.

The campus Conservatives propose to end government paternalism toward the Indian. Provincial responsibility for education, guaranteed legal rights and opportunities, and increased property rights, combined with an attitude of encouraging self-help, will enable the Indian to play a more effective role in Canadian society.

A Conservative government would coordinate all federal departments in long range research programs to cope with the vast problems cybernation will present. A vote for the Conservative Party is a vote for progress.

## social credit party

The U of A Social Credit Club stands before you boasting a record unequalled by any other campus political club.

For the second year in a row, we have worked outstanding wonders for the student at Alberta's institutions of higher learning.

Last academic year the club sponsored a resolution at the provincial convention of the Social Credit Party which resulted in expansion of student grants and loans.

This year the club's activities met with even greater success. The club-sponsored resolution calling for a halt in increasing tuition fees has resulted in the recent government announcement of increases in the provincial grant to universities by \$235 per student.

Outstanding constructive steps such as these have never been



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attempted by any other campus political party.

As we view the Canadian scene before us, there are several things that are missing in the picture.

Before our system of government will be effective, we must have honesty and responsibility in the actions of the elected representatives, starting right here on campus. The electorate have a right to representation that is above reproach, and we intend to make this parliament a model rather than a mockery.

### INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS

The greatest danger to our freedom today is not threats of communist aggression, but rather our own legislation. With expanded governmental activity has come infringements upon the rights of the individual until he is no longer able to choose on matters that directly affect him. We are legislating ourselves into bondage:

slaves of the central bureaucracy. Each piece of compulsory social legislation is an infringement of the democratic right that we claim to hold.

Granted, a certain amount of compulsion is necessary for the "peace, order and good government" of the country. Where legislation passes the bounds that this phrase originally was intended to outline, then it is not necessary, and a stand must be taken against it.

This is not to say that social legislation is undesirable or unnecessary. What must be found is alternatives to the present proposed structures so that individual liberty is not violated through the attempts at making the man economically free. Our goal must be "security with freedom."

### EDUCATION FINANCE

The governments, both provincial and federal, must assume increasing responsibility for the increasing

costs of financing higher education.

University fees should not be abolished. The student who is the direct recipient of the benefits of education, should be directly responsible to some degree for the financing of the same. However, tuition cannot be maintained at its present relative position of 20 per cent of operational costs, as in a very few years costs of higher education would become prohibitive.

The U of A Socred Club, therefore, is calling for a stabilizing of tuition at its present absolute level.

We are also for:

- universal acceptance of human rights ending racial, ethnic, or religious discrimination
- greater provincial autonomy on matters directly affecting individual provinces
- surplus distribution through expansion of trade with all countries, regardless of "political bloc".