

NDY pull out of parliament

'Energies could be better spent' claims party president Worton

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The New Democratic Youth has officially turned thumbs down on this year's Model Parliament.

The decision came at a Tuesday night meeting when 12 of 17 members voted in favor of withdrawal.

The executive of the New Democratic Youth were not available to comment on the decision, but John Worton, president of the party had previously indicated they may pull out of the student-run political exercise.

More than student apathy, shown

at rallies and debates, was involved in the NDY stand, he said. "Party members feel their energies could be better spent outside of Model Parliament, such as in adult parties or constructive activities on campus."

Despite the damper placed on Wednesday's Inter-Party Committee meeting by the decision members were optimistic about the success of the parliament; and Tom Hirst, committee chairman, said he would personally defend Model Parliament.

The main topic of discussion at the meeting was a series of changes which will be made in this year's parliament, to be held Nov. 23-25.

ONE AREA

Unlike previous years, only one policy area will be covered in the first session. It was felt by choosing a broad topic, the parties' platforms can be reflected more meaningfully, and there will be a challenge in Model Parliament.

The unanimous decision of the committee was to campaign on the state of Confederation, suggested by the Conservative Party.

The second session, to be held in February, will deal with general topics, and a united Model Parliament with the University of Calgary has been suggested.

Reforms approved unanimously are:

- a limited campaign of three days, with no posters to be put up before 6 p.m., Oct. 24.
- all publicity to be posted in one central area in SUB, where the impact on the students will be more effective.
- parties to limit policy to one pamphlet distributed by IPC and a 1,500 word limitation on other policy leaflets.
- a ban on kick-lines in the campaign.



—Dave Schragge photo

NEW DEMOCRATIC YOUTH PLAN TO STAY OUT OF MODEL PARLIAMENT
... Inter-Party Committee chairman, Tom Hirst (centre) makes the announcement

Double coverage

Students unable to get lower rates

U of A students will not be able to acquire medical insurance at a special student rate this year, said students' union president Al Anderson.

Legislation accompanying the newly instituted Alberta Health Plan has made it nearly impossible for the Medical Services (Alberta) Inc. to offer the same plan to students it offered last year.

The new legislation states that all dependants of a family must be covered by any policy written.

Last year's plan offered special coverage for the families of married students and summer coverage for single students at reduced rates.

All students are automatically covered by the Student Health

Service during the winter months, students wishing coverage for their families must now get double coverage for themselves during the winter session.

This new legislation arises from a Federal Act which states that medical service policies must be comprehensive, portable, compulsory, and directly controlled by the provincial government.

If this Act goes into effect July 1968, M.S.I. might be abolished says Dr. Elliot, director of student health service.

He could not say what effect this change might have on the Student Health Service. He said it would not alter the number of doctors and nurses on duty, nor the quality of the service offered,

but it might affect method of payment for the service. He said he was not sure what form the change might take.

Anderson said owing to its poor reception last year M.S.I. might not have re-offered its plan regardless of new legislation.

"They may very well have lost money on it," he said.

Students affected by the change would have to purchase double coverage until an alternative to the present situation could be found, he said.

Grad students threaten to withdraw reps

HAMILTON (CUP)—Graduate students at McMaster University are threatening to withdraw their representation from senate and administrative committees.

Graduate Student Society president Don Posluns proposed withdrawal from "any decision-making or committee proceedings which are not open, or are without representative participation."

He said the practice of holding closed sessions of committees and boards was "undemocratic".

Most senate and administrative committees at McMaster University are closed; meaning almost total withdrawal if the motion was passed.

The withdrawal motion was tabled by the Graduate Student Society until more information on the procedure of the committees could be acquired.



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OLE, CHIQUITA—A Mexican-type dancer twirls serape, sombrero, and torso as part of SUB opening week. The Latin action took place Wednesday, as one of many opening activities.

Students at General Faculty Council meeting for first time

Students gained a voice in the university's administration Monday, when for the first time two undergraduate representatives and one graduate representative were allowed to attend the regular meeting of the General Faculty Council.

Students' union president Al Anderson and Mike Morin, law 3, were at the meeting but Graduate Student Association vice-president Jan Vaneldic did not attend because of a heavy academic load.

The General Faculty Council, composed of 25 ex officio members and 45 elected professors, is the general decision making body of the U of A.

Its decisions, which deal with everything from campus planning to curriculum, take the form of recommendations to the Board of Governors.

The GFC extended its invitation to the students' union and the Graduate Student Association last spring with student representation becoming official July 1.

During the summer only the council executive met and students were unable to attend until the first general meeting Oct. 2.

The students' union representatives are the president, Anderson, and one student appointed by students' council but who is not a member of the council.

The graduate representative is selected by the GSA.

All representatives have full voting privileges on the GFC which meets on the first Monday of each month.