

# Former Conservative minister claims national swing towards Tories

A former minister of Northern Affairs and Natural Resources says there is a swing in Canadian thinking towards the Progressive Conservative party.

Walter H. Dinsdale, who served in the Diefenbaker government until its defeat in 1963, said this feeling comes by default because "the Liberals have shown themselves inept in the administration of national affairs."

They have created a vacuum at the national level which is causing growing public concern, he told 16

persons in the SUB seminar room Thursday.

There has also been an upsurge of conservative morale in the last year, he said, and "not all of it is entirely due to the national leadership convention."

"Conservatives parading from one end of the country to the other advocating their policies have sparked widespread interest."

Interest is also growing among students who are more politically active now than they use to be, he said.

"When I went to university in

the 1930's we protested but only mildly and weakly."

The younger generation wants to become involved but they need more than protestation and picketing, said the former minister.

The conservatives are interested in getting the students involved and want to be able to use their energy and resources, said Dinsdale.

The conservative committee on youth will be sending a member of the party caucus to each university campus this year for discussions with the students.

In the future a member may be able to stay two to three days to establish and maintain channels of communication, he speculated.

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## Many friendly spiders call ag building home

By DENNIS FITZGERALD

Josephine is dead but not forgotten.

She will always be remembered by Robin Leech, grad studies, entomology. He can look at her any time as she is now pickled and neatly jarred.

Josephine was one of Leech's pet tarantulas. She is survived by her husband who wishes to remain nameless.

"She had real character," mourned Leech.

Some of Leech's other pets are a black widow spider, two black tarantulas, and a whip-tailed tarantula.

They all live in harmony in the basement of the ag building.

Leech says his prime interest lies in the study of spiders and their taxonomy, or classification.

He gathered his specimens from many places such as Mexico and the Okanagan valley.

### MOIST ATMOSPHERE

The spiders live on live cockroaches and are stored in aquariums to preserve a moist atmosphere, typical of their semi-tropical habitat.

His tarantulas, which are non-poisonous, can be handled without fear, he says. They treat humans "as new terrain only."

The black widow spider is also very docile and won't sting unless provoked, says Leech.

"Most people get stung when

they go to their outdoor comfort stations at their summer houses, he says. (The black widows are found in warm areas such as the Okanagan). The spiders make their nests on the underside of the seat and "they are aroused to action by dangling objects which set up vibrations in their webs." Their bite can be particularly painful "especially to males."

Leech's specimens are destined to be shown to the zoo 350 class sometime in January, if they manage to live that long. The Alberta climate isn't very conducive to the raising of semi-tropical spiders, he says.

### HARD TO GET

Leech knows of only one person who was working with tarantulas for research purposes "because they are fairly hard to get a hold of in large enough quantities."

"I can only remember being bitten once and that was when I was six years old," he says.

"People have to overcome their prejudices about spiders," he said. "Only now are biologists recognizing how much good spiders can do in the balance of nature."

He has found that even advanced entomology students shudder at the thought of spiders.

Leech also organized the National Museum collection of spiders when he worked for the Museum for a year.

He has visited the Canadian Arctic, Vietnam, Australia and New Zealand in connection with his studies.

## Slave auction held Thursday to raise money for SHARE

There are people for sale at U of A.

For a minimum of \$25 some club, fraternity or individual could buy Miss U of A, 1966; Miss Freshette, 1967; or students' union president, Al Anderson at the Share Slave Auction Thursday.

The auction is to be held at 12:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room, SUB. The Miss Freshette candidates, Miss Commerce and members of the students' union executive Phil Ponting and Glenn Sinclair are others to be auctioned.

The buyers are allowed three hours of wholesome activity with their slave.

The slave auction is only one of the fund raising events planned by Share. A folk concert and the film Helicopter Canada have already been presented. The film The Great Race is being shown Friday night.

## Campus bus routes face relocation

The campus traffic and planning commission is not happy with an ETS decision not to have buses running on campus.

Students' union president Al Anderson said Wednesday the campus traffic and planning commission would look into the possibility of relocating the bus stops and shelters.

He is writing to the campus planning office regarding a proposal that they contact the ETS regarding the U6 bus service.

Anderson proposed the new bus route run along 116 St., down Emily Murphy Park Road, across the river by the Groat Road Bridge and up to 124 St.

The re-routing of the bus would also include its leaving Jasper Place a little earlier so students would have a better chance of getting to class on time.

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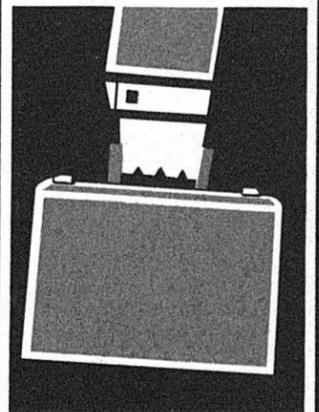
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