

Schmidt and Hyndman discuss 'Political Realignment' at Fireside

Political realignment is the question.

Social conservatism is Premier Manning's answer.

Eric Schmidt, special assistant to the Executive Council, and Louis D. Hyndman, Edmonton West MLA, discussed the Premier's book "Political Realignment: A Challenge to Thoughtful Canadians" at LSM Firesides Sunday.

Mr. Schmidt explained that Premier Manning's proposed Social Conservative party involves a "polarization, but it is not the kind that pushes the right and left into corners, into the old camps."

Referring to the book, Mr. Schmidt said Canadian politics need the injection of at least four major elements.

"First is the articulation of meaningful political principles and values," Mr. Schmidt said.

"We must recover our concern with philosophy and ideology instead of having a conflict of personalities."

GREATER INVOLVEMENT

"We need also a greater involvement of people now feeling alienated with the political process, such as young people and new Canadians," he said.

"Third, we need a comprehensive and contemporary set of public policies."

"And finally, there is a need for a modernized form of party organization."

Mr. Schmidt said, "The book ends with a challenge to the national Progressive Conservative

party to look seriously at realignment.

"But we must remember the book came out in August, a month before the Progressive Conservative convention."

Mr. Hyndman summarized the Premier's proposal by saying, "Social Conservatism is the end; political realignment is the means."

But Mr. Hyndman saw a very real danger in "any philosophy offering only two options. Looking at either black or white has the danger of not seeing diversity."

"Political realignment is not really a democratic procedure, but is closed," he said.

"There is no option but obedience."

Mr. Schmidt argued that the problem with an open party is that it "may become a party of power, not principles, and can be too easily taken over by politicians."

"We have lost our focus on principles and concentrate on the leader," he said.

The two speakers agreed, how-

ever, that a government is set up to deal with problems we cannot solve individually.

"But the electorate often doesn't understand the problems the political parties are dealing with," said Mr. Schmidt.

"Most parties are run by an oligarchy, and then there are the camp followers."

"People are selling their souls out to government."

Mr. Hyndman suggested that to get people involved in politics is to get them "interested perhaps in a peripheral way."

"Discussing things at a very cerebral level is not always the way to do it," he said.

But the real weakness in Canadian politics, said Mr. Schmidt, is that there is not much interest in politics on campus.

"With the exception of some people like Peter Boothroyd, students don't seem to be interested in much outside of passing exams."

Boothroyd is president of the U of A Grad Student Association.

Two censure motions blocked at Monday's council meeting

Two motions of censure were blocked by students' council Monday night.

A motion to censure Gateway editor Lorraine Minich was defeated by a large majority. The issue was an editorial criticizing Treasure Van. Treasure Van director Bob Rosen spoke in favor of the defeated motion. It was suggested by council that Rosen write a letter to the editor to be published this Thursday.

The other motion never got off the ground. Darryl Carter, law rep, charged there was a question of conflict of interest raised by Co-ordinator of Activities Glenn Sinclair's involvement with the "Skeleton Keys" band. The band has obtained playing engagements and practice time in SUB.

There were comments of "vindictive" and "a dangerous precedent." Sinclair said the situation reminded him of McCarthyism.

The problem of conflict of interest was delegated to a committee to draft a by-law on it. Judgment on the Sinclair case was reserved.

Council established a committee to look into the feasibility of the students' union building a high-rise apartment to ease the housing problem.

Under budget revisions, the grant to Inside magazine was increased to \$1,050 from \$700. The party fund was reinstated to the tune of \$1,250 and the Inter-varsity Christian Fellowship request for \$300 was granted.

The discussions were interrupted twice by someone in the next room singing, "food's more fun at A & W". They were obviously in need of more practice time.

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY

Council gave \$335 to the U of A Flying Club and extended the Skydivers' loan of \$250 for 1 year.

Council approved a grant request from Con/fusion for \$500. This is a conference on the Arts to be held in March. They have already received \$2,000 from the Federal Government.

Council tried to give six easy chairs to Co-op Housing but were told this was not what the Co-op wanted. Under questioning their representative admitted Co-op had a considerable financial reserve—\$50 in the bank and two electric stoves of considerable trade-in value. They would like to keep these.

The name of the Foreign Student Orientation Committee was shortened to "The University of Alberta Canadian Service for Overseas Students and Trainees, Undergraduate Division."



LOU HYNDMAN
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Seminars set for weekend

The West Indian Students Society is sponsoring a series of seminars Saturday and Sunday to "build a better understanding of the West Indian and Latin American culture."

President of the West Indian Student Society, George Buekmire, said the seminars were designed to focus attention on the problems of the countries' cultures and inform the Edmonton community of them.

Saturday at 2:30 p.m. Dr. Ivan Smith will speak on "The Uniqueness of the West Indian Personality."

Dr. Richard Frucht will speak at 4:30 on "Politics, Economics and

Class Conflict: The lesson of St. Kitts and Anguilla for the West Indies."

Discussions will follow each of the addresses.

Sunday at 10:30 a.m. lecturer Ken Mills of the philosophy department will speak on "The OAS, the Caribbean and the United States."

The last speaker will be George Buekmire at 2 p.m. on "Is West Indian Agriculture a Boom or Bust? Some problems of the Trade and Economic Development."

An open discussion at 4:30 p.m. will conclude the two day event.

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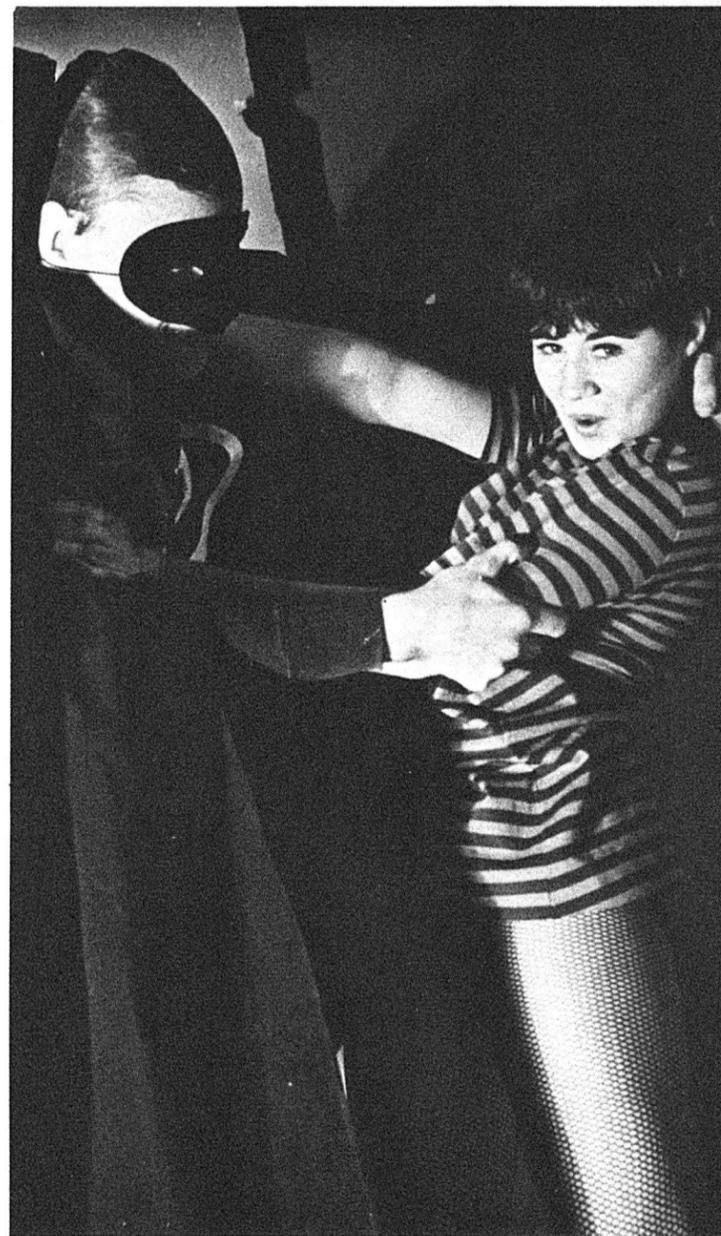
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