

student issue forum

Liberal

Bob Carney

1. The issue of differential fees while seemingly settled here at the University of Alberta is, in my opinion, still very much a matter of debate. Education at all levels is within the constitutional jurisdiction of the provinces and, therefore, fees schedules also fall within their authority. Special fees for international students exist in only four of Canada's provinces, including Alberta. I do not support differential fees for international students at any of Canada's universities. International students make up only 6.2% of the University of Alberta's student population and represent 75 countries. International students contribute to the development of relations between Canada and these countries. They also contribute substantially to the expansion of our knowledge base. Knowledge should not be limited by national boundaries and its sharing or acquisition should not be premised on the ability to pay.

2. Student fees should be frozen at current levels, and efforts should be made through federal-provincial

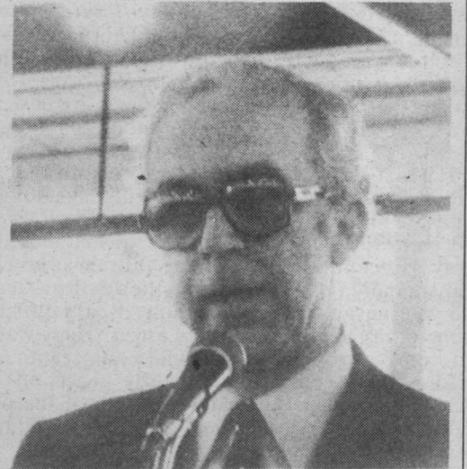
negotiations to provide additional bursaries and scholarships at the graduate and undergraduate level. Subsidized student travel should be made available especially between regions and language areas of the country. University texts and materials should be provided students at cost. The student employment program should be expanded. A federal-provincial program should be initiated to increase the number of low cost rental units. Both orders of government should work toward having a full student support program introduced similar to that in place for status Indian students.

3. The Liberal party's position on the Canada Student Loan Plan which was initiated by Liberal governments, is quite clear. Throughout the existence of the Plan, the Liberal Governments have continually raised the ceilings on these loans in accordance with perceived student need. Continuous review of the program is essential, and in view of the Student Aid Task Force in place prior to this election, such a review is being maintained. There must be student representation on this Task Force contrary to the present Clark exclusion

of student voices. The possibility of re-instituting a grant and loan program is not out of the question. I support student representation on the Task Force and the full implementation of its recommendations.

4. The Liberal party is on record as favouring the decriminalization of marijuana. I support this position entirely. While I do not support the full legalization of cannabis, I do not see the worth in labelling its possession as illegal under the Criminal Code of Canada. We should decriminalize the possession of marijuana, and maintain our criminal courts for criminals, not smokers. I would work to have the present law amended as early as possible in the life of the new parliament.

5. As your Liberal candidate in Edmonton South, I seek your support because I believe that this riding and the university community generally needs a sustained voice at the federal level. The 1980 election is the most important in our history. Such critical issues as energy, the economy and employment will be dealt with during the next parliament. As one who lives in the riding, and who has experience as a



School Superintendent in the Arctic, a Deputy Minister in the Lougheed Government, and as a University Professor, I would ask your opinions regularly, respond to your requests for assistance and information, and work to make your views known in parliament and the government.

Progressive Conservative

Doug Roche

1. The implementation of differential fees is a provincial responsibility and therefore outside the influence of a federal politician. Personal fees would not be in favor of differential fees if they discriminate against poorer students, since the principle of equal educational opportunity should apply to foreign students as well as Canadians.

The contribution of foreign students to our educational and cultural experience and their impact on our foreign relations should be recognized. The benefits for Canada of foreign students outweigh the costs in most cases.

2. The level of tuition fees is also a provincial matter. Fees should be commensurate with the rising cost of university education. To enable cash-short students to continue their education, better student aid programs and expanded summer work programs are needed. The Progressive Conservatives' Summer Youth Employment Program would provide 70,000 summer jobs this year. The Private Employment Incentives Program would place 105,000 unemployed youth in jobs by April 1981. The National Youth Service Program would provide 14,000 jobs in community service projects.

3. The Progressive Conservative government established a joint federal-provincial Task Force on Student Assistance. This task force was reviewing existent programs in the context of accessibility to post-secondary education, student debt-load, financial needs, and the portability of financial assistance across provincial boundaries. A report recommending new alternatives was to be ready by the fall of 1980. The PC party would act on that report.

4. I am opposed to the legalization of marijuana if it would mean wider use of the drug and greater social acceptance. I do not think that it is in the common good of society to make it easier to obtain and use drugs. At the same time, a way must be found to remove the damaging effects that a criminal record may have on a young

offender under current laws.

On this basis, placing marijuana under the Food and Drugs Act rather than under narcotics control legislation may be an acceptable alternative. Simple fines could be imposed for possession, trafficking penalties could be lightened, and courts could be given greater flexibility. I would be willing to seriously consider this option in the House of Commons.

5. As an MP since 1972, I have helped a number of students with federal government problems. As a Progressive Conservative, I represent a

party committed to fiscal responsibility in the management of government and energy self-sufficiency for Canada, commitments which will ensure a sound future for young Canadians.

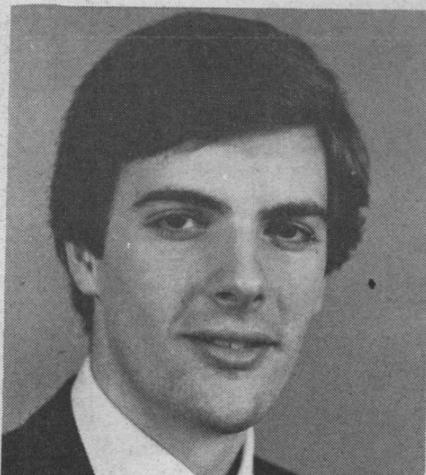
The PC government expanded and improved federal government programs for youth employment. Our commitment to research and development will mean increased research opportunities for Canadian university students and their professors. More than 20,000 additional research opportunities would have been created over the next five years by our increase in the budgets for natural sciences, engineering, and medical research.



Alberta Rhino Party

R.T. Cristall

1. As those of you who have studied economics know, the consumer surplus is that area under the downward sloping demand curve and above a line drawn perpendicular from the vertical price axis to the intersection of the supply and demand scheduled. If for any good (in this case education) the supplier is able to charge different prices to a discreet number of consumer groups; that is (i.e. foreign and domestic



students) the consumers lose some of their surplus to the producers. But those consumers, like we native Albertans, whose demand for education was price inelastic in the first place, will benefit. Some win, some lose.

2. In the case of student loans the first question I always ask is what have you got for collateral? If Alberta students cannot establish a debt equity ratio satisfactory to Standard & Poors' 500 index are we then to have an over mortgaged future while our provincial government struggles today with an over grossly over capitalized present? I say no!! Expand the level of student loans, reduce the margin requirements and make available a deferred capital court for capitalization in new Canadian resource company equity issues and debentures. Back the attack!! Earn while you learn!!

3. If I were to revamp the student loan program completely I would start with the basic principle of need. Now, if presently you have a good paying job during the summer, you are penalized by not being able to borrow as much as the student with the same needs who earned the minimum wage. No interest payable when inflation is eating away at the real cost of the money you may someday pay back. So you lose the benefit of the use of the governments'

money if you have made more yourself. This is contrary to all principle of good banking.

4. The question of legalizing marijuana deserves a judicious, principle answer that demands nothing of consistency and begs everything but the question of whom it is addressed to. I'm in favour of taking the action to take no action. I'm in agreement here with everyone who fancies himself a politician. We must maintain respect for the world law of society, however our morality must be consistent with our legal order. Society is immoral and the courts have been ruled out of order. In 1990 an older but wiser Canadian public will look back at these lawless days of prohibition with hindsight.

5. What can I do for the average voters? Probably little more than a government minister could but for an above average voter of the female persecution I will do everything within my power to show her a special attention. Quote "I back Jack but Teddy isn't ready" read the campaign button in 1960. Well, this is 1980 and I'm ready, steady, willing and able. Bathroom politics are smoke filled and where there is smoke there is fire. Besides there is a Saturn-Jupiter conjunction this year; the first since 1960 and that means I'm a marked man. So vote for me; this may be my last election.