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The government's
idea of preventative
medicine...

...is to prevent people
from using hospitals.
Gilbert Bouchard,
1983

Iona describes age no one likes

by Ann Grever

It was like "coming home" for Westerner Iona Campagnolo, the president of the Liberal Party of Canada, on Monday when she spoke to students here at the U of A.

Between engagements at Thompson, Manitoba and Vancouver, Campagnolo has been speaking all over Canada for the Liberal party. Campagnolo also acts as an advisor to the World University Games. During her campus address, rather than discuss her party's policies, she chose to stress our government's role in our changing society. The Liberal party, according to Campagnolo, being a party of reform, can better cope with new value changes in Canada today.

Campagnolo sees these shifts in values as a direct result of the economy. The attitude is no longer "today will be better than yesterday", rather, "today may not be as good as yesterday was and tomorrow may be worse." Campagnolo described the progression from the "materialism" of the '50's to the "fantasy" of the '60's to the "self-concentration" of the '70's, as luxuries of the "Golden Age of Economy", from 1948-1973. The '80's on the other hand Campagnolo calls "the age nobody likes."

New concerns are now with the "dislocation of people" similar to the dislocation in the Industrial Revolution as important institutions, such as the family, break down and no longer act as intermediaries between government and the individual. Now substitutes such as the media become important. Government must also find new ways to express new concerns within its own structure. Campagnolo sees a specific example of this in the Reform Committee of the Liberal Party.

The methods of dealing with government have changed too,

Feds promise jobs but

Dry summer ahead

OTTAWA (CUP) — When student leaders went to see federal employment minister Lloyd Axworthy March 21, they wanted to talk about the jobless summer more than 200,000 students are facing.

But Axworthy had an announcement up his sleeve to give the reporters outside: the federal and provincial governments are studying a proposal to help place jobless graduates in career-related occupations by subsidizing their wages.

Axworthy's plan was mentioned in passing during the meeting and "came out of the blue," according to Canadian Federation of students executive officer Diane Flaherty. But it grabbed a front-page headline in the *Globe and Mail*.

It also deflected CFS and Opposition criticisms that the federal government ain't doing enough to help unemployed young people, Flaherty said.

according to Campagnolo. For instance the "Era of anti-democratic single issue" politics has passed. As Campagnolo states "politics can no longer afford the luxury of basing all decisions on one issue." Instead, Campagnolo sees politics as becoming more multi-issues with the coalition of different special-interest groups. Examples given included coalitions of feminists and the church against pornography, and environmentalists with workers for hazard-free employment.

However, Campagnolo stressed that the worsening economy brings discontent, thus the government becomes a scapegoat. Yet Campagnolo insisted what money the government has is shared fairly, but that today there is less money everywhere. To the specific question of financing post-secondary education, Campagnolo answered, "the present position can be maintained by careful administration." In answer to the Western attitude against Liberals, she pointed to the "lesson" that Trudeau constantly teaches, that in order to improve a region's situation and problems, it is necessary for that region's best politicians to carry these problems into the federal government and into the Liberal Party to make their concerns known. Ms. Campagnolo also spoke "against politics reduced to entertainment" with "soap-opera" antics used "to promote potential conflicts" for the sake of the media. Campagnolo disagreed with the "messiah" image of one leader to solve all the problems of Canada. "The ordinary people must still carry the burden of change."

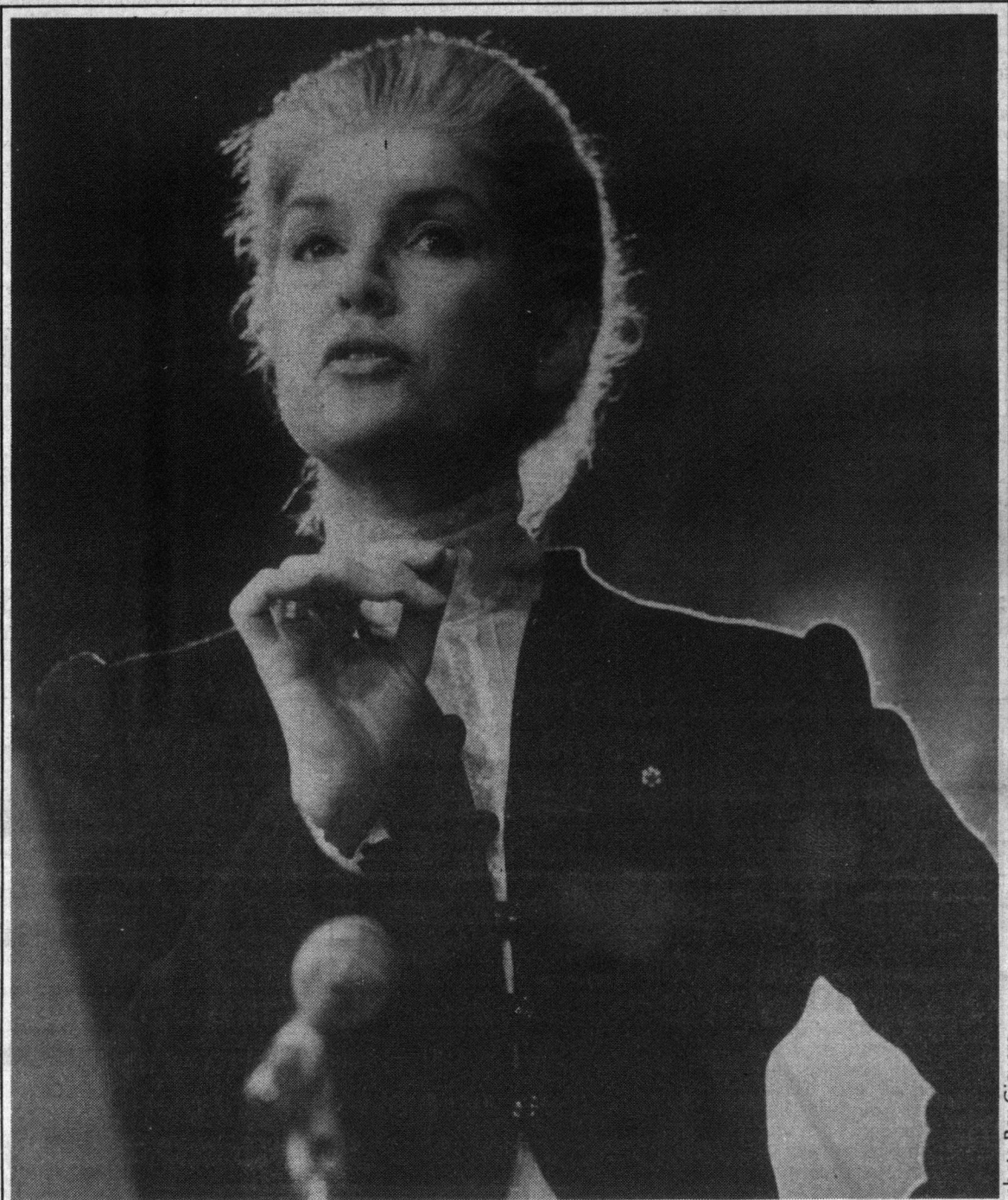
The talk ended with SU Clubs Commissioner Sterling Sunley member of the U of A Liberal Party, presenting Campagnolo with a tribute to the University, in honor of the University's 75th Anniversary.

She said it is too early to judge the proposal because Axworthy "was really vague on the whole thing." He did not say when the program will begin or how it will work.

CFS will support the program if it is similar to the current summer student internship program, where students are hired in the public or private sectors for up to three summers in job-related programs. "That's one of the better programs Axworthy's department runs," Flaherty said.

Axworthy said the proposed program will pay graduates more than minimum wage, Flaherty said.

Flaherty said CFS went to the meeting to demand more direct job creation for students, but Axworthy claimed the federal government is doing all it can. Flaherty said the government will create only as many student summer jobs, as in 1979 when the unemployment rate was lower.



Iona Campagnolo, President of the Liberal Party of Canada

photo Ray Giguere

Student loans in trouble?

by Richard Watts

At Tuesday's meeting of Students' Council SU VP External Theresa Gonzales revealed that the funding for the Students' Finance Board would be decreased by 18 per cent.

The Students' Finance Board is responsible for the administration of Student Loans and is funded by the provincial government through the Ministry of Advanced Education.

"What it means is that they (the Students' Finance Board) are going to be much more strict when it comes to handing out student loans," says Gonzales.

Currently 40 per cent of the students at the U of A are financing their education at least partially with the help of a student loan.

However, members of the Students' Finance Board disagree with Gonzales' interpretation of the new budget for the funding of Student Loans.

Fred Hemmingway, Chief Executive Officer of the Students' Finance Board, says there has been no decrease in the Board's funding.

He explains that the budget of the Students' Finance Board for this year is less than was actually spent last year when there was a

huge increase in the number of students applying for loans.

"We did overspend our budget last year," said Hemmingway.

"The budget for this year," said Hemmingway, "is actually 5 million dollars more than our predicted budget of last year." Nonetheless, Hemmingway admits that the new Students' Finance Board budget does not equal what was actually spent last year. No decreases are expected in student enrolment, though, nor in applications for aid.

Yet Hemmingway sees no cause for alarm.

"The central issue is whether or not we will be cutting benefits

to students and there are no plans whatsoever to do that," he said.

Furthermore Hemmingway insists that if the demand on the Students' Finance Board does exceed its budget this year then more money will be requested from the government.

Gonzales says that the pressure on the Students' Finance Board will be even greater this year than it was last year.

If the Students' Finance Board does require more money then a request for greater funding would have to be made to Minister of Advanced Education Dick Johnston. Johnston in turn would have to request more money from Provincial Treasurer Lou Hyndman.

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