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Buildings - We Get Stacks And Stacks Of Buildings



RESIDENCE COMMITTEE ... HE HATH ANSWERED US

Photo by Stibbard **Govt.** Financing For Residences No

indecision as conflicting the program in even of student activities and a mem-residence picture. Alberta Pre- of student activities and a mem-

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mier E. C. Manning, received by the committee last week, stated that residence planning is underway—but that the Alberta government was not going to finance the building of the residences.

Premier Manning's letter confused an already confused situa-tion, as a result of letters received from E. W. Hinman, provincial treasuer, and J. Hartley, minister of public works, earlier this fall.

Earlier reports had indicated that residence construction would start sufficiently soon to have some resid-ences ready for tht 1961-62 term, and that they would be financed by the opinion that the government has approved in principle residence conovernment DECISION NEEDED

On this basis the committee had

Monday's residence commit-tee meeting ended on a note of indecision as conflicting Alberta government reports forged the

ber of the committee said, that in view of Premier Manning's letter, "We can't do a thing until the government decides how the new residences will be financed" financed."

Committee member and president of the Students' Union, Alex McCalla contended that the committee "find

arrangements regarding method of finance and type of building." "President Johns expressed the view that the residences will be built by outside commercial in-tement with the generations to terests with the government to back the scheme by the purchase of debentures."

back the scheme by the purchase of debentures." "The residence committee is sin-cerely appreciative of the govern-ment action and along with President Johns feels certain that construction will begin early next year with the hope that residences will be finished tet the fall of 1962. The present Education Building, erected during the 1930's, was planned to accommodate 350 students. There are presently 1,499 education underwill begin early next year with the hope that residences will be finished at the latest by the fall of 1962." Residence construction has been a Tuesday, The Gateway received the following statement from the chairman of the residence committee: hot issue at the University of Alberta

"Both myself and the president of the Students Union, Alex McCalla have talked to President Johns re-garding Premier Manning's letter." for several years, and for the last three years, the Students' Union has been carrying on a running campaign for the building of new residences.

Ten Storey, \$3 Million Ed. Bldg. To Be Erected

Before this year's freshman GREEN AREAS IMPORTANT class graduates, the University will also have a new library, new residences, and possibly a new fine arts building and ennew fine arts building and en-larged Students' Union Build-visit to the campus. ing. It will also have few if any of the temporary structures erected during World War II and retained to house parts of

and retained to house parts of a rapidly expanding University. The new Education Building will be situated on 87 Avenue, directly south of the Medical Building. It will consist of a central 10-story tower, housing faculty offices, two classroom wings, running east and west from the tower and a library from the tower, and a library and gymnasium, one at each end of the building and projecting northward from it. Estimated cost is \$3,000,000. The building will probably be the biggest on commune

campus. The office section will be reached by elevators. Classroom wings must be restricted to four levels because the heavy traffic between classes makes elevators impractical. The gymnasium and education library wings will each be one story high, due to the prohibitive cost of wide roof spans over tall structures. **1962 TENTATIVE COMPLETION**

graduates on the Edmonton campus,

swell as several graduate students. The infirmary and one of the staff residences on 87 Avenue will be removed to make way for the new building. Eventually, all the staff residences in this area will be demolished.

By Bill Samis A new 10-storey Education Building is to be built on the U of A campus. Construction will begin within a few months say University administration. Before this year's freekmen

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The necessity to preserve green areas is one of the reasons "high rise" residences are favor-ed, Prof. Ryan said. "We are go-ing cautiously in making plans for residences because we don't want to do anything we can't undo," he added.

undo," he added. The University is hopeful that it will receive the land where the Rink's ruins now lie. A fine arts building is planned. There is also the possibility that the provincial department of public works, who now hold the land, will erect a museum on the site museum on the site.

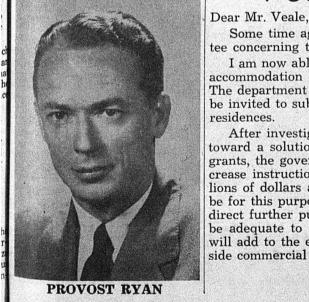
No construction is planned for the No construction is planned for the immediate future on the present Drill Hall site. The area will become a parking lot for the present, and will be held for an addition to the Students' Union Building. Such an extension would include a large cefeteria replacing the present one cafeteria, replacing the present one north of the Engineering Building, and additional office space for the

Students' Union. The life of Hut H, crumbling be-hind the North Lab, is "definitely over," a c c o r d i ng to University officials, but no date has yet been set for its demolition.

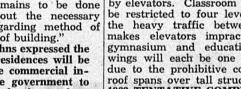
UAC Gets PEB

A Physical Education Building, worth between \$600,000 and \$700,000, will be constructed soon on the Calgary campus. No swimming pool is planned for the Calgary PEB.

There are presently almost no physical education facilities for Cal-



Some time ago you made an inquiry on behalf of the Students' Council Residence Commit-



Yours Very Truly . . . Ernest C. Manning

tee concerning the provision of additional residences for students at the University of Alberta.

I am now able to advise that the government has approved a program under which residential accommodation on the University campus will be constructed by outside commercial interests. The department of public works currently is preparing plans on which all interested parties will be invited to submit proposals and tenders for the designing, building and financing of such residences.

After investigation of this matter, we are convinced that this is the best way of proceeding toward a solution of this problem. As you know, in addition to vastly-increased operational grants, the government has been and is now engaged in a very large expansion program to in-crease instructional facilities at both Edmonton and Calgary. This program involves many millions of dollars and I think all will agree that the first demand on available public funds should be for this purpose. Having regard to these expenditures, the province is not in a position to direct further public funds into the financing of residences construction on a scale that would be adequate to meet the need. Accordingly, the plan for residences which has been approved, will add to the extensive building program financed with public funds the participation of outside commercial interests for the purpose of providing on-the-campus student residences.

> Yours very truly, Ernest C. Manning

