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## Buildings - We Get Stacks And Stacks Of Buildings



RESIDENCE COMMITTEE . . . HE HATH ANSWERED US

Photo by Stibbard

## No Govt. Financing For Residences

Monday's residence committee meeting ended on a note of indecision as conflicting Alberta government reports fogged the residence picture.

A letter from Alberta Premier 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 situation, as a result of letters received from E. W. Hinman, provincial treasurer, and J. Hartley, minister of public works, earlier this fall.

Earlier reports had indicated that residence construction would start sufficiently soon to have some residences ready for the 1961-62 term, and that they would be financed by the government.

### DECISION NEEDED

On this basis the committee had

prepared a new stand on the residence construction issue some weeks ago, altering some facets of the old program in consideration of the new information.

Peter Hyndman, co-ordinator of student activities and a member 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."

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

Tuesday, The Gateway received the following statement from the chairman of the residence committee:

"Both myself and the president of the Students Union, Alex McCalla have talked to President Johns regarding Premier Manning's letter."

### GOVERNMENT BACKING

"President Johns expressed the opinion that the government has approved in principle residence con-

struction for the immediate future with all that remains to be done being to work out the necessary arrangements regarding method of finance and type of building."

"President Johns expressed the view that the residences will be built by outside commercial interests with the government to back the scheme by the purchase of debentures."

"The residence committee is sincerely appreciative of the government action and along with President Johns feels certain that construction will 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 hot issue at the University of Alberta 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.

The last residence to be built on the Alberta campus was in 1915 and since that time the population of the University has risen 1,000 per cent.

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

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 freshman class graduates, the University will also have a new library, new residences, and possibly a new fine arts building and enlarged Students' Union Building. It will also have few if any of the temporary structures erected during World War II 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 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 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**  
It is expected that the new facilities for U of A's largest faculty will be ready by 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 undergraduates on the Edmonton campus, as well 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.

A quadrangle will be created between the new Education Building and the Medical Building, flanked on

the east and west by St. Stephen's and St. Joseph's Colleges. Green areas are now being planned almost as carefully as buildings, and parking lots are being carefully located, Prof. A. A. Ryan, executive assistant to the president said this week.

### GREEN AREAS IMPORTANT

"Campus construction often leads to a collection of buildings rising from a sea of used cars," Dr. L. A. De Monte, University of California architect, warned during his recent visit to the campus.

The necessity to preserve green areas is one of the reasons "high rise" residences are favored, Prof. Ryan said. "We are going cautiously in making plans for residences because we don't want to do anything we can't 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.

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 cafeteria, replacing the present one north of the Engineering Building, and additional office space for the Students' Union.

The life of Hut H, crumbling behind the North Lab, is "definitely over," according 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 Calgary's 1,369 students. The department of public work will receive tenders next month for the project.

Yours Very Truly . . . Ernest C. Manning

Dear Mr. Veale,

Some time ago you made an inquiry on behalf of the Students' Council Residence Committee 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 increase 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



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