

Housing plans under attack

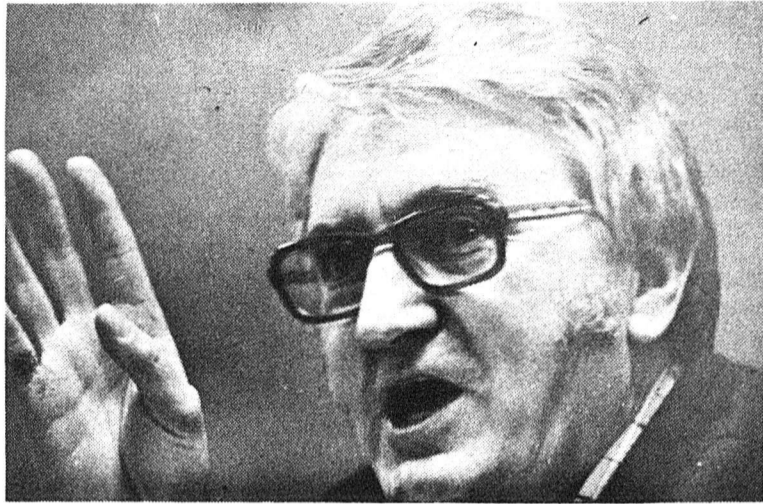
The crowd in room 104 SUB listened attentively to Father Dave Brown and Alderman Ed Kennedy spell out their ideas on the Heritage Trust Fund and housing. Both advocated more public housing and the idea of land banks was also reviewed.

"As far as the Heritage Trust Fund goes, we're trying to look ahead to what happens after rent control," said Kennedy. He looked towards part of the solution as lying in increased public housing.

He was against the idea, however, of the poor simply moving into an area built by the government without having some control over it. He suggested some type of resident's planning implying that part of the Fund could be used to achieve this.

Kennedy was also in favour of investing "preventative social services." Supposedly this type of investment would prevent social ills from arising in the future.

Father Brown emphasized the plight of the whole world with regards to housing and acknowledged that in a world context Alberta was in a privileged position.



Fr. Dave Brown on housing in Edmonton.

Nevertheless, Brown was critical of Alberta housing plans saying, "I think housing has to be taken in a whole context and I don't think Alberta has that kind of vision."

He felt that research was needed in such areas as conserving energy in the homes, and plans for multiple home dwellings "so people will cease to look upon public housing as a last resort." Brown repeatedly stated if any of the Fund was to be used for improved housing,

some innovative and well-researched ideas would have to be offered to the Conservative government.

Brown, for example, was hesitant to endorse landbanks as a solution to the housing shortage in Alberta. He referred to their use in the United Kingdom where they apparently did not meet with success. "You don't want provincial government quoting back this experience of the UK without knowing more about it."

One more contender speaks up, wants the fund

"Words will not describe what a rotten and irresponsible sell-out Syncrude is," stressed Alberta's NDP Leader, Grant Notley.

Notley spoke at the Heritage Trust Fund Conference this weekend alongside David Leadbeater, Edmonton city Councillor. "We are more likely to make sensible decisions," said Notley, "if we, the public, make it in the open instead of by 'the boys' behind closed doors."

He claimed that too many of the Conservatives' decisions such as those concerning the

Heritage Trust Fund, were made in cabinet secrecy.

Instead, he urged Albertans to "look upon the trust fund as something belonging to all of us." Notley spoke of the many groups represented at the conference who also have a "legitimate claim" to the trust fund.

David Leadbeater was also highly critical of the Syncrude project, which figures prominently in the Heritage Trust Fund. Speaking of the tar sands and Syncrude Leadbeater remarked, "The more you think of it the less attractive it becomes. I am reminded of a Norwegian saying in Prof. Pratt's book (*The Tar Sands*) which says: It's never so bad that it can't get worse."

As a city alderman, Leadbeater was interested in the possibility that the Heritage Fund could be used to create a kind of "revolving credit" for the municipalities. In recent city council meetings Leadbeater has argued that the city should use the funds for city loans so that interest derived from them will stay in the province. He imagined that the HTF could be a "kind of bank for the municipalities - so cities wouldn't have to go to New York, Ottawa, Montreal, or London for a loan."

"I'd like to say that the very nature of a trust is, I think, undemocratic," said the alderman. He felt that the trust fund should be in the hands of labour and municipalities. "The people whom it affects.

"It should be completely public," concluded Leadbeater.

Drink before you vote this year

A "Meet your Candidate" wine and cheese party is to be hosted by the U of A Liberal Club Thurs. Feb. 12 at 3:30 p.m. in SUB theatre lobby. The event is to follow the SU elections forum which will be held immediately prior to the party.

In the past it has been found that SU candidates have promoted their campaigns from the relative anonymity of posters and prepared speeches. It is hoped by council that an event such as a wine and cheese party will give students a chance to meet their future Students' Union executive on a more informal basis.

Students are encouraged both to attend the forum and the party. Donini wine will be served.

Relief in law- exams not a lost cause

by Ted Thederahn

The mysterious case of the missing Law School Admission Tests (LSAT's) has finally been solved.

The 119 prospective law students who have been biting their nails for the past month can now rest easy. The results of the exams they wrote on Dec. 6 will be back in about three weeks, according to Student Counselling director Prof. A. Hough.

It remains unclear what exactly happened to the three boxes of exams that this university sent to a Toronto brokerage firm for shipment to the Educational Testing Services,

although the matter is being resolved. Prof. Hough speculates that the brokerage firm suffered a "breakdown in communications" and "were probably flooded" in the confusion that resulted from the nationwide postal strike in progress at that time.

Student Counselling received a call from Princeton University, the people in charge of scoring the LSAT's, assuring them that the tests will be graded and returned as quickly as possible. Princeton also said that all students who wrote the exams will be receiving a letter in the near future giving full details of the situation.

Candidates sue student newspaper

MONTREAL (CUP) - Two candidates for the presidency of Loyola Students' Association are suing *The Loyola News* following a front page story and an editorial which were critical of the candidates.

The candidates, Mark Gallagher and Tom MacMillan, are claiming 7000 dollars for damage to reputation, mental anguish, and loss of future earning, in a student court suit. *The News* printed what MacMillan terms "a misrepresentation of the facts."

The News wrote in an editorial supporting two other candidates that the "MacMillan - Gallagher team doesn't even merit serious consideration." The newspaper also claimed that "MacMillan is relatively new to the political scene..."

MacMillan denies this, pointing out that he has served on the student Senate as chief returning officer, on two committees, and as a student judge in student court.

Dave Moorcraft, co-editor of *The News* defends his paper's stand, saying "once people run for public office, they open themselves up to public opinion."

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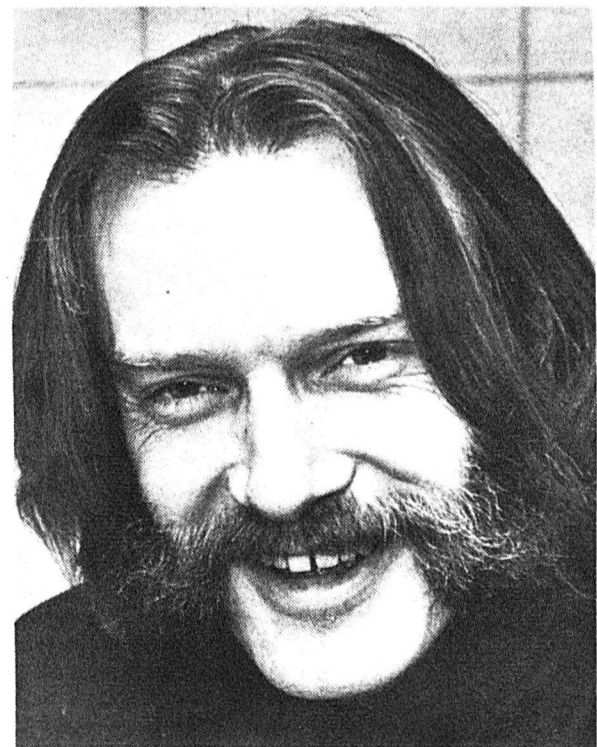


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