

ELECTION '76

Election Rally

will be held in SUB Theatre between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm Thursday, February 12, 1976. Candidates for all offices will be permitted to speak and as well respond to questions during a question period. All University classes are cancelled between 11:00 am and noon.

Voting

will take place in the following buildings between 9 am and 6 pm, Friday, February 13, 1976.

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| CAB | 1 - At entrance to Cameron Library |
| CAB | 2 - At entrance to Engineering Bldg. |
| EDUCATION | 1 - In front of elevators, old bldg. |
| EDUCATION | 2 - In lounge main floor, new bldg. |
| TORY | 1 - Main entrance facing Rutherford |
| TORY | 2 - Tory Lecture Theatre |
| SUB | - In front of doors facing Phy. Ed. Bldg. |
| HUB | - Main Office |
| LISTER | - In front of cafeteria |
| LAW CENTER | - Main Entrance |
| FINE ARTS | - Main Entrance |
| HUMANITIES | - 2nd Floor, by HUB entrance |
| AGRICULTURE | - Main Floor, coffee room |
| DENTISTRY-PHARMACY | - 2nd Floor, coffee room |
| MEDICAL SCIENCES | - 2nd Floor, Medical Student Lounge |
| CLINICAL SCIENCES | - 2nd Floor, by escalators |
| CORBETT | - Inside north door facing UAH |
| UAH NURSES RESIDENCE | - Main Entrance |
| PHYSICAL ED. | - Main Entrance |
| V WING LECTURE ROOMS | - By Room P-126 |
| BIO SCIENCE | - Main Floor in front of tunnel to CAB |
| GENERAL SERVICES | - Main Entrance |
| MECH. ENGINEERING | - Main Entrance |
| CHEM.-MIN. ENGINEERING | - Main Entrance |
| HOUSEHOLD ECONOMICS | - Main Entrance |

Advance Poll

will be open in Room 271 SUB on Thursday, February 12 between 2:00 and 5:00 pm and is to be used only by students who will be absent from the campus on election day.

Voters

include all full members in good standing of the Students' Union. Students in the Faculty of Graduate Studies who have paid full Union fees may vote, but those whose identification cards are marked 'Associate members' may not. You must present your Identification Card at the poll. **Remember, bring your ID Card February 13, You can't vote without it!**

Further information may be obtained from the Returning Officer, Room 271 SUB.

Ken Reynolds
Returning Officer

Mediocrity the rule here

by Mary MacDonald

"Canada is fast becoming a mediocrity, that is a nation ruled by the mediocre," said Graeme Griffiths speaking to the Heritage Trust Fund on the environment. At the Saturday conference Griffiths with national and provincial parks, outlined the consequences of dependence on fossil fuels while Lucien Royer of STOP (Save Tomorrow Oppose Pollution) discussed environmental damage.

According to Griffiths there are two impending crises facing us. With the price of fossil fuels rising, he feels that it will be difficult to buy fuel at an inflated rate.

The government, he says so far is looking into energy from nuclear sources and coal gasification - alternatives he feels conflict with environmental interests and threaten wildlife.

Instead he suggests reduction of fossil fuel dependence and establishment of a new research and development agency. This agency would investigate heading buildings by flow energy such as solar energy. It should, he says, "establish the operating costs and safety for Alberta conditions."

The second crisis is in agriculture says Griffiths. "Nearly all pesticides and fertilizers are petroleum derivatives," he said. "The high cost of farm products is due to fossil fuels."

The farmer, he says, is caught in a squeeze. As he needs fertilizer, pesticides for his crops as well as fuel for his machinery he will have to pay increased prices as fossil fuels soar. Says Griffiths, there is a

crisis of pest and disease control impairing the farmer's goal of producing high yield. This crisis, says Griffiths, is "not distant speculation, but immediate."

In summation, Griffiths called for a portion of the Heritage Trust Fund to be allocated to several research projects.

"The Alberta Environmental Research Trust," says Griffiths, "could carefully employ increased funds." He also called for establishment of a new research and development agency to research flow energy, agricultural research into pest and disease management, a separate entity for biological and cultural research. The money for all of these projects, he felt should come from the Heritage Trust Fund.

Lucien Royer of STOP outlined some possible uses for the Heritage Trust Fund.

"Environmental damage costs must be paid through the trust fund," he said. With specific reference to Syncrude damage, he said, "Damage to the environment as a result of sulfur dioxide for every pound of air emitted will be a direct cost of 13.5 cents. When the figures are added per year the cost will be \$31,000,000."

If an initial investment of \$40 million were made into pollution controls, says Royer, "the investment would pay for itself after 18 months."

"Priority should go to the citizen to protect the environment," he said. The province should pay for these environmental aids as they would eventually save the province millions of dollars.



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