

Campus Socreds Looking For Student Assistance

By Janet Orzech

A campus political group is attempting to get aid for students in need of financial assistance.

The university's young Social Credit party, led by Owen Anderson, arts 2, submitted a resolution at a Red Deer young people's convention to re-institute the complete Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Fund.

The resolution, passed after considerable debate, appeals to the provincial government to continue the program, and even extend it by:

- doubling the minimum grant of the Queen Elizabeth loan.
- extending the grant system with special consideration to the student living away from home.
- re-instituting low interest rate loans.

The Queen Elizabeth Fund was originally established in commemoration of Queen Elizabeth's visit to Alberta.

The loan program provides assistance to worthy and needy students, ranging from a \$100 grant to payment of all university expenses.

Anderson believes the provincial government will consider the Young Socred resolution seriously.

"The Social Credit Party throughout the province is concerned," he said.

The party leader said the provincial government is waiting to see what the campus response to the proposal will be.

Anderson noted the campus Socreds are especially concerned about obtaining financial aid for students because "since last year and the increase in residence rates,

there has been no corresponding increase in student aid."

He stressed the newly-instituted federal loan scheme has a high interest rate.

According to Anderson, his political group is the only one at the university which has taken any concrete action to get aid.

"We go to the government," he said.

Anderson charged there has been a "smear campaign" against Social Credit.

"People have not given us a chance to tell what we're working for," he said.

"When they see through their emotional outburst, they will see we're quite different."

The Socred leader claimed other groups have tried to create an image which is not what Social Credit represents.

"We are the only stabilizing force in Model Parliament," he added.



—Wilson Photo

BETTER DAYS—Groundhog Day was Tuesday, and we're willing to bet no Edmonton groundhog did anything more than dream about this scene.

'Party Must Appeal To All Backgrounds' -- Martineau

Canada must evolve a political party with objectives appealing to all racial and cultural backgrounds, says Hon. Paul Martineau.

The Conservative MP made this point last Thursday in a French Canada Week talk to a Jubilee Auditorium audience.

Canadian political parties must compromise, and yet progress, he said.

Since Canada is a nation of two races, both races must be represented in the policy and law-making areas of government, suggested Mr. Martineau.

"Conciliation of divergent interests must be a vital part of a country such as ours," he said.

"But, there must be a sure safeguard of essential interests of all parties concerned."

NEED STRONG BASIS

In order to maintain effective government, national parties must "have a strong organizational basis in both French and English Canada," said Mr. Martineau.

"A national party must in no way offend or injure other groups," he emphasized.

"In addition to this, the party must prevent attitudes of open antagonism or even indifference to either racial group," said Mr. Martineau.

Concerning the suitability of present parties, Mr. Martineau pointed out lack of compromise has resulted in a serious division with the rise of the Liberals as a Quebec party and the Conservatives as an English or imperial party.

QUEBEC ORGANIZATION

Mr. Martineau suggested the answer to the problem of compromise must be strong party organization in Quebec. The federal

party would have a Quebec lieutenant to "advise constantly on all subjects affecting Quebec and inform them of its moods, wants, needs and aspirations."

He said a major need for a national party would be to recognize and adapt to the new era of strong provincial administrations.

"Although some people feel this is a danger to Confederation," Mr. Martineau said "the opposite is true, with the essence of confederation being the protection of minorities by autonomous provinces."

"Upon provincial autonomy rests the new era of modernization and education in Quebec. This movement is based not on any one party but on the people as a whole."

"The temptation of a national party in this situation of change would be to organize a system of faction against faction which might yield temporary power but would break up the party and in the end lead to its becoming a fraction in itself," Mr. Martineau said.

Golden Grads To Participate In Convocation

Golden graduates of U of A will return to Edmonton in February to celebrate their 50th anniversary as members of convocation.

Of the 58 members of the class of 1915, many of whom saw active service in the First World War, some five are expected to be present for the alumni homecoming banquet and ball at the Macdonald Hotel Friday, Feb. 19.

Each will be presented with a small gold tray commemorating their semi-centennial of graduation.

Alumni from all over the province and as far west as Victoria will attend the gala homecoming function held annually in conjunction with VCW "open house" on campus.

Six Psychologists Busy With Student Problems

By Kevan Dalen

Students are making full use of Student Counselling Services, according to SCS Director, Prof. A. J. B. Hough.

"Six SCS psychologists, including myself, are working very close to capacity, especially around Christmas exam time when students are under heavy pressure," says Prof. Hough.

The problems students have vary from the minor "how to study" type to the more serious "I feel like jumping off the bridge" type.

Students with serious emotional problems are referred to Student Health Services for consultation.

We work very closely with SHS and the department of psychiatry at the University Hospital when we need medical opinions," says Prof. Hough.

Very few of the students who come to SCS are seriously disturbed, says Prof. Hough, but some are referred to Student Health Services because better facilities are available there. This procedure has nothing to do with the seriousness of the case.

"We have gone for six or seven years now without a suicide," he says.

In years prior to that, there was at least one suicide per year. Prof. Hough believes the reason for the decrease is due to services now provided by SCS, SHS and the University Hospital's Department of Psychiatry.

"I am convinced that this has come about because of the excellent working relationship that has developed among us," he says.

The mental health of the student population is generally good, he says, and the vast majority of work done is with normal persons of all ages.

Another service provided is that of helping registered and prospective students to decide upon a program of study.

Last year about 3,000 students were in for vocational guidance—about 600 of which were prospective students. Much of this work is done in August and early September.

"Sometimes students are disappointed with SCS because they think that we just wave a magic wand—we can only give the implications of tests and such psychological knowledge as can be brought to bear. Some people apparently want to be told what to do and this is probably why they are disappointed when they have to make their own decisions," says Prof. Hough.

"Sometimes we just can't work with students, because they are hesitant about trusting us in those instances where we have to make a report to their dean."

"These are cases where the Dean's office refers students to SCS for assistance. But, fortunately, most students realize that SCS is on their side and these cases are relatively few."

SCS also sponsors study tutorials for freshmen just after registration, and the attendance at these how-to-study programs is good.

Prof. Hough says these programs are designed to make the freshman aware of the fact that his 17 to 34 lecture hours a week must be supplemented by at least an equivalent amount of study time at home.

SCS is presently located in the basement of the New Education Building where quarters are still adequate. Future plans however are to relocate in the new Students' Union Building, when it goes up.

Propeller Taken From Pembina -- Again

Pembina Hall's propeller has been stolen again.

The wooden airplane propeller, presented to Pembina by the Royal Canadian Air Force at the end of the Second World War, was recently reported missing from its books in the main hall.

The RCAF used Pembina Hall for men's quarters during the war.

Campus Patrol has been called in on the case, but has made no arrests.

Men of neighboring Athabasca Hall have no comment on the missing propeller.

Bridge Pairs Play By Mail In Tournament

U of A will participate in the 1965 international inter-collegiate bridge tournament Feb. 6-14.

More than 200 colleges, universities and junior colleges throughout the U.S. and Canada are entered.

Marvin Swenson, Students' Union general manager, will serve as tournament director for the competition, which is sponsored by the Association of College Unions, and the Students' Union.

To date, 12 pairs from U of A have entered.

Travelling trophies and plaques will be given the college participants winning the national titles—one cup for the college of the team scoring highest on the East-West hands and one cup for the college of the North-South hand winners.

Each of the four individual national winners will receive a smaller cup for his permanent possession.

PLAY BY MAIL

All play will be by mail and will be conducted on the individual campuses in a single session, on Wednesday in Dinwoodie Lounge, SUB.

Hands will be judged by William Root and Lawrence Rosler, contract bridge authorities.

U of A is in Region 14. There are 15 regions. Two scoring pairs in each of the fifteen regions will represent their region in the face-to-face championships in Chicago, May 7-8, all expenses paid by Whitman Publishing Co.

The National Intercollegiate Bridge Tournament Committee, part of the games committee of the association of college unions, is interested in developing contract bridge as an interesting supplement to the collegiate social program, says Mr. Swenson.

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You read The Gateway.
We all at least look at The Gateway.
Very few people seem to like working on The Gateway.
Add something unique to your life!
Join the staff of The Gateway.
See your name in print. Impress your friends! There is even free coffee for your labours.
No experience is needed, just a slight desire to be a somebody on campus.
How about it? Tuesdays and Sundays at 7 p.m., Room 209, SUB.

Folk Singers Set For Lunch Time

Program board, as a service to students who spend noon hours in SUB, is presenting a series of folk concerts by Edmonton artists.

The first of these shows will feature the Wildwood Singers and the Happy Gang, two prominent folk groups, singing in Con Hall beginning at 12:10 p.m. Tuesday.