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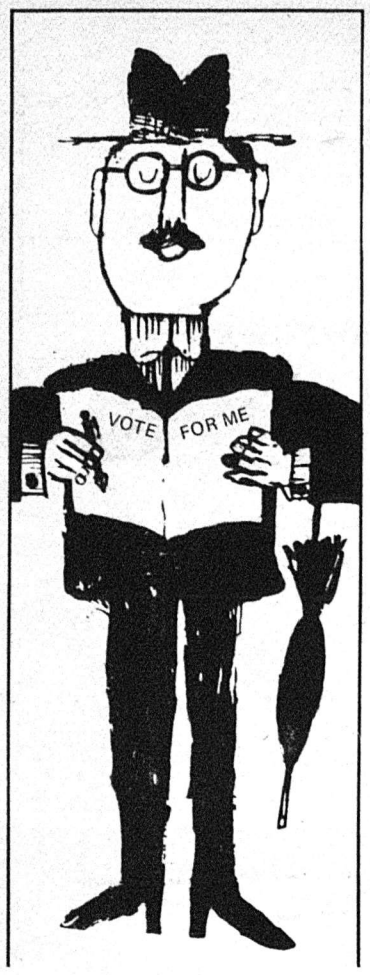

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DAMN IT!!!!!!!

BETH KUHNKE
president

* this must be treated as a completely **full time job** – (in the past two years, we have witnessed a marked decrease in student-orientation of council philosophy, because presidents preferred to consider the presidency a hobby to fill spare time in their full time studies). This I am prepared to do.

* administration of SUB must be **returned to student hands** – contracts of permanent staff must be made to reflect student control (ie student needs must be met FIRST)

* students must be **represented fully** on all boards and councils that allow them the opportunity – representation on the Board of Governors and on GFC must be treated as very serious.

*council meetings must be held in **large public places** to allow input of opinion from student public – to ensure that council can honestly discern opinions, thus, represent them.

* students **must control their own affairs** and this control must be won and maintained through active participation in all processes of decision making – this takes time and sincerity, and experience enough to understand the real potential available – these things I offer!

* **budget** must be **student-oriented** – has been heavy with "ADMINISTRATION" the past couple of years

* council must be service-oriented, and the services must encompass social, academic, and political aspects of student life

BRIAN WAGNER
vp-academic

The Vice President, Academic, has a responsibility to represent students on GFC, on Students' Council and on the other bodies of which he is a member. If elected, I would be open to students with suggestions on the various aspects of business which these boards discuss.

Next fall may see the instigation of computerized registration. With this system, there will be the inevitable faults and problems for students. Students will be able to approach me with their criticisms of the system and I in turn will see that grievances, ommissions, etc. are brought to the attention of the GFC in order to improve registration procedures.

The course guide could be changed to give a statistical breakdown of the questionnaires. This would make the Course Guide credible for administration in their evaluation of academic staff.

I feel that a National Union of Students would be an asset for students since they presently have no strong representation at the Federal level. If a National Union of Students were formed, representations could be made for greater Federal subsidies of tuition fees and standardization of courses throughout Canada.

I would try to make students more aware of the Ombudsman, and what he is able to do for them. Another area which needs improvement is the flexibility which students have in determining their course structure.

The Students' Union also has a responsibility to keep student representatives on GFC well informed of the agenda and policies which will be discussed.

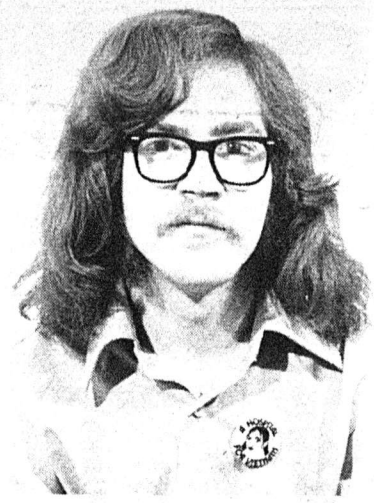
A Trimester system was investigated and rejected as an uneconomical proposition for the U of A. I would study ways of making this a reality for I believe that a year round campus would benefit students and utilize our facilities to a greater extent than they presently are.

RENE OZORIO
vp-services

Within the Area of Services, (I feel that) the over professionalization of S.U.B. and the Students' Union employees has turned the union into a corporation. A corporation in which exploitation has replaced student service and profit has replaced practicality. I can foresee issues which have and will put at stake the question of priority in the Students' Union. Is service to the students their prime concern or is profit on a monetary basis more important? I am not suggesting the Students' Union go into debt, but that their priorities be revised. What the North Garneau residence students are contending with relation to the Commonwealth Games; what the students have to pay for their housing project – HUB; what the record Co-op faced when offering a student service. All these are matters on which the cause of the students is quite forgotten. With the passing of the liquor referendum rises the question of space. Who will the Students' Union infringe upon to provide a liquor outlet? Will it be the diners at Dinwoodie; will it be the folk and jazz groups of R.A.T.T. or will it be the Art Gallery?

I make no promises of big name entertainment or of drastic price cuts. I promise only what I feel I can change, will change. First and foremost the student service factor. Students in a Students' Union should be given the greatest priority. In this area being a Fine Arts students, being able to understand the plight of foreign students, having been one myself. Having worked as a ceramist, with the Recreation Board, as well as a member of the Government Task Force, as well as youth seminars in New York at the U.N.. I feel quite capable if in nothing else in the sense that I am not and have not been bound hand and foot by the bureaucracy that is so evident in the present Students' Union.

Rene Ozorio – V.P. Services



KIMBALL CARIOU
vp-finance and administration

The object of our slate in this election is to make the S.U. a STUDENTS' union, rather than an executive stepping stone. We are basing our campaign on a constructive, progressive program which we intend to carry out as completely as possible.

As V.P. finance and admin, I would try to see that the S.U. budget becomes and then remains oriented towards students, rather than towards administration. There are many students' clubs and organizations which deserve some of the money now going into administration salaries.

I would also press for progressive measures such as lowering HUB rents and opening a U of A co-op system.

Our slate stands 100% behind the SUB C.U.P.E. local in their contract talks this year.

VIDYA THAKUR
executive vp

PLANS FOR STUDENTS' UNION:
-represent student interests (as opposed to strictly corporation orientation of present SUB structure) in matters of housing, financing
-Student Orientation of Budget and Services
-Community Oriented Students' Union (includes students, North Garneau Area, etc.)

FORDHAM—CROXTON

WHO ARE THEY?

Ken Fordham and Gary Croxton are presently third year Arts students who are dissatisfied with the priorities and directions of the Student Union Council. They feel that, once elected, the executive becomes isolated from the student body and loses responsiveness to its needs. Council has not been reaching the students and students have not been able to reach the council. Therefore, the biggest single issue in this campaing is COMMUNICATION.

A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

Recognizing the problem is only half the battle – the other half is solving it. They believe a start has been made in the right direction through this first opinion poll, which some of you might have answered. It concerned issues that required the thoughts of many people (not just their own) and it was distributed, on a random selection basis, in all areas of the campus from Corbett Hall to the Tory Turtle. But remember this is just a start.

KEN FORDHAM
president

GARY CROXTON
executive vp

MEANS TO AN END

To increase the exchange of ideas between Student Council and the student body they propose the publicize the intentions of Student Council, agenda times, and, most important, pre-established times at Council meetings when interested students will be allowed to present their criticisms or proposals. In addition, open forums will be held to give students the opportunity to gain information that might not otherwise be available. Referendums will be used to ascertain student opinion on major issues. Hot Seats with Student Council Members, Suggestion Boxes at various points around campus, talk shows on CKSR, "open door" policies for Student Union executive, meetings with residence leaders, interest groups, etc. There's more than one way to find out WHAT YOU THINK.

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT

Ken and Gary aim to create an environment in which the students will not be subordinate to the mechanisms of a large university. They feel the needs of the students are paramount and, consequently, the efforts of Student Council should be toward providing the students with services and activities that will improve the general atmosphere of campus life. They feel the most efficient type of student government is one that accurately reflects the desires of the majority. Give Ken and Gary the chance to show that council can be an effective organ to enact policies that satisfy the needs of the students and re-establish the confidence of the student body in their Student Union Council.

CHANGE DIRECTION
FORDHAM – CROXTON