

represents all students. That's why we tried to go to the grass roots level and work our way back up."

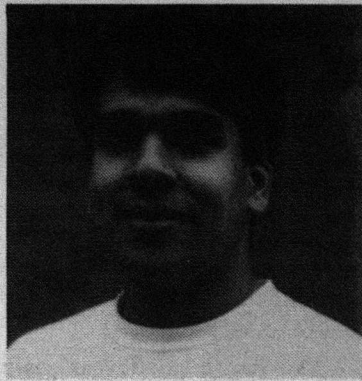
The Representative Slate "screened over thirty different people before we selected our six candidates, trying to represent a broad variety of student interests across campus." The slate then consulted "nearly thirty faculty associations and undergraduate student societies. After we did that consultation with these groups, we formulated a broad policy platform that we think will appeal to everyone. It's based on a concept of open, responsive, accountable student government."

Policies of the slate include an emphasis on involvement in the university, both "in the Students' Union and elsewhere," with a focus on informing students about activities.

"We need to make students feel that they have received something from the Students' Union, something tangible."

VP Academic

Suresh Mustapha, D'89 slate



Suresh Mustapha feels that the vp academic can have as little or as much work as he wants. If he is elected to the vp academic number of goals, "and using creativity and hard work to meet them."

He supports the idea of putting

more emphasis on the importance of the teaching effectiveness of professors, and not just on their research. Mustapha would like to see students on the professors' Tenure Board. Then, when a professor came up for tenure, the consideration of a student's perspective — looking at the teaching records — would be certain.

Mustapha realizes that the regulation of bookstore prices is largely out of the SU's hands, but hopes that the current research into book prices can be used to convince the U of A that prices should be lowered.

Mustapha feels that the best way to face "The Next Decade and Beyond", the U of A's blueprint of possible future draft policies, would be for him to maintain an awareness of potential issues and to prepare to deal with them logically.

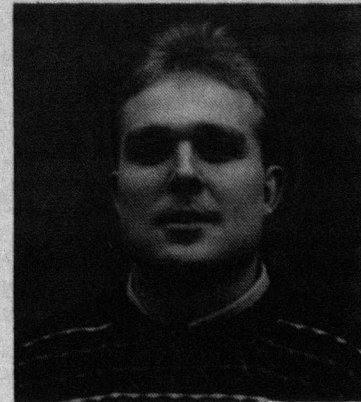
The General Faculties Council (GFC) Science representative, who has served on the GFC

University Appeals Board and other committees, believes this experience has prepared him to confront arising situations.

Also on Mustapha's platform is to start an inexpensive service to help students prepare for exams like LSAT and GMAT.

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Rob Cole, Rep slate



Rob Cole strongly agrees with his slate's opinion that the most important aspect of being on the SU executive is to be approachable and accessible to students.

"I have an open-door policy," said Cole, "and will want students to know that I'm there to represent their concerns."

As Cole has been a student at the U of A for six years, he has developed a broad awareness of the issues and dealings on campus. If he is elected to the vp academic role, Cole has a number of accomplishments he plans to work towards.

There are a number of draft policies in the "Next Decade and Beyond" which he plans to oppose if they become issues, including the idea of lowering the number of undergrad students at the U of A, and steering them towards transfer institutions.

Cole also feels that the U of A's emphasis on professor's research reduces their potential for teaching effectiveness, and he would like to see changes. He feels the U of A needs to standardize the evaluation procedures of teaching skills to stress the importance of professors' classroom aptitudes.

The Representative Slate believes that bookstore prices are high because of a lack of competition. Cole hopes that an investigation into book prices can help to create a reduction in the U of A's prices.

Although he hasn't had a lot of formal SU committee experience, Cole feels prepared to assume the role of vp academic because of his dedication and from the skills he has developed from various jobs and from working with many associations.

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Athletics

Rick Chamney John Pallas

Although all three of the positions for Athletic Board representatives are going uncontested this year, two of the candidates are campaigning for their seats.

Rick Chamney, candidate for President of Athletics, and John Pallas, candidate for Men's Athletics, are hoping to "increase the profile of athletics on campus and look out for the needs of the athletes" as student representative on the University Athletics Board.

"I think it's very important for us to increase the profile of athletics on this campus," said Chamney. "That's a main component of our platform. And what better way to do it than to campaign against a 'No' vote?"

"Right now, people just aren't getting out to the games the way they should be... (but) I don't think the onus should be placed on students. It should be placed on us, and on the Students' Union.

"I think there's improvements to be made, and I hope they listen to our suggestions."

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VP Finance

Ian Squair, Rep slate



Ian Squair cites an apparent confusion in previous SU spending priorities as his motivation in running for vp finance. He is also concerned about "a complacent attitude developing in the student administration."

He can't understand how the SU can justify spending \$4,500 on eggnog at the SU Christmas party, yet be willing to abandon SU Records because of a projected \$8,000 loss. He also can't see why a speaking engagement by David Suzuki was cancelled due to cost.

Squair wants to streamline the process by which faculty associations and clubs receive SU funding. He sees the need to restructure the Council of Faculty Associations, providing it with "a clearer

mandate, and better guidelines".

He hopes to achieve better communications with students and campus organizations, so that people are more aware of what the SU has to offer them. "It's important for the SU to open up the channels of communication," says Squair.

"Referendums are about the only thing the SU is currently using as a communications device," Squair commented, adding, "if we throw in some creativity, with better communication of ideas...referendums may not be necessary."

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Peter Chu, D'89 slate



Peter Chu doesn't see SU as a political entity, but as a service.

Asked about his priorities if elected as vp finance, Chu suggested that the overriding objective of the SU should be to serve students, "...Their interests should not be sacrificed over 5 per cent interest."

Chu rejected the notion that more funds should be retired into reserve investment funds. "Students today are paying for something that future students *might* be using," he commented.

According to Chu, there are two important issues facing students in the upcoming year: the quality of education and increased employment opportunities for students during the summer and after graduation.

If he wins the election, Chu supports spending money on lobby efforts. He feels that the SU can take advantage of the upcoming changeover both in the University administration and the provincial government.

He also supports expenditures to provide more and better employment seminars, with specialized workshops tailored to the various academic programs.

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Medicine

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