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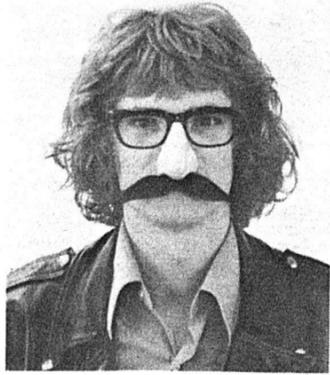
Arthur Bombsight-Smythe is a free-lance journalist who contributes regularly to Modern Magazine, World United Reporter Weekly, and Real Class Quarterly. Arthur: Gentlemen, with the present interest in Environmental Technology, what do you feel best reflects your interests in this critical area to the voting public?

A:(Steele)- I thought we made that quite clear in the campaign poster, Arthur; the car we are leaning on is the Jaguar XJ-6 sedan, a technological masterpiece equipped with the utmost in pollution control devices and organic leather bucket seats.

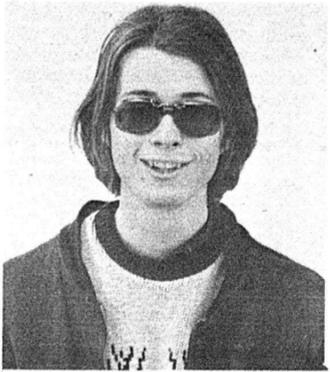
Mr. Coppinger: (inaudible). Arthur: Oh yes, Mr. Coppinger, you mentioned earlier the election would be an acclamation in your sense?

A:(Coppinger): Ah yes. You see the non-recognition of the 8 to 10 groups in the election which could control the very destiny of the SUB building next year is my basic point. Everyone is convinced of the general homogeneity of the candidates and should be noted for posterity as being blameless and irresponsible for the landslide blah, which blah, blah, blah. Blah, blah, blah, blah, blah.

Arthur: Well, I guess I have to concede that you, Mr. Coppinger being an economics student would have probably to be right. You got logic, mathematics, social behavioural research, computers,



ROBERT STEELE
vp-services



WILLIAM COPPINGER
president

and amorality on your side. Mr. Coppinger: Inaudible. Mr. Steele: I'll try and field that one for you, Arthur. I thought we made that fairly clear in our posters. The party or parties who are best able to convince the student body he or she can solve the problems which the voter cannot answer for himself, or for that matter, has never thought about, is most likely to be elected. Arthur: Quickly, gentlemen, I am sure many of us have been puzzled by the fake mustaches you displayed in your poster. Just what do they mean, Bill?

A(Coppinger): We were quite certain the voting public would be tempted to draw handlebar mustaches on our posters, Artie, but in most cases walk away frustrated because they didn't have a flack flow pen with them. We're just doing it for them.

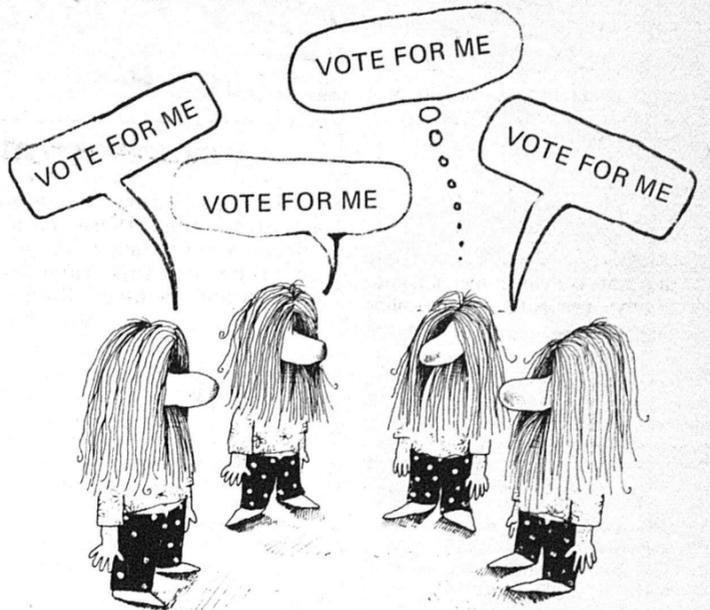
A(Steele): I thought that came across rather clearly on the posters, Artie. (Harumph). Bombsight-Smythe: Who or what do you stand for?

A(Coppinger): (Snort) The people who have seen the movie "A Clockwork Orange".

Arthur Bombsight-Smythe: In closing, gentlemen, I am sure you will allow me to say on your behalf: It doesn't matter who you vote for just so long as you vote!

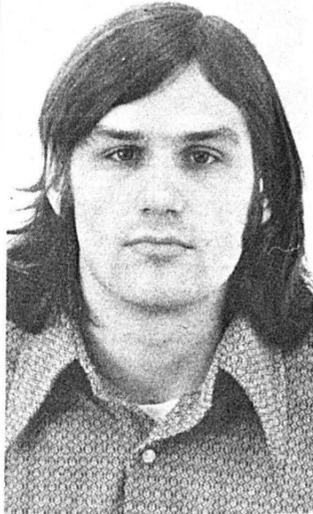
A (Coppinger): Absolute rubbish! (Harumph, snort, snort)

A (Steele): Only a fool would say that.



ELECTION SUPPLEMENT

THE YOUNG SOCIALISTS



LARRY PANYCH
president

Over the past few years, the student union has been plagued by the mediocre leadership. The situation is serious because the union must remain strong in order to defend student interests. Cutbacks in education spending and tuition fee hikes are likely. The GFC committee on law and order has released a report which represents a definite threat to student rights. In the face of these dangers, it is crucial that the union have a strong and united leadership prepared to organize students in mass action. Superstar administrators must no longer substitute themselves for a mass, militant student movement.

Ultimately, our strength will depend on our ability to change the character of the university, from an institution serving the privileged few to an organizing center for social change. The present crisis in education and the problems that students face are rooted in the crisis of society itself. The struggle to change the university is part of the overall struggle to change society. We need a student leadership that builds the women's liberation movement, defends the rights of native people, the Quebecois and all other oppressed people. We need a student council that is going to lead the fight to change the university and the world.

CHRIS BEARCHELL
executive vp

One of the main points of the Young Socialist in the Students' Union elections is the demand for a women's liberation university. We want to see the university changed from an institution perpetuating the oppression of women to one which is an organizing centre for the women's liberation movement.

The right to safe, legal abortions is an issue of concern to all women, and especially student women. The campaign for the repeal of all anti-abortion laws has drawn thousands of women into action and won the clear support of the majority of Canadians.

The YS stands for a S.U. which would throw its resources behind the campaign for the repeal of all anti-abortion laws. The S.U. was given a clear mandate when 80% of U of A students voted last year for repeal and yet the Students' Council has refused to act.

There are many things that the Council should and must do. The S.U. should participate in and build the cross-country conference being sponsored by the Canadian Women's Coalition to Repeal the Abortion Laws, March 17-18 in Toronto. The S.U. could bring in speakers, sponsor teach-ins, and back the coalition both financially and materially. This does not mean a few tokenisms but rather that the S.U. must play a leadership role in building this campaign to win repeal.



HENRY MALTA
vp-services

The Young Socialists see services as an important way for a politically active council to build the student movement and struggles for social change. The role of the V.P. services must be to consistently aid and build student organizations, including groups such as ecology (S.T.O.P.), U of A committee to Repeal Abortion Laws, Kraft Boycott, women's liberation, native and antiwar groups - not denying their offices or financial aid as past councils have done. Over the past years the YS has brought in speakers from around the world and across the country - for example, our prairie-wide educational conference planned for this weekend. Council should be building mass meetings, teach-ins, and forums to generate the widest debate and discussion, from all viewpoints, in the student movement, and in the interests of the struggles for social change.

For example, the Worth Report proposes doubling tuition fees as part of the cross-country education cutbacks. A vice-president services should organize meetings and teach-ins to inform students of the impending cutbacks. In this way, a politically active council would be prepared to lead the struggle when the government moves to increase fees, axe Student Health, or cut staff.

The Young Socialists have consistently fought against administrative-oriented councils effort to destroy services. We want to expand our student paper, etc. instead. Services should be a position to build the student movement and its struggles.

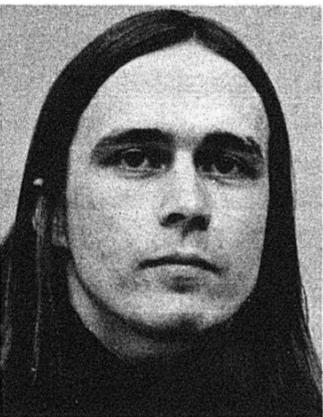
DON WILEY
vp-finance and administration

The students' union executive was defeated 2-1 on a referendum in December in which it was asked that money presently frozen be released to general spending. The defeat represents a rejection of present S.U. priorities and expresses the crisis in leadership of the S.U.

The YS believes that it is important for the S.U. to provide the 'services' students want. With less emphasis on financing the S.U. bureaucracy, it wouldn't be difficult to provide these services. However, the YS believes the crisis in the S.U. can only be solved by the S.U. becoming a political organization defending the objective interests of students and linking up with the struggles of other, oppressed sectors of society. The priorities must be reversed so that the S.U. executive becomes a body which gives political leadership to the S.U. rather than building up a self-perpetuating bureaucracy, which does nothing about defending students' interest.

The students' union must give political and financial support to the women's liberation movement, to the campaign for the repeal of the anti-abortion laws, to the campaign against the education spending cut-backs and tuition fee increases. The students union must link up with and support the struggles of the National Farmers' Union against Kraft, the native people, and the trade unions.

Don't vote for an executive that's irrelevant before it starts. Vote Young Socialist.



SHEILA MAWSON
vp-academic

The Young Socialists see this position as providing us with an opportunity to build the women's liberation movement and to build struggles around the demands for the women's liberation university. The V.P. Academic should help organize the fight for an accredited women's studies department, democratically controlled by women. The Young Socialists, in dealing with GFC and other administration bodies, would help or anize mass action struggles for such things as free twenty four hour child care facilities. The academic vice-president must be prepared to work in conjunction with others to lead the campaigns against the proposed tuition fee hikes and education cutbacks, following the example of Ontario campuses by holding general meetings of students, and strike actions. We see that it is crucial to work for the establishment of a national union of students based on mass student involvement with a militant program for action in defence of students interests. The way to begin the establishment of such a union is by opening up a discussion of the entire student body so that students determine the program and direction, rather than leaving the matter to the hands of a small clique to take as long as they wish and make decisions and deals behind closed doors without students' knowledge. Basically, we want to see students' interests defended and the way to do that is to fight for a university that is controlled democratically by the students, faculty and staff.