

Andrew Winstanley, a first year law student and Mike Curtis, a third year Science student have become the third officially declared candidates for the Student Council Presidential elections February 18th.

The other candidates already declared are Lee Mitchell and Peter White, and Steve Kimber and D. A. Campbell.

According to Andy Winstanley, the major concerns of next year's Council are the needs of the average student. In this regard, he feels more emphasis should be put on issues such as housing and parking. "We feel that democratization of student government is an important issue but not the primary priority. Housing is - and if it takes from the first meeting to the last to get anything done, it's still time better spent than considering resolutions on whether or not to bid a dollar for the 'Bonaventure'".

When asked if he thought that Council was a political organization, Mr. Winstanley declared: "If you mean by that, making resolutions in support of Biafra or Simon Fraser,

then the answer is no. My own opinion is that Student Council, because it speaks for the

entire student body, is abusing that power by deciding such issues. This is not to preclude

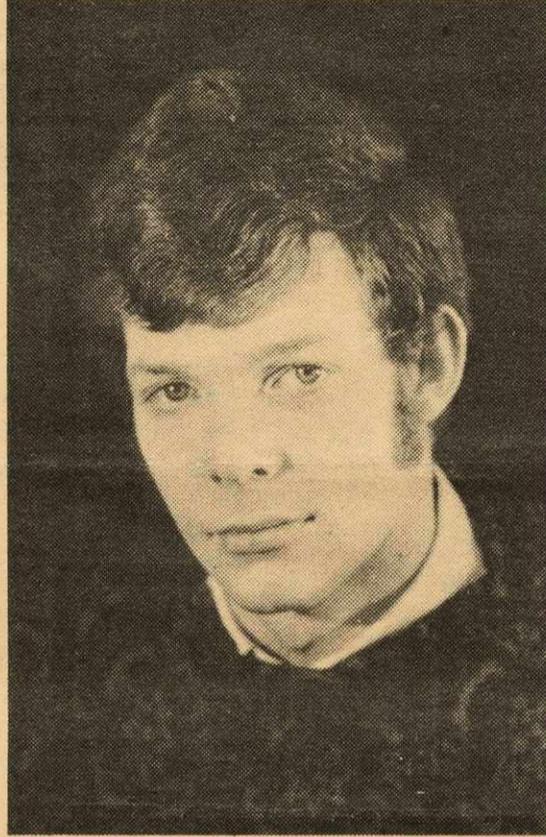
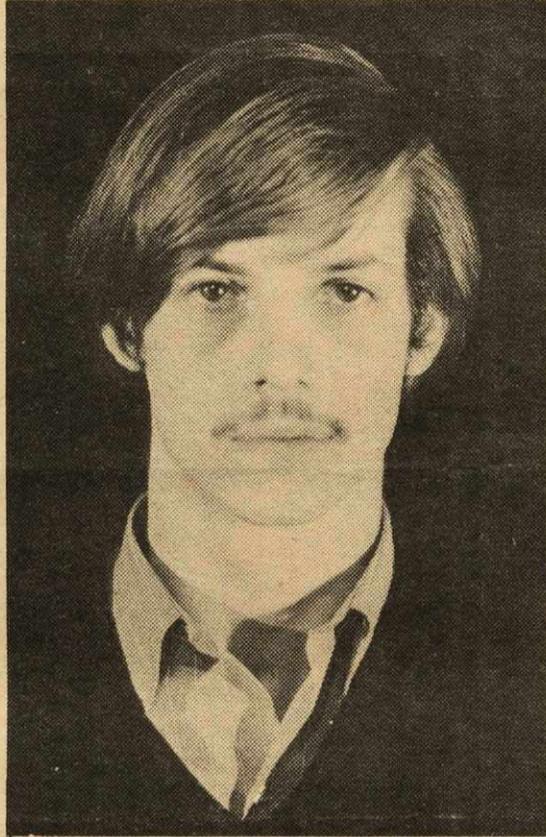
members of Council from publicly voicing opinions as individuals."

When asked why he had chosen Mike Curtis to be his running mate, Andy Winstanley told the Gazette that they provided a balance to each other. "Our thinking is dissimilar in that we attack a problem from different points of view, but we are working toward the same end.

Our whole approach to a problem is to individually assess, jointly discuss, and finally to arrive at the most viable solution."

Winstanley's political thinking can be described as pragmatic. "The approach is dictated by the problem," he told the Gazette. "The solution to a particular problem may either be radical or conservative depending on the problem, but must always be directed towards the needs and desires of the student body."

He told the Gazette that the "essence of success in Student Government is to know when you're being presented with a good idea. If you can do this, and you've established priorities, then you'll have a successful year."



Andrew Winstanley

Mike Curtis

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