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annual circus comes to SUB

by Brian Tucker

The annual Students' Union circus was staged in the SUB theatre Wednesday. At times, it was difficult to discern whether the clown acts were on stage or in the audience.

Attempts to make the public meeting an intelligent and possibly useful exchange of ideas were interrupted by various outbursts from onlookers and by "candidates" mocking the electoral system.

The program began with policy statements from each of the seven presidential candidates.

MANTOR

George Mantor opened the show in the manner of a show business personality of a populist, detaching the microphone from the podium and sitting on the front of the stage.

He said the reason he had assembled a slate was that this year's council, made up of independents, has been unable to work together. His slate is opposed to the 25 per cent increase in tuition advocated by the Worth Report, stressing that he believed higher education to be a right, not a privilege. He also criticized the arts court site for the Business Administration and Commerce building, adding that "they need a building, but not there."

The overall goal of the slate he said, is to expose the student to various aspects of university experience, including non-academic activities.

FORDHAM

Ken Fordham, a third-year arts student, who followed Mantor, stressed the need to restore confidence in council.

Fordham said Students' Council wasn't a responsible body because of a breakdown in communication between it and the students at large.

To remedy this, councillors must be more accessible and more receptive to students' views.

KUHNKE

Then, greeted by hoots and whistles, current vice-president services Beth Kuhnke took to the podium. Kuhnke said the sole function of the Students' Union was the provision of services, and as such, union membership should be voluntary.

Council has potential to effect changes, but is underdeveloped because councillors don't realize they have full-time jobs.

She agreed with Fordham that council must be more aware of opinion and that all council meetings be public.

Kuhnke said that foreign students deserve representation on council as they comprise one-quarter of the total

U of A enrolment. She added that two candidates on her slate are the first foreign students ever to run.

PANYCH

Taking a broader perspective, Young Socialist Larry Panych chose to extend the discussion beyond the election.

The SU, he said, should be more concerned about current social ills such as war, racism and national oppression.

Panych sees the present role of the university as "providing intellectual labour to turn the wheels of society, but unfortunately, these wheels turn the wrong way."

Panych stressed that unified student action could change society.

PYLYPA

Proving his point that "politics is the art of the impossible," ONE candidate Glen Pylypa struggled through a session of 'joke-telling' before getting down to specific issues.

Pylypa advocated that students should be represented on the boards of all faculties.

He concluded that Students' Union should have better access to both provincial and federal governments.

CONRAD

Independent candidate Norm Conrad started by thanking the Poundmaker for their "misguided kiss of death" for "not allowing me to take their little exam."

He then defined the "impotence" *continued on page 8*

Coppinger's "professional actor" who greeted the audience with "Ladies and Gentlemen" then turned to the candidates for "Boys and Girls".



Beth Kuhnke addresses the election forum. Tonight at 7 another rally will be held at res. photo by Michel Ricciardi

Shandro's Candidacy Challenged

By the time you read this, Saffron Shandro may no longer be a presidential candidate. In fact, there may not even be an election.

Just before 4 o'clock yesterday, the audience at the forum was informed that Shandro would no longer be allowed to answer questions because "something" had come up.

That "something" was a challenge to Shandro's candidacy made by Poundmaker's editor Ron Yakimchuk. The *Poundmaker* claims to have "written evidence" that Shandro overspent the \$75 limit on campaign expenses.

According to Shandro, Bruce Ney, the S.U. returning officer has determined that the evidence consists of "two estimates from printers".

Shandro said last night that the "contract with his company was \$75 maximum," for both posters and pamphlets. He admitted that the price was a special deal because the printers are "good friends" who helped him "just the same as good friends of other people seem to have got them the things they needed."

Shandro has been charged under two bylaws: 30-12-c(1) "No candidate (nor slate) shall sponsor himself nor shall private sponsorship be solicited," and 30-12-d(i) "Each candidate and slate shall keep an account of any and all funds, including the retail value of all advertising gifts used for campaign purposes and of any and all funds he or she may pay toward the campaign out of his or her own account or from gifts or loans of money received for the same. For the purposes of this section, 'retail value' shall mean the value of material if purchased retail, whether it is in fact purchased retail or not."

The case is to go before D.I.E. Board today.

Shandro is determined that if the Board finds against him, he will appeal to both the Appeal Board and the Dean's Council and, if necessary, he is

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Saffron Shandro

Harries in 'hot seat'

What one student wryly called "a little conflict between Hu Harries and Dean Chambers" has resulted in the re-arrangement of about thirty students' timetables and rumours in the Commerce offices and commonrooms that Harries intends to resign.

When Harries, ex-dean of the faculty, returned to teaching after his defeat in last fall's election, he and his two classes, Business 401 and 402 agreed that the courses be combined and that both would be taught in the two hours per week allotted to 402.

401 was scheduled for three hours of its own.

Business 401 is the "nuts and bolts course of commerce", according to Harv Lawton, a student in Harries' 402 class.

Associate Dean of Commerce Chris Janssen agrees "it's the capstone course in the program and it has been fairly tough for a number of people."

But students in the classes were happy with the combination of the two courses. "As far as I was concerned, this was working out perfectly," a 402 student, John Webb laments.

"I wasn't complaining. Why kick a gift horse in the mouth," another added.

Complaints about the situation came from people outside the two classes--people who had taken 401 when it was more rigorous and more difficult, and who were now worried about "equity in classes".

"There was only one student in Harries' class who objected," according to Janssen. "Most of the students

thought it was much to their advantage."

"Complaints came from outside the class. It was one of the issues that was really batted around at a 'hot seat'."

Before the 'hot seat' took place, Harries had received a letter from Commerce dean Chambers informing him that the two courses could not be combined (one is a pre-requisite for the other). According to Janssen, Harries agreed to comply, but made no changes.

After the 'hot seat', Harries was once again told to split and reschedule the classes. "A little bit upset," in Janssen's words, "Harries suspended his class until further notice" and met with the dean. In the end, he agreed to make the changes.

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