

Candidates for the 1980's

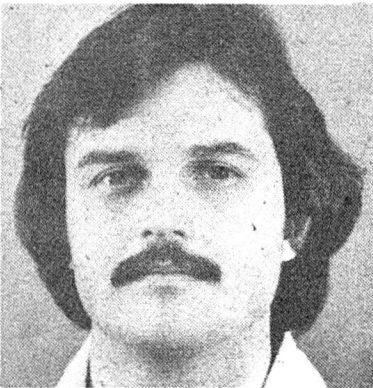
The *Gateway* presents the platforms of candidates for Students' Union executive and Board of Governors. We hope the candidates' own words will be of some assistance to you when you decide who to vote for on Feb. 9.

President

Fraternity

O'Kurley

Independent



university. Whether or not these developments are in the students' best interests depends upon the type of representation we have.

Brian O'Kurley has proven by his involvement that he is interested in student concerns and that he has the necessary qualifications to guide the Students' Union through this crucial time.

The U of A does not have programs in Journalism, Public Administration, Architecture, and Social Work. The Canadian Studies department is poorly funded and does not have an honors program. Brian O'Kurley would press the Administration to implement these programs and lobby the Provincial Government to provide funding for them.

Major decisions have to be made concerning the expansion of SUB, the Lister Complex Student Government, and the direction services should take in the Students' Union.

Brian O'Kurley is the man for the job. A vote for O'Kurley is a vote for you and a vote for improvement in the quality of education.

Now is the time that students must reassess the quality of education we are receiving and the direction that post-secondary education is going. Recent developments such as the Grantham Report, which will go before the provincial Cabinet for consideration later this spring will have a profound effect on the quality of education.

The Grantham Report not only concerns itself with student financial needs but with university funding as a whole. The Housing Study will concern itself with the development of North Garneau and providing more student accommodation around

Thom

Independent



In running for President as an independent, I consider the odds are against my winning. However, my candidacy has a purpose greater than electing me. It is the message of my candidacy that is paramount.

Our present Students' Council has been far too concerned with playing high profile politics over such issues as the National Union of Students and South Africa than concentrating on the issues on campus. The message of my campaign is to tell our elected representatives to be serious about issues on campus. My campaign has highlighted issues, not ideologies.

By voting for me number 1 on your ballot you give a message to the executive to remember the *real* issues. If I

were to poll 40% on the first ballot they will get a strong message. If you elect me, I will make sure this message is carried through into action. It is time our elected representatives listened as much as they talked. On February 9 please turn out and vote.

Attend the election forum, 12 noon in SUB Theatre.

Liberal Democrat



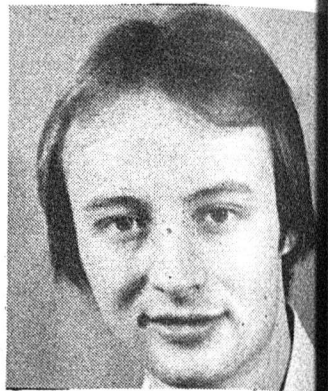
February again! The month when the People of the U of A annually demonstrate that it really matters to them who they elect to the Students' Union executive.

All of the other candidates have been trying to be all things to all people. How pretentious! Only the Liberal Democrats can carry out this policy effectively. Are the PEOPLE looking for promises or compromises? Either way, we should be your choice.

Since the deadline for this writeup was last Friday, it is difficult to demonstrate that our policies are superior to those of the other candidates; at the time of writing they still had not come up with any. Imagine them expecting that the PEOPLE will elect a group that stands for action without platitudes, or, worse yet, nothing.

We have been asked several times in the past what we would do if elected. This is rather ironic, since we had our policy pamphlet out from the beginning of the campaign. Just because other slates have copied our ideas does not mean that they can do a better job of implementing them. Still, to answer the question of what we'd do when elected, we would first ask for a recount, to make sure that the PEOPLE really were behind us. Next, we would fire Cheryl Hume, and the rest of the present executive. Finally, we would take office, and begin to make our policies flower into full-scale problems in a competent, and capable and accessible manner by working together. Join our march to the forum tomorrow (11:30 in the Arts Court). Vote for the Liberal Democrats on Feb. 9.

Olmstead



The prerequisite for effective leadership is effective communication. Students must have the opportunity to provide input at all levels of student and university government. In addition, the executive must be available and prepared to listen and act upon student concerns. It is the responsibility of the executive to go out to the students, rather than waiting for the students to come to them.

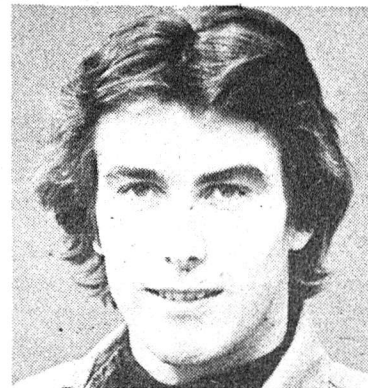
Once this student input has been received, these ideas and concerns must be used to benefit the student community. In doing so, the executive must also provide direction for other levels of student government. Without cohesive executive leadership the effectiveness of student government will be impaired.

Furthermore, student leaders must be able to draw

upon proven and diverse abilities. The Olmstead Slate can provide such leadership abilities. Through my experiences with the Engineering Students' Society, General Faculties Council and Senate I have developed sufficient skill to provide strong presidential leadership.

Vote February 9, the Olmstead Slate.

Fenna



organizations as NUS are a necessary part of representing students and we feel that the U of A should be a part of it. Nevertheless, this issue will be decided by referendum and the Fenna Slate is committed to speaking out for students without input to the National Union of Students.

As a slate, we have come together on the principle that the Students' Union needs an executive with initiative to realize its potential. The current tendency for passive management must be combatted. We would like to see a real improvement in SU services and are convinced it can be done. Our platform contains a number of constructive ideas for change.

The Fenna Slate will work together to provide strong representation and improve services.

This year's incoming executive must be capable of, and committed to, undivided and effective leadership. This means that they must stand together on all pertinent issues and not avoid them. Effective leadership means strong representation on matters of student concern at every level from University Administration actions to policies implemented at the national level. Such

Next Gateway coming out Thursday to avoid election by law hassles. Gives us a chance to have one last say, too.