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Bill Cottle, President

Academic quality is the prime concern of the COTTLE slate. The implications of this policy are evident in many areas, including provincial and federal government funding, student aid and tuition fees. Adequate government funding is essential to the maintenance of high standards in the University. Thus, consistent and continued efforts to obtain funds must be a high priority.

The government must be aware of the value of a good post-secondary education in terms of human worth and that many people who would benefit from a university education cannot afford full tuition fees. Sufficient money must be available to ensure removal of this barrier. An extreme example of need is the present state of the library system: a good library is essential to the academic environment, but funds are so restricted that staff, hours of opening, and purchase of books and journals have been cut drastically.

Financial accountability of student organizations to the general student body is essential. We will endeavor to be accountable to students and continue to provide them with the services for which there is support, interest and involvement.

The COTTLE slate is concerned that FAS must be accountable to the students that it represents. Prior to increasing our obligations to this organization and its national affiliate, our level of commitment must be seriously considered.



Teresa Gonzalez, VP External Affairs

Students today are constantly threatened with increasing costs in tuition and a decline in the quality of education at the University of Alberta. The next few years will be crucial in determining how the university will be funded and to eliminate the sacrifices that students and academic

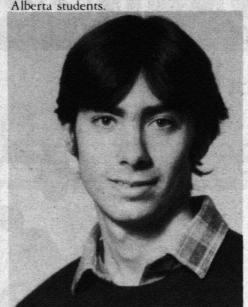
staff alike are making.

The VP External, as a major contact with government officials for the Students' Union, must take a strong stand in the inefficiencies of university funding, yet develop a good working relationship in the government. Conflict with the government in the form of protests and rallies are effective in some situations, yet may close doors to letter communications in others. Not only should the government be lobbied, but also professional organizations, intellectual groups and other members of the community must be informed of the declining academic quality at the University due to cutbacks.

The Student Finance Act must be an issue of great focus in order to enable students to attend post-secondary institutions. Various student organizations like FAS and CFS to whom the Students' Union belongs, must be examined in order to determine if they are meeting the needs of the University of Alberta students. The concept of FAS is important at this stage of government - institution negotiations. More communication needs to be set up between FAS/CFS and the U of A so that student input will be at a maximum.

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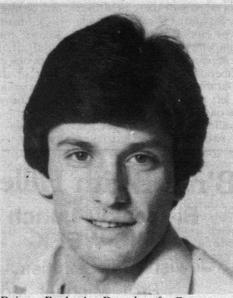
The VP External must be a strong, efficient person, able to work with bureaucracy at all levels in order to effectively represent the University of



Roger Merkosky, VP Finance and Administration

The Students' Union deficit has as its roots unprofitable business entities, cash flow problems, and an inefficient internal management organizational structure. Student owned businesses that have the potential for profit, such as RATT, should be revamped. Cash flow problems repreend of the 1981/82 fiscal year the Students' Union will have paid close to \$60,000 to cover interest on its overdraft. A closer coincidence in timing between revenues and expenditures would go a long way towards mitigating the deficit. The management organizational structure of the Students' Union is presently being examined by Peat Marwick Mitchell & Co. It is imperative that the results of this study be carefully considered in order to promote an efficient internal management system.

The alleviation of the Students' Union financial difficulties cannot realistically occur overnight, or even over one fiscal year. Rather, a financially sound Students' Union that will not sacrifice the maintenance and development of student services, requires positive steps pursued over several years. With this view, the Cottle Slate is firmly committed to working towards financial continuity within the Students' Union.



Brian Bechtel, Board of Governors Representative

The Board of Governors is the senior decision-making body for the University and, as can be expected, students are drastically outnumbered by gov't and university appointments. As a result, student representatives must rely on two means of making student concerns heard at this very important level.

One - the undergraduate representative must make use of the weight of students' council and other student associations and make it clear to the board that he/she has the support of these numbers. This can only be achieved if the undergraduate representative is aware of student concern. Secondly, the B of G rep can use personal skill and credibility to influence members of the board. I feel my experience with student associations and on students' council enable me to effectively express student concerns to the board.

I will attempt to encourage to the Board to take a more active stand in pursuing adequate government funding so that we can stop cutbacks, or even lower tuition fee levels and bring the quality of education in this university back to that of a first-class institution.

I shall also concern myself with a domestic matters at the Board of Governors including the ALCB and its effect on the university, housing, and university life in general.

My background and experience enable me to give balanced and well-rounded student representation to the board.



Paul K. Pierzchalski, Board of Governors Representative

It is impossible, in the 150 words permitted, to deal with issues. The question of "Indexing of Tuition Fees" alone would require more space considering the numerous books and articles concerning the subject. My basic contention is that your

representative on the Board of Governors will be most effective if already conversant with the issues and arguments that are likely to arise. The complexity of these issues would prevent most students, in addition to their academic pursuits, from preparing adequately and arguing persuasively the optimal student position.

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I am a student (Law) but have the added advantage of familiarity with a substantial proportion of the issues. In addition to involvement as a student, (B.A.; M.A.) experience as a RESEARCH OFFICER for the Department of Advanced Education and Manpower, and as an ADMINISTRATIVE INTERN for the Deputy Minister, and later as an ASSISTANT to the Minister of that department which required intensive examiniation of many of the areas related to post-secondary education.

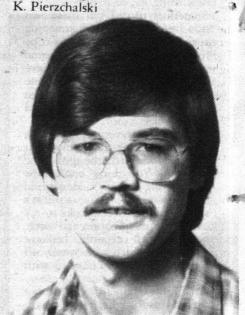
Previous university involvement, both here and at the University of Calgary, included membership on:

General Faculties Council (two terms)
Academic Appeals Committee
Sociology Admissions Committee
Floor Chairman (Residences)
Chief Returning Officer
Treasurer (Graduate Students

Association)
Graduate Students Representative
This involvement has made me aware
of many of the issues concerning us as
students as well as some of the most

effective solutions.

Therefore, if you want someone that is EXPERIENCED, KNOWLEDGEABLE and that can EFFECTIVELY represent your interests please vote for the person with the longest name on the ballot; Paul



Gord Stamp, President

My aim, as President, would be to close the Women's Centre on campus. Within any democracy, no minority has the right to dictate their viewpoint to other members of society. The Centre has attempted to do so by slandering men and women, name calling, and brainwashing their own members and those approaching them for assistance. I suggest a Centre, employing qualified people, be established to help those requiring assistance in dealing with traumatic experiences.

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By being radical, refusing to see other's viewpoints, and lacking in common sense, they have attempted to achieve change for women through dictation, not participative action. Consequently, women (and men) have been denied their freedom of choice to act as they desire. Furthermore, this group wants superiority for women, not equality between sexes. I propose the Women's Centre be removed and a People's Centre be established.

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