

# SU candidates debate

shops too.

**Sesek:** We should be asking the government, how we can accommodate so many more students without assistance? We have to clean up our own ship, the SU, then we'll talk to the university and the government.

**Gateway:** The problem of allocation of government money is coming up in this campaign. Is there a mis-use of money by the university administration?

**Millar:** I don't think so. The rate of government funding at the U of A is high. As far as mis-use of government funds, I've heard a lot of allegations this year from Floyd Hodgins, the president of the SU but I haven't seen those backed up. He's been on the Board of Governors a year now and books still aren't open. What's going to change next year?

**Nickel:** We say if they're not going to open them up willingly, let's put a little pressure on them. If it takes court action, then so be it. Right now, we don't know anything.

**Millar:** And why aren't they open now? Floyd Hodgins has been on the Board a year now. Why hasn't it happened yet?

**Nickel:** Maybe not a unified executive, Don. You should know about a non-unified executive.

**Millar:** Why? I'm not on the executive.

**Sesek:** I believe the university really has nothing to hide. I think if we asked to see the books, they would allow us to see them. Hodgins keeps on complaining about mis-use, but he hasn't indicated where the money is going. I propose we do look at the books and try to work with the university to make the cuts where we think its possible.

**Gateway:** What type of approach do you favor in dealing with the university administration and the provincial government?

**Sesek:** I favor a very friendly relationship with the university. With the government, I would favor, to a degree, an antagonistic relationship. We will try to go there with friendly persuasion, but they must realize there are problems with funding.

**Nickel:** You have to cooperate with the administration, you work with them every day. As for the government, whatever lobbying works we use.

**Millar:** What we need to do, is to look at the given problem and consider our base of support, students, and involve the people affected. We have to make our political impact felt.

**Gateway:** How do you interest a largely apathetic student body in these issues?

**Millar:** We have to make the SU relevant to students and the way to do that is to deal with issues that affect people and provide services that help students get their education.

**Sesek:** We would like to increase the number of student councillors. Hopefully that will interest more people to get involved in student government. We should get students out and give them the services

and give them some sort of favorable view of Students' Union. With more services, students may feel the SU is working for them. We have to take away that stigma of being associated with that clique on the second floor of SUB.

**Nickel:** We will always push the issues that the people want, that's what we're here for. We will give them realistic viable services.

**Sesek:** Mike, do you really think students need some sort of insurance plan, that they have been craving an insurance plan?

**Nickel:** Yes, I do. It's something we're doing for them.

**Gateway:** What about the perception that Students' Council is a zoo, where nothing gets accomplished.

**Millar:** People must be elected to council who have a concrete platform. We need an executive that is committed to bringing people together, on issues rather than leadership that spreads them apart. We have to work on the issues on which we agree, rather than emphasizing the issues where we disagree.

**Sesek:** It's funny that Don would be criticising the antics of council when I would blame Don and the people around him as one of the key problems in council. It's time we put real students in students' council and less hacks.

**Nickel:** I hate to say it, but Peter is perfectly right. Mr. Millar is talking about cooperation and working together, yet we find he supported the impeachment campaign of several members of the executive. Is that cooperation? Hardly.

**Gateway:** Could you tell us your positions on the two referenda students will be voting on in the election?

**Nickel:** Initiative '85 is voting no on CFS. CFS just doesn't work. Its political policies, like pulling out of NATO and NORAD, destroy its credibility at a federal level. Bogus.

**Millar:** We support continued membership in CFS. One thing that's got to be emphasized is that you've got to have an executive that's going to respect students' wishes.

**Sesek:** A slate shouldn't have a definite policy on referendums. We're going to work with the results either way. I want to ask Mike, "Will you really work with CFS if they win and give us the most for our money?" Council has not been too favorable to CFS this year and we still sent CFS \$90,000. Have we gotten the most for our money? Will Mr. Millar put upon us another referendum?

**Millar:** Absolutely not.

**Nickel:** We can all agree. What the students want, no matter which way the referendum goes, they get.

**Millar:** You can't say that. You're running with an incumbent president who has a record to defend and that record does not include respecting students' will on this issue.

**Nickel:** If we continue with CFS, then I will support CFS.

**Gateway:** What about the building policy?

**Nickel:** If the federal and provincial laws are good enough for us, off campus, then they're good enough for on campus. Have we formulated an opinion so high and lofty that we can dictate properly what can be going on in our building? There are laws already in place. I don't think its our position to put this in place. We will, however, honor the results.

**Sesek:** If we are going to start making our own laws, we are going to be limiting the number of people who will use the building. The Sesek slate would permit anything within the law.

**Millar:** There are two issues. First of all, there is the issue of the building policy and, secondly, quite distinctly, there is the farcical referendum we have going on. We support restrictions on sexist and racist material in the building. As owners of the building, students do have a right to dictate what goes on in the building and that is all the issue really comes down to.

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