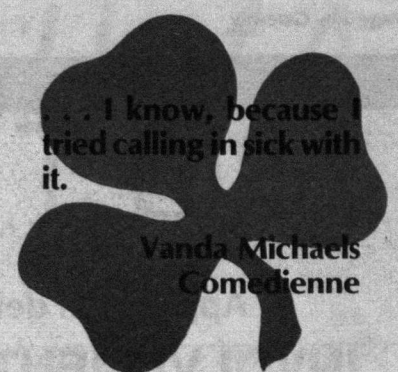


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Assistance cleans up SU elections

by Randal Smathers

Assistance '87 soundly thrashed the THINK slate in last week's SU elections.

In the three races — President, VP External, VP Internal — where the two went head-to-head, the Assistance candidates were elected in first-ballot victories. In the other positions — Finance, VP Academic, and Board of Governors (BoG) — independants lasted until the second ballot, with THINK finishing third in all three races.

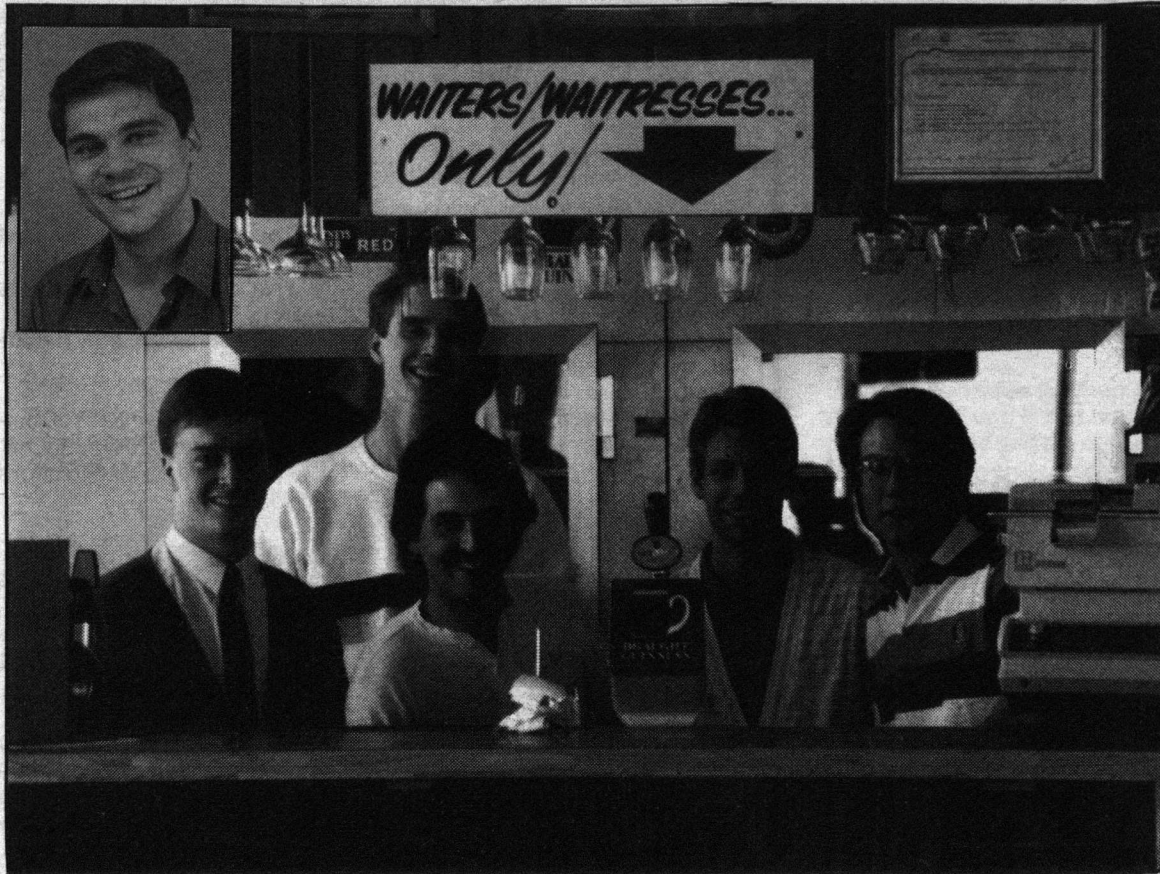
Current SU President Dave Oginski was the only non-Assistance candidate to win a slot. Oginski, who ran as an independent, beat Margo Schnell of Assistance by almost 400 votes: 2,141 to 1,759.

Although final numbers were not available at press time, turnout was similar to that of the 1984 election, about 15 to 20 per cent. This is down from turnouts of 27 per cent in 1985 and 22 per cent last year. The most votes cast were for president, 4,764, and the least were on the referendum, 3,913.

The referendum, calling for a zero per cent tuition increase policy, passed by 2,333 to 1,579. This policy will now be binding on the SU.

Tim Boston is president-elect, winning over '84-'85 president Floyd Hodgins by 2,100 votes. Hodgins barely edged Star Trek's Captain Kirk, drawing 820 votes to Kirk's 722.

Paul LaGrange took External and Rick Stedman won Internal with almost identical numbers. Both drew about 2,700 votes. Here again, THINK candidates barely beat off the Trekkies. Danny Beauchamp (THINK) edged Nurse Chapel (Star



The winner is... (left to right) Tim Boston, Dale Nagel, Rick Stedman, Steve Twible, Paul LaGrange, and David Oginski (inset), your 1987-88 Students' Union executive. photo Ron Checora

Trek) at 824 to 757, while Dexter Dombro finished a distant second in the VP External race. He polled 848 votes to 643 for Star Trek's Lt. Uhura.

Steve Twible required two ballots to take the VP Finance post. He beat Grant Draper (Independent) 1,753 votes to 1,487. THINK's Mike Berry had a difficult time taking third from Star Trek's Scotty (703-555).

Assistance '87's Dale Nagel beat Independent Kevin Kolisniak by 1,703 to 1,402 for the Academic slot. Once again, it took two ballots, and once again, Star Trek was edged for third by THINK. Mr Spock lost to Marianne Lau of THINK, 758 to 574.

Yamadechoomee '78 got blown away right across the board. They finished dead last in every race they entered, and polled over 350 votes just once. HUPI? scored 370 in the

External scrap. Dr. Henk Raoul was the low man, getting just 250 votes in the Presidential race, or a third of Captain Kirk's next-lowest result. Failing to get ten per cent of the votes cast in any position cost the Yamadechoomee's 25 bucks each. The money represents their deposits, which will not be returned.

The only other person not to get his money back was Ed Vickers, who got only 377 votes as an Inde-

pendent B of G candidate.

This is the second year in a row that an entire slate, except for the B of G candidate, has swept the election.

Boston said he was "surprised but pleased" at the margin of victory. "We ran a positive campaign," he said, "and the students responded." He also said that the turnout was not disappointing "considering the number of slates". He also stated that he will be trying to raise the level of student awareness this year, and that this will hopefully increase participation in upcoming elections.

Both Boston and Oginski stressed the importance of slates in getting out the vote, and both pointed out the low turnout this year may have been due to the presence of only two serious slates.

Oginski, who was elected on a slate last year and as an independent this year, said there are positive and negative aspects to both. While slates can work better as a group if elected, he pointed out the "possibility that the five best people may not be on one slate." Also, he noted that independents "may be more in tune with all the students", and that members of slates may tend to concentrate their attention within the council.

Council contact with students is "often done in spurts," said Oginski, whereas independents, by being outside the "networking" may provide a more varied point of view.

Independents did well this year, with one win and three second place finishes from five candidates. Boston said he was not surprised by the good results for independents because they were strong candidates.

Radio and TV dept falls to budget cuts

by Greg Halinda

The department of Radio and Television at the U of A will be laying off six of its seven employees before September 30 due to a massive cut in its operating budget.

Department director Bill Jopling said last week that the Priorities and Planning Committee directed him to cut the budget of Radio and Television from \$360 thousand to 10 thousand.

Jopling sees this as a direct response to the provincial government's planned three per cent cut in advanced education.

Radio and television has provided audio and visual production expertise to various U of A departments since 1968. The service has produced a number of film and video programs that have sold all over North America to schools and groups such as the Red Cross.

The department of Drama at the U of A has done many cooperative projects with Radio and Television to produce learning materials for high schools, the learning disabled,

the retarded, social workers, and many other groups.

Kevin Burns, a drama instructor, thinks the U of A can't afford to curtail this valuable service. "We're two years behind in addressing how the media has formed and informed our vision of the world," he said. "Taking it away is like say-

ing to a carpenter, 'We'll give you the wood, but take away the tools.'"

The department of Drama will have less to offer to its students in the way of visual production with the demise of Radio and Television.

Ken Pappes, associate director of Radio and Television, thinks the demand for his department's servi-

ces will prevent the university from cutting its budget.

"TV and computers are the only two growth industries in North America at this time," said Pappes.

However, Bill Jopling seems to have taken the university's words as final.

"The university has had to make some very hard decisions... Radio and Television is one of them," he said.

"It's really disturbing to have to lay people off, knowing there's not much available on the job market," said Jopling.

Measles hit campus, shots start Wed.

by Thomas Olsen

With six confirmed cases of red measles on the U of A campus, the University Health Services and the Edmonton Board of Health are very concerned about the possible outbreak of a red measles epidemic.

Immunization booths are being set up on campus and the University Health Services Dept. urges anyone born between 1957-1970 who have not had red measles, or those who have not been immunized since 1971, to come in and be immunized.

The booths will be operated in the University Health Service office and the Lister Hall map room, from 12:00 noon to 5:00 PM March 18, 19, and 20 (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday).

According to Pat Cookson, director of the University Health Services, the best way to avoid contracting the disease is to "stay away from spotty people."

Cookson said that a high level of stress makes a person more susceptible to the disease, and expressed fears that students under pres-

sure as the term draws to a close may become easy prey for the illness.

The major symptoms of red measles include a high fever, a rash covering the face and body, inflamed eyes which are sensitive to light, and a cough and other symptoms of a cold.

If you have any or all of these symptoms, you are advised to contact your physician or the University Health Services department immediately.

"Sitting around in crowded situations, as students often are, means they have a greater risk of contracting the disease," said Cookson.

Anyone who comes down with the measles should rest in bed as long as the rash is out.

Cookson expressed concern that the outbreak doesn't reach the same proportions the flu did in December.

An outbreak around final exam time put a strain on staff at Health Services and students writing exams

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