

## Boo, Hecklers

There are several issues and interests that are the responsibility of the University Athletic Board, which need reporting, and are of concern to the students. It seems strange to me that the only reports or hints of what goes on in this organization are usually a result of complaints by concerned students about the allocation of their \$15.00 U.A.B. fee.

Also, these complaints are generally misunderstandings about what U.A.B.'s responsibilities are and exactly how the U.A.B. is funded. Rumours seem to account for much of the "evidence" these complaints encompass. Possibly this is because of the difficulty students have in obtaining the truth about these issues. An investor in a corporation gets periodical reports on the state of business; why not the student who has paid his or her athletic fee?

With a campus paper at their disposal, surely from somewhere within the university Athletic Board, periodical reports of major goings-on, budgetary policies, prospective goals, and general benefits to the students, could be published without first being prodded by mis-informed hecklers.

Larry Wall  
Physical Education III

## How to vote

As most students are aware, the preferential ballot as it is used in Students' Union Elections can be of great value to the voting student if it is used properly.

This voting system allows the student to indicate who the voter would like to see elected at every stage of the voting if his favorite choice is not elected. But this system works only if the majority of students use it properly. If not and the race is a close one, separated perhaps by tens of votes, then a small number of students actually decide who will attain the office as they are the only ones who voted preferentially.

In the upcoming General Election, FEBRUARY 13, with its large number of candidates, and the suspected moderate turnout, it is of prime importance that every voter indicate all his choices in each position. If not, as I mentioned earlier, a small number of students will determine next year's Executive.

For those of you that haven't voted before and as well as those who never have understood the preferential system, I will briefly explain it.

For simplicity's sake I shall use four candidates in an election for some office. This can be extended into any number of candidates but this explains the basic idea. In this election A, B, C and D receive 150, 100, 90 and 60 votes respectively. Since D has the least votes he is dropped from the running and his votes are redistributed. What this means is that on any vote that has a 1 beside D now has the second choice on that ballot added onto the old total of the other candidates.

For instance, if C was the second choice on one of the ballots that has D as a number one then C's total vote now becomes 61. This process is continued until all of D's ballots

have been redistributed in this manner. Ideally, if all people vote preferentially then the new totals could be A -170, B -130 and C -100.

Now C is dropped as he has the least number of votes. C's number two choices are added onto the remaining candidates totals and the same process is done with D's number three choices. Anyvotes for C from D are not counted, but this does not prevent D's later choices from being counted if later redistributions are necessary. This second redistribution now gives A -220 and B -180.

This gives A the majority of the votes cast so he is the winner. If the voting had been closer and no clear majority had been gained then A would have been declared the winner as he obtained the largest support.

The whole idea behind this system is that it allows the voter to say "well, if I cannot have D in, then I would like to see C in office. If this is not possible then my support goes to B." If this particular voter would like to see A in least of all his preferential voting has hindered A's chances by indicating that A has no support from that particular voter. Ideally this system allows you the most freedom when it

dropped, and would work diligently for the increased efficiency in the administration of them all. With the combination of the RATT, Services and Forums budgets I know we can achieve a greater measure of intellectual entertainment here on our campus.

The student body on the U of A has always impressed me as our greatest resource. The key, again, is the communication I receive, and the way we can serve each other.

Jan Grude  
Zoeteman Slate

## Financially speaking

Contrary to popular belief, there is no such position as vp finance - the job is vp finance and administration. I am running for this position on the Zoeteman slate, with both areas of responsibility in mind.

I am a third year Business Administration and Commerce student majoring in finance. At the present time I am also working on the Commerce faculty student advisory project "5 on 4". Besides my academic

Election candidates wishing to appear in the election issue of *The Gateway* Feb 10 are advised to have their pictures taken and 100 word platforms written well in advance (typed double spaced only).

As regards the political fooforah on this page, it seems there is this constitutional clause that says we have to allow two issues to the election debate. And guess who found that out, and who didn't. We certainly didn't know about it, otherwise we'd have told you but ... that's politics.

comes to indicating the order of your preference of people who you would like to get into office. But only if you use it!

Once the voter has completed voting, the voter should then fold all of the ballots together and place it in the ballot box. If perhaps you have made a mistake on your whole ballot, return it to the poll clerk and they will issue you another. In your own best interest considering the number of candidates running, *vote preferentially*, February 13th.

Ken Reynolds  
Returning Officer

## Service-ly speaking

The key to the improvement of services on this campus is communication with you, the student. The input I receive would determine the output in services that you in turn would receive. If elected to the position of VP services on the Zoeteman Slate, this input-output open door policy would be whole-heartedly maintained.

The services vp is responsible for many areas that require strong administrative and policy making talents. It means having a strong voice that is not afraid to stand up for the students in the generation and formation of new services for them.

This applies especially to GFC, the Services Advisory and Policy Boards, and the Food and Housing Services Board. The last area is especially important, as the quality of residence life is decreasing as a direct result of poor food and housing.

In the next year I would like to see no valuable services

qualifications. I have had a long history of working with and for students. For example, I was vp of public relations for AIESEC in the 1974-75 term and was responsible for the selection and hiring of nearly 800 students for the City of Edmonton last summer and prior to that as a Task Force Chairman for Operation Placement. I designed and implemented a program teaching students how to look for employment. Practical business experience as an office manager for a wholesale-retail concern (of six stores) and as a cost analyst in Zagreb, Yugoslavia rounded out my "number crunching" abilities.

There are a number of goals that can and should be achieved through the finance and administration vp. One primary responsibility is the preparation and administration of a budget that clearly reflects the students' needs and priorities.

An area to which I will direct considerable attention is the University Athletic Board. It is necessary that the planning and budgeting of the UAB maximize the facilities for all students.

I urge you all to study the various platforms which will be published in the next *Gateway* issue and to attend the election forum to be held on Thursday, Feb. 12.

Eileen Gillese  
Zoeteman Slate

## Zoeteman Zlate

In the near future students on this campus will elect a new Students' Union executive. At that time, students should consider two points regarding the people they vote for:

1) that the five people elected

represent a large number of groups and faculties on campus; and

2) that those individuals, as a group can work together effectively and attain the most desirable objectives in the most efficient way.

The Zoeteman Slate most effectively fills both the requirements I listed above. Moreover, each person's strengths and interests qualify them as specialists in their particular area, allowing them to function competently, if elected. However, determine this for yourself by noting our pamphlets, which I am certain realistically confirm my statements.

Our "new key" hopes to unlock the door to a service which has unfortunately been overlooked by past executive - our academic services. Student leadership in terms of academic services is critically needed at this time. Indeed, the Zoeteman slate wishes to center its concerns around the student and his other immediate concerns, rather than our increasingly inefficient and bureaucratic administration - which continually places the student and his needs as a second priority. By aggressively addressing

member of the Honours Committee of the Faculty of Arts and I am a past Governor of the Western Canada District of the Club International, an academic and service organization. I round out my knowledge of student interests, I have been a member of the U of A intercollegiate fencing team and the U of A dance club.

I and the other members of the Zoeteman Slate would push for a more comprehensive professor and course guide, Student Ombudsman to handle student grievances, longer library hours, more study space, a student-operated academic counselling service run by knowledgeable persons from all parts of the university, more exam preparation time in the first term, utilization of the faculty associations as a basis for receiving student concerns, more equitable grading between various sections of the same course, an evaluation of the importance of certain required courses in various programs and more equitable academic grants from the SU.

More importantly, we would welcome your input on these and other issues.

The avenues for change and improvement in academics are available. They must be utilized to the fullest degree. We would like your support to assure that they are.

Ken McFarlane  
Zoeteman Slate

## Executively speaking

Embodied in the position of VP executive are many and varied responsibilities which require a person who has the qualifications and past experience that are related to the duties involved. The vp (executive) chairs the SUB policy and HUB policy boards. He is responsible for external affairs which include his designation as mediator between the University and the city. Within his allotted duties are those of liaison between students and the Students' Union executive. However, his most important function is to keep the Students' Union working together.

Having been a vice chairman in residence, I gained valuable knowledge in the operation of student government. Included in the regular duties of vice chairman was my involvement in residence organization and policy making which operated not only through the Joint Social Committee but also through various other committees formed to meet particular needs.

For my active participation and concern, I received a Residence Merit Award at the end of the year. While involved with Joint Social, I was the Residence representative to the Services Advisory Board - an experience of great benefit as it provided me with valuable insight into the organization of Student Union policies, especially in the area of services.

Through these activities I have learned to deal with many different people from all walks of life and have gained many excellent lessons in public relations. As a member of the Circle K club acting as a coordinator for specific projects I have learned to keep people within the club working as a team.

I am presently ending my third year of university in the faculty of Science, specializing in zoology.

Howard Hoggins  
Zoeteman Slate

## Academically speaking

Too often in the past, academics have not been given the importance that they need and deserve in the deliberations of a body that is supposed to represent students. A strong voice on the General Faculties Council, Board of Governors, and various other academic committees and bodies is essential, if our education is to be as desirable and meaningful an experience as we want it to be. That voice must be provided by the academic vp.

Important issues in the next year such as tuition, quotas, tenure, grants and the general quality of academics, demand input from all students and most certainly requires effective representation by the academic vp. He is in a position to make your views known and acted upon.

I content that I can provide that representation. Having had a great deal of experience with academic committees and organizations on campus I have come to know the concerns and problems of students and how they want those interests to be put forth. As the president and initiator of the U of A Circle K club, now one of the largest and most active clubs on campus, I have gained much administrative, organizational and service experience. I am also a