

The Representative slate apparently finds the Direction '89 slate much more interesting than itself. Why else would the Representative candidates spend so much time talking about their opposition's personal lives? (What their personal lives has to do with their abilities to represent students I really don't know.) This type of campaigning is cheap and insulting — does the Representative slate honestly think that intelligent university students believe the junk they are spreading?

Anita Cullen  
Arts III

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As members of the External Affairs Board (EAB) of the Students' Union, we are concerned about some of the claims that are being made during this SU election campaign.

Much has been made of the provincial government's increase of operating grants to the University. This has been described by some as a personal success.

Governments traditionally give handouts just before calling elections and history has borne this out. Students and the SU should concern themselves with another tradition, that of governments taking back their handouts, and more, soon after the election is over. It should be of particular concern to students that the SU had no official lobbying platform when the election was called and still does not. In short, the most important and significant moment for the SU to influence the government of Alberta on issues of concern is slipping away.

Students should also view last year's increased grants as what they are: a small step towards overcoming the University's shortfall.

Another item described as a personal success is the Scroll Project, for which SU politicians are taking credit. Indeed, most credit for the success of the Scroll Project at the U of A must be attributed to Project coordinator Sherrie Ritchie. As the final EAB report on the Scroll Project states, "her hard work, dedication, and effectiveness" were responsible for the campaign's success at the U of A.

As well, a number of other people were involved and the Scroll Project is not the result of any one person, alone.

These are some facts and issues we feel students should be aware of at all times, but particularly now during the SU general elections.

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On Wednesday, March 1, I was visited by members of both the Representative and Direction '89 slates during the same lecture. Suresh Mustapha V.P. Academic candidate of D '89 informed the class of his slate's stand on issues and ideas at the beginning of the lecture. But it seemed odd to me that the Presidential candidate of Representative should rush in at the end of the lecture as everyone was leaving to talk to us. What was even more odd was the subject of his "talk". No stand on the relevant issues were presented; only a run down of the "background" of the members in both slates. That is, I was told that D'89 was made up of five Art students and only one science student while Rep. was made up of students from five different faculties. Mr. Evans communicated this fact in a way which I felt was to discredit the abilities of members on D'89 because of the known prejudice against "Arties". But then so were a lot of the politicians in power.

I was also informed that one of the girls on D'89 is the girlfriend of somebody on D'89 while another girl is the ex-girlfriend of another member of D'89. He did not give any names, but does being somebody's girlfriend "lower" your abilities as an SU candidate? That was my impression of his intent to make that fact known. Or maybe he meant that the only reason for the two girls to be on D'89 was their present/former relationships. But does it matter

how the members of the slate met? This brings up another point, I see a hint of female prejudice in his reference to "girlfriends" as opposed to "boyfriends."

Ann Kwan  
Science III

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The Representative Slate promised *Gateway* editorial autonomy in their first pamphlet, but the same day that they were handing that out, they asked that the *Student Times* not be distributed. Well, I have news for Melinda Bang: Freedom of the Press is not a sometimes or only-for-my-friends proposition. Will you stop *The Gateway* if you don't like what they print or what they write in Editorials?

Sharmeem Khaliq  
Arts I

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The Representative slate is avidly promising a professor evaluation guide, and this is something I've been promised since I've been on campus — probably longer. I was about to brace myself for the same set of promises this year until a Direction '89 candidate approached me and impressed me with something new: Student representation on all Tenure Review boards.

Presently this exists in the department of Political Science, and there is no reason why this couldn't be expanded to all departments and faculties. I am glad to see that someone is finally willing to take the initiative and try for real progress rather than simply promising things that will help them get elected.

Gloria Vissen  
Arts III

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I'm sick and tired of SU executive after SU executive announcing their own successes, politically propagating their own offspring. It's time someone gave these SU hacks a lesson in elementary genetics. When you continually relied on an exhausted gene pool, the species descends first into confusion and then into extinction.

Elect Dodo's for SU??  
For God's sake, let's elect new blood.

Dave Leung  
Science I

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