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The price of justice...

...is eternal publicity.
Arnold Bennett

Election forum party

by Mark Roppel

Over 700 enthusiastic students packed SUB Theatre yesterday to hear SU Executive candidates outline their positions.

Utopian Pragmatist Presidential candidate John Roggeveen set the tone for the forum. Roggeveen advocated a "stagnant tax system," repealing the "oppressive law of gravity," and a "perfect Students Union."

Other issues discussed were SU fees, tuition, student services and the SU debt. There was a general consensus in favour of a \$5 increase next year. Independent candidate Martin Schug, Schug promised to have a fee increase of \$5 and an SU boycott of

parking spaces to students. They also took a different stance from the other slates on tuition. "When you go to your mother for twenty bucks, you don't tell, you ask."

VP Internal Justin Hardwicke-Brown levelled criticisms at the promises of the other slates. "It's like grade eleven, you promise more dances, but then when you are elected, too bad. The other slates are unrealistic; we're being realistic."

Hardwicke-Brown also raised the issue of student services. "We've got great services here, all we need to do is make them work." Robert Greenhill disagreed, "I don't think we're doing enough for students." Said Therrien Slate VP Internal candidate Peter Block, "I don't think services are adequate but if we don't get rid of the debt we won't have anything."

Present VP Finance Roger Merkosky

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at if her slate is the more results," and will not be asking, why not yet? The Therrien Slate promised to appoint two student advocates, establish a typing service for students, and make the Gateway autonomous. Therrien also promised "greater access to the executive."

The Therrien Slate and Board of Governors independent candidate Wes Sawatzky both promised to keep tuition "as low as possible."

Robert Greenhill said he could be more effective in his second term. "I know the people...and can) lobby effectively." Greenhill said he was tired of being a "glorified accountant" and with the debt under better control he would be able to accomplish more.

Some more specific aspects of the Greenhill Team's platform were constructing an information centre on the second floor of SUB, a course evaluation manual so students would have an easier time picking their courses, parking permits for Windsor Park, and the appointment of two Ombudsmen.

Board of Governors candidate Lise Malo said the Greenhill Team supports a "responsible and realistic" tuition increase of 6%.

Mungo Hardwicke-Brown attacked the exclusiveness and inaccessibility of the SU. "The reason our slate ran is because we really didn't know anything about Students' Council." He promised to "keep people informed."

The Hardwicke-Brown Slate promised to press for extended library hours and to try to convince Garneau tenants to rent

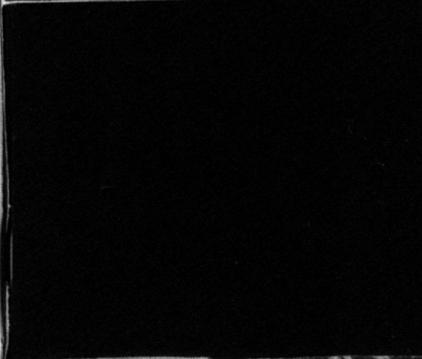
spoke in favour of an SU fee increase next year. Former CJSR Director Steve Cumming urged students to support CJSR's bid for FM.

In the question period that followed the forum, the presidential candidates were asked about their stand on the Anti-Cutbacks team. Greenhill said this ACT "didn't get grassroots support" and promised to work harder next year. Therrien agreed, "It has to do with commitment on the part of the executive." Hardwicke-Brown supported ACT.

Therrien Slate VP External candidate Don Millar was accused of being "irresponsible" for missing meetings of the Planning and Priorities Committee. Millar defended himself by saying that his "commitment to FAS took first priority." Furthermore, Millar said he was not treated fairly. "There were other members of the committee who missed as many or more meetings."

One student asked how much money had been spent on the election in general and the joke slates in particular. Roger Merkosky replied that the entire election cost \$12,000.

The most controversial moment of the forum came when Greenhill was asked about selling Bookstore space in SUB to the University. The questioner wanted to know why the Therrien Slate had no right to use the selling of Bookstore space in order to pay off the debt as a campaign platform. If, as Greenhill claimed, negotiations had already been initiated, why were students being kept in the dark? Greenhill responded by reading a confidential memo which said that negotiations with the University had indeed begun.



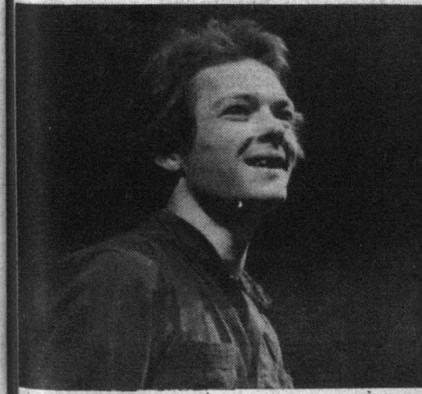
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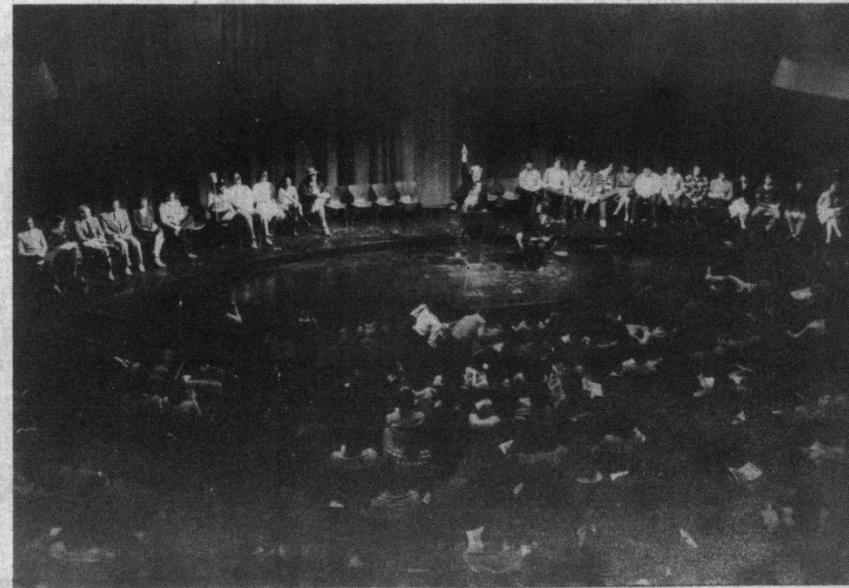
Linda Taylor for VP Academic



Jens Andersen for B of G rep.



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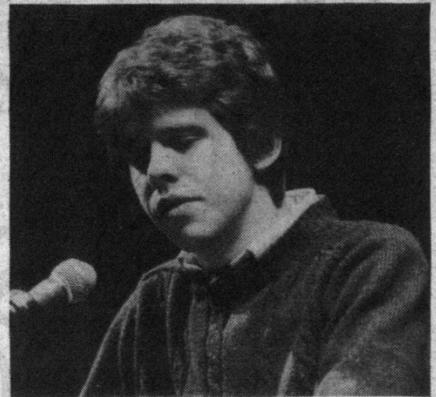
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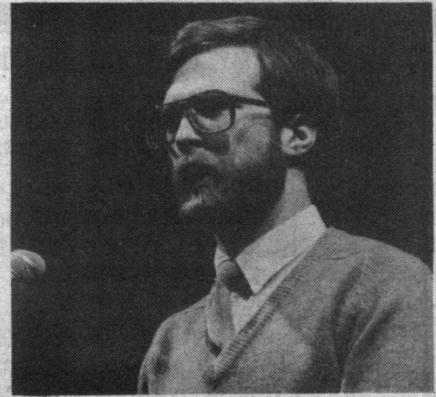
Bev Therrien for President



Mungo Hardwicke-Brown for President



Don Millar for VP External



Robert Greenhill for President



Wes Sawatzky for B of G rep.