

FIVE CANDIDATES

Lillian Staroszik is running for reelection as an alderman in Ward 5.

Staroszik's track record shows that she is conscious of and committed to environmental issues which are a concern not only to students but the public in general.

Staroszik is very "concerned about the relationship between the University and it's surrounding communities." Therefore she sits on the U of A Liason Committee and attempts to insure that the "quality of living for both students and citizens of the campus remain in balance."

Staroszik addresses the housing crunch by stating the importance of the implementing of two things; innercity housing and the new LRT link with the University. With the 1992 opening of the LRT route "students will have access to fast and inexpensive transportation to campus." As well this factor "will allow stu-

dents to choose rental housing they may not presently consider due to poor transportation links."

For accessibility to campus, Staroszik obviously feels that the LRT opening will help although she feels that another river crossing is necessary as well.

When asked what the city could do to generate jobs for students, Staroszik mentioned that the "city doesn't have a specific program related to summer job creation," however it is successful in placing students in jobs in such places as the Parks and Recreation Department. Also, the city takes advantage of funding provided by the Provincial and Federal governments for programs such as "STEP (Summer Temporary Employment Program) and SEED (Summer Employment/Experience Development program)."

As an alderman, Staroszik will "continue to create conditions in the city which will encourage



economic development and create employment," therefore providing students with a future to look forward to.

—Nicole Maksim

Ward 5 candidate Marg Durnin has a strong link with her community. The clean slate representative is a past president of the McKernan Community League and admits to that as being a contributing factor prompting her interest towards city politics.

In regards to the housing crunch around campus for greater accomodation, Durnin would like to see the development of more student housing, perhaps using the university owned "Alberta farm" as a potential site, then making direct bus routes to campus. She predicts the opening of the new LRT link to the U of A will result in an improvement of travel time for students therefore allowing students to live farther away from campus but still having easy access.

As the University grows, there will be an inevitable increase in traffic congestion, hence Durnin

proposes a decrease in vehicle use, instead using the public transit system. She suggest offering "far reduced bus fares available to students and staff as an alternative to driving cars."

Durnin would like to see links developed between faculties and businesses around Edmonton. The development of a "cooperative education style of having contacts with the communities around the city, would focus on giving students in particular faculties work within their related fields."

She would like to see the University resources and city hall working together and make clearer connections between the two, perhaps incorporating student bodies that represent themselves to the city.

Despite Durnin's lack of experience in comparison with some of the other Ward 5 candidates,



she has a strong conscious on environmental and student concerns and hopes to parlay this in the upcoming election.

—Nicole Maksim

Ian Crawford, a ward 5 alderman candidate, is a previous U of A student who believes he is 'on the same wave length' as students.

He has been an active worker in all levels of governmental elections.

The housing situation is an issue that needs to be addressed, Crawford says. He suggests finding out where more housing can be developed and perhaps developing Michener Park and Lister Hall further.

Access to the university by car has changed since Crawford went to the U of A; when a student could park almost anywhere. The LRT coming to campus should

relieve the flow of traffic into the university, he said. He added LRT routes to Southgate and to Millwoods would also relieve traffic congestion, but there is no real plan at this point. He felt "... we have to do better in this area."

The civil government provides summer jobs for students, he said. A university education puts students 'a step ahead' in looking for permanent employment with the city, he pointed out.

His student voter appeal comes from the fact he is one of the youngest candidates in Ward 5 and can relate to student concerns since he was on campus in the 80's.

His motives for running include being politically active for most of his life, desiring to do a service



for the public, and wanting to contribute to city council.

—Kisa Mortenson



Don McMann thinks that a break in the university-area housing crunch will be seen once the south-extension of the LRT is completed. "There's no openings for construction in the area, so the best solution to the problem is making access by public transportation better," he said. Therefore, McMann supports LRT expansion to the south and also improved bus routes.

McMann said that there are many city jobs available for students during the summer, with Parks and Recreation and other departments.

McMann felt students should vote for him for the same reasons others would. "Students are not

different from other people. They require the same quality of life, clean water, efficient city services."

McMann decided to run for public office out of frustration. "I'm frustrated about the cuts in SPCA funding. The animal population explosion in this city is incredible." McMann was also upset when the city's elected officials gave themselves a huge pay raise when, according to him, they weren't doing a good job running the city.

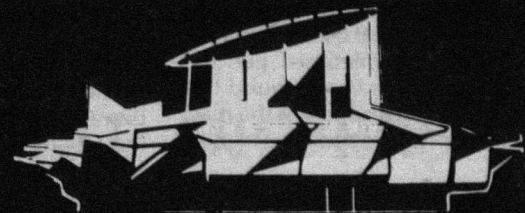
"They're shortchanging Edmontonians," he said, and felt he could do a better job.

—Lisa Hall

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