

Election Platforms

VICE PRESIDENT SERVICES

Beth Kuhnke

The vice president (services) plays a double role on students' council. As a member of the executive, she is instrumental in both the formulation and activation of council policies. As the director of services, she must co-ordinate a great network of student functions, including the day care center student housing, student employment, entertainment, special forums and teach-ins, the SUB art gallery, crafts center, and music listening room, student cinema, and the Students' Union Building.

It is evident that the position involves a heavy work load. After taking nine full courses this year and maintaining a first-class standing in these, I feel I have learned to budget my time for maximum effectiveness. I also feel I have gained valuable experience this year as science rep on council, and as a member of various student committees and a GFC ad hoc committee. It becomes clear in working with students' union that experience with the council is an essential prerequisite for understanding an executive job such as that of vice president (services).

From my five years recreation-leadership experience with the City of Edmonton, and also as a woman, I feel I can understand the issues and problems concerned with the operation of a day care center. I firmly believe that Student Health Services must be continued on campus, and that campus must get a student pub.

I spent the first year of my university life as a resident of Lister Hall, and have since joined the ranks of the student house-and-apartment-renters. In this light I feel I understand many of the issues involved in student housing problems, and I am anxious to work towards better student housing in the capacity of vice pres (services).

As I have been financially independent for five years, I feel that I can sympathize and effectively work in the area of student employment.

I have been involved in various clubs on campus, and I have a keen interest in many sports. I also enjoy such hobbies as writing (poetry, music, fiction), painting, macrame, and singing. I have been involved with several folk and lounge groups around Edmonton and thus, understand the entertainment scene fairly well.

I endorse the idea of running a student shuttle bus service through campus, connecting major ETS routes. This would encourage more people to use public transportation, somewhat reducing pollution on campus (a step in the right direction). At the same time, I realize that not all parts of the city are accessible by bus, and that car-users daily face the problem of parking. I am concerned that Saskatchewan Drive was closed to parking west of 116 Street, and I feel that the two-hour parking zones west of campus are a farce. These require change

that I will work towards.

I am also concerned that U of A is reputed to have an ugly campus, and I will promote full utilization of available resources for beautifying campus. As an executive member I will lobby with the U planning office to keep the open space we have left, and I will urge them to focus their attention on the creation of student parks.

As vice president (services) I will work to ensure effective operation of a free day care center and student housing and employment services. I will emphasize an intensive program of free culture via rallies, forums, teach-ins, and music and art on campus, and I will ensure that these programs are extended to the entire student body. I will work to keep campus supplied with quality (student-priced) entertainment.

In short, my efforts will center on higher quality services, maximum and efficient use of available facilities, and expansion of both services and facilities to accommodate the growing need for these.

students' VOTE Beth KUHKE

Kirk Mitchell

The nature of the position Vice-President Services is orientated towards meeting student needs. For this reason I am adopting a flexible policy to meet the needs of the students. I have given preliminary thought to:

1. Housing - my experience on G.C.P. Housing Committee, my already close liason with the Housing Director will help in formulating policy.

2. Entertainment - a Pub in SUB is needed and I would encourage "big name" entertainment.

3. Education and Culture - As a member of the Forums Committee, I endorse greater emphasis on & frequency of Forums. Also the cultural facilities could be expanded.

4. Employment Service - An all-out program is very much overdue here: trimester system, study of employment prospects for graduates & greater student placement.

5. Day Care Centre - Priority given on basis of need.

6. Transportation - Special E.T.S. bus service over the Capilano freeway to U of A to meet the needs of students in North East Edmonton. Similar service could be established for all outlying areas.

The decisions, policies & consequent actions would be carried out with the ratification of yourselves, the students by means of referendums or through your elected representatives. The Students' Union can work for you the student with services by & for the students.

...Vice-President (Services)
Kirk Mitchell...

Barry McLaren

The Students' Union is faced with rising costs for such purposes as building maintenance and wages. With a limited income this forces a reduction in student oriented programs. One function of the vice-president services would be to investigate new programs and sources of revenue which would permit the Union to expand. For example, the union could enter a new program of aiding the development of local culture. A summer folk music/art fair might serve as an incentive to local art and help bring revenue to the Union. The Union should take more positive action in giving exposure to the artistic work being done on this campus (art, music, drama).

The activity of the Union regarding communications with the students should be re-examined. It is imperative that there be encouragement of, and not conflict with, student media. The forums and discussions should be made more relevant to the student areas of interest.

An examination of the services provided to students should be made. Perhaps a better utilization of facilities within the building (theatre, billiards, vending) would help remedy the financial situation which threatens the closing or alteration of our art gallery. Also, policy and investigation must be made as to how the Housing Project will be run. A remedy to the Day Care situation has begun to develop but is only the beginning of correction. The Day Care program must be carried on and expanded.

Finally, a statement of my "philosophy" A move must be made away from the sort of impersonal bureaucratic operation of the students' union which has manifested itself in such actions as the temporary resistance of the unionization of SUB workers and the Gazette situation. I feel that I represent a viewpoint which is different from those of past "executive" types and is necessary to reinject some sort of validity into the union.

Barry McLaren

The Young Socialists are also running a candidate for VP (services). Larry Panych's platform is published in yesterday's paper on page two.

The Gateway wishes to apologize to Beth Kuhnke for not printing her full VP(services) election platform in yesterday's paper. Due to the confusion and difficulty of maintaining an effective strike organisation we inadvertently mislaid her copy. We have reprinted the election platforms of all VP(services) candidates along with her's to give the readers a chance to compare all alternatives at once.

The preferential ballot and how to use it

Executive elections will be held on a preferential ballot, and it is important that these be used properly.

On a preferential ballot, voters can either mark the candidate of their choice with an 'X' beside the name, or by writing the number '1' beside it.

BALLOTS MARKED WITH AN X ARE COUNTED ONLY ONCE.

If the voter marks candidates on a preferential basis, his second and perhaps third choices will be counted if his favored candidate is defeated. The candidate he wants least to win should be marked '4' while second and third choices are marked '2' and '3'.

Doesn't that sound easy?

If candidate 'A' wins more than 50 per cent of the votes marked 'X' or '1', he has a plurality and wins on the first ballot.

If no candidate has a plurality, the candidate with the fewest votes is dropped from the ballots and his ballots are counted again and given to the

candidates marked as second choices.

If after this is done there is still no candidate with a plurality the lowest candidate is again dropped. Ballots on which he was marked first choice are counted for second choices, and ballots he may have received as second choices after the first candidate was dropped are counted for their third preference.

The total votes never exceed the number of ballots cast.

If there are four candidates in the election, there will now be only two candidates left, so there will either be a tie or one will have a clear majority.

If you marked your ballot with an X, it might as well have been thrown away unless you voted for the winner the first time.

Don't waste your ballot. Vote preferentially. And remember to mark your least favorite candidate '4'. The fourth choices will not be counted, so you will never vote for them.

Biltek - Black **INDICATE**

McRae - Shandro **ALL**

Priegert - Bearchell **FOUR CHOICES.**

Riskin - Spraggins **EVERY ONE COUNTS.**