

# VP Academic candidates

Interviews by Suresh Mustapha

Charles Vethan



**Charles Vethan - Together** - Vethan sees the position of VP Academic as a liaison to the Administration on behalf of the students and faculty associations. He believes that his experience as Academic Commissioner, General Faculties Council Representative, and an Academic Affairs Board member will assist him in this position.

Vethan would like to see the SU embark on a scholarship drive

where monies raised by corporate donations would be matched by the SU and the provincial government and placed in an endowment fund that would award a total of \$15,000 annually in the form of scholarships and bursaries.

He believes that faculty associations are in need of aid from the Students' Union and plans to set up a specific fund to deal with the needs of faculty associations. This

fund could be used for professional development such as writers, teachers and guest speakers such as David Suzuki and Leo Buscaglia, and would benefit entire faculties.

Vethan sees the Course Instructor Evaluation Guide as an important need of the students of this campus. He believes that it should be based on those that exist in many other North American Universities and that it should analyze every aspect

of a professor's teaching. Vethan would see the guide used on a trial basis for junior level arts courses next December, with results available by April.

The document "The Next Decade and Beyond" causes Vethan considerable concern with regards to a possible draining of funds from undergraduate programs and future tuition increases.

Don Halina



**Don Halina - Pallister Slate** - Halina views the portfolio of VP Academic as an interface between students, faculty associations, the Students' Union and the University as a whole.

He believes that most faculty associations suffer from a lack of involvement and not enough student input, and plans to solve these problems by giving them \$2.00 per student per faculty. This money could be used for office supplies or association functions.

Halina sees the University's draft policy document "The Next Decade and Beyond" as posing a possible threat to undergraduate students by draining funds from undergraduate programs. He would like to work with the university administration and review the policy to protect undergraduate interests.

He strongly supports the CITL (Committee for the Improvement of Teaching and Learning) guidelines for the Course Instructor Eval-

uation Guide. He believes in giving students partial feedback, on the results of the evaluations, but does not want to make the results entirely public to ensure that the feedback is as positive as possible.

Halina is concerned with the 35 percent failure rate on the WCT. He feels that the current test is not appropriate; that it is stressful and alienates new students. His solution would include speaking with the English Department and possibly

lobbying to increase the present time limit of two hours.

He would also like to see a comprehensive updating of the Students' Union Exam Registry, more detailed Departmental Course Guides and improvements in the program planning guide to make it easier for people to register.

Halina would like to work to get more people involved in campus activities and "increase their awareness of what the Students' Union can do for them."

Commander Data



**Commander Data - Star Trek II** - Data believes that the VP Academic should provide an efficient interface between students and the academic community of the University.

Data sees the University planning document "The Next Decade and Beyond" as a big, thick, heavy document that makes a good paperweight. He would like to see a hologram picture of each prof in-

cluded in the Course Instructor Evaluation Guide. He feels it should be completed as quickly as possible, so that students can ignore it as soon as possible.

He believes that the Writing Competency Test should be modified such that students need to demonstrate fluency in either English, Vulcan, or Klingonese, giving this university a galactic perspective.

Commander Data also guarantees cheaper beer for everyone on campus as it will be synthesized on board the Enterprise and beamed down to RATT and Dewey's. He would like to see the charade of studying at Rutherford Library ended and the building turned into a recreation deck. He would also like to change the telephone registration system number to 432-3232 such

that students will be able to register in one course at the normal price and get the second for 32 cents.

Commander Data sees the Star Trek II slate as a tribute to the spirit of exploration and believes that if Captain Picard would stop surrendering the ship, then they would be doing justice to the original show.

## Students' Union • Election & Referendum Thursday & Friday March 17 & 18

### POLL LOCATIONS

BUILDING	AREA	THURS MAR 17	FRI MAR 18
Agriculture/Forestry	Student Lounge - Main Fl.	10:00-14:00 Hrs.	10:00-15:00 Hrs.
Bio Sciences	Near Passageway to Physics	09:00-14:00 Hrs.	09:00-15:00 Hrs.
CAB North East #1	North East Corner	09:00-17:00 Hrs.	09:00-17:00 Hrs.
CAB North East #2	North East Corner	09:00-15:00 Hrs.	09:00-15:00 Hrs.
CAB South	Near Pedway to Engineering	09:00-15:00 Hrs.	09:00-16:00 Hrs.
Chemical/Mineral Engineering	Main Entrance	10:00-14:00 Hrs.	10:00-15:00 Hrs.
Civil Engineering	by First Floor Elevators	09:00-14:00 Hrs.	09:00-15:00 Hrs.
Education	Lounge Area Near ESA Office	09:00-20:30 Hrs.	09:00-16:00 Hrs.
Faculte St. Jean	Salon des Etudiants	10:00-15:00 Hrs.	10:00-15:00 Hrs.
Fine Arts	2nd Floor by HUB Walkway	10:00-15:00 Hrs.	10:00-15:00 Hrs.
HUB Mail #1	Near Pedway to Humanities	10:00-20:30 Hrs.	10:00-16:00 Hrs.
HUB Mail #2	Near Pedway to Rutherford	10:00-18:00 Hrs.	10:00-17:00 Hrs.
Law	North East Entrance	10:00-14:00 Hrs.	10:00-14:00 Hrs.
Lister Hall	Near Cafeteria Stairs	11:00-17:30 Hrs.	11:00-14:30 Hrs.
Medical Sciences	2nd Floor Near Vending Area	10:00-15:00 Hrs.	10:00-15:00 Hrs.
Physical Education	by Campus Rec Offices	10:00-17:00 Hrs.	10:00-16:00 Hrs.
SUB	Main Floor East End	09:00-18:00 Hrs.	09:00-17:00 Hrs.
Tory/Business Atrium	Near Phone Banks	10:00-18:30 Hrs.	09:00-15:00 Hrs.
V-Wing	Near Vending Area	10:00-14:00 Hrs.	10:00-14:30 Hrs.

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