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the rally - general SU meeting could change Le Larke's speaking time if there was a unanimous vote from the audience.

Amerongen called the vote but, despite the screams and cheers from the CRAP supporters, at least 30 people voted against the motion. Nonetheless, Amerongen allowed Le Larke to continue speaking. And Le Larke continued his vociferous attack on presidential candidates who "will not take a stand on the issue of university autonomy."

After an additional two-minute spiel, Amerongen finally manoeuvred Le Larke off the speaker's platform and led on presidential nominee Ken

Reynolds.

Some of the audience left in disgust as Le Larke spoke and spontaneous applause of the crowd at the end seemed in support of Amerongen in finally wrestling Rene into his seat.

Reynolds, visibly shaken by Le Larke's screaming performance - a hard act to follow - began badly when heckled by the audience. Reynolds said, "I take student elections very seriously," countering the aftermath of Le Larke's appearance.

Reynolds began by talking to the audience about viability, saying his slate was one "of action." He presented what one heckler called "a muddle through with no platform. But Reynolds

insisted the experience he and his colleagues could call upon would give them a good basis for next year.

Reynolds said his slate had spent four months "outlining a definition of what the Students' Union is and what it should be." He said his slate had worked out a "comprehensive platform dealing with educational priorities, entertainment priorities and services priorities" and that in each area they had proposed a number of valuable programs which they intended to implement next year.

Reynolds said his slate wanted to get back to the "grassroots level - that's you," he said, pointing at the audience. And he said "We'll start getting

students more involved as soon as we take our positions on April 1st."

"April Fool's Day," noted a heckler from the audience.

Reynolds answered the heckler by saying, "That's right."

Through the final din of the audience reaction, Reynolds closed by promising a review of Students' Union facilities and no student service cutbacks.

Jay Spark then stood behind the microphone to face an audience just short of a rioting mob. The rally/general SU meeting was fast becoming a free-for-all and the hecklers were taking over - Spark's voice prevailed in the occasional lulls between shouts and applause, saying his slate would obtain feedback from students by visiting residence and classes in the upcoming year (a promise also made by the Zoeteman slate at last year's election rally).

Spark said the other candidates called for new direction "but did not include policies on how to pursue them." He argued that his slate, throughout the election campaign, had defined specific areas to pursue next year - including work with faculty associations and with the newly-developed position of student advocate - and that these priorities would benefit the students more than mere "political generalizations."

The supporting actors from the four slates spoke their pieces briefly in the next 45 minutes. Linda Blanchet, the YS candidate for executive vp seemed to confuse the audience by speaking on

the air traffic controllers dispute in Quebec, but Nick Cooke candidate for vp services, seemed to win support for his discussion of government cutbacks in education.

Roob Thleh for CRAP won audience support for his Lithuanian speech, (with sporadic inserts of English for those non-Lithuanians in the audience) bringing the crowd to its feet in support. David Rand, Spark's exec. vp candidate, was nearly drowned out by hecklers when called for "present reality satirizing CRAP'S "conceptual reality."

During question period, Reynolds and Spark were brought under heavy fire with flustering questions about their experience and generalized platforms. A questioner asked Reynolds why he quit when elected to coordinate National Students Day on campus. Reynolds said he had commitments to school. Sparks was asked how he proposed to move the bookstore into the ice arena but was not asked how people could play hockey in the bookstore.

But no one drew the audience's antagonism as Rene Le Larke - who was assassinated.

Theatre of the absurd came to a Students' Union election rally. But as people walked the door they were talking about the election - and about the candidates. It was, some said, the best election forum of the 1970s.

The television cameras were there in the Tory lecture theatre filming the wild heckles and the outlandish costumes, the gaudy alpaca sweaters and the left-wing jargon. The choice, people say, is between the didactic and the dynamic, the serious and the absurd, the dogmatic and the unintelligible ... and whatever is left over.

And in the midst of the confusion there were those who said the University of Alberta was going down the tubes. So what else is new?

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Answers

- False. Reg Leach
- Gilles Marotte, Pit Martin, Jack Norris
- a) Jesse b) Harold c) Sylvester d) Roderick
- a) Doyle Orange, 37
- Rollie Prather and George McGowan, 15
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