

# Students' union general elections

## President-elect Marilyn Pilkington

Marilyn has maintained a first class academic standing while acting in these and many other capacities: Vice-Pres., Students' Union; Chairman, Inter-Residence Council; Student Rep on General Faculty Council; Acting President of Students' Union; Chairman, Reorganization Committee; Vice-Pres., Wauneita Society; DIE Board; Chairman, Personnel Board; Vice-Pres., Gold Key . . .

The confidence which has been placed in me as president by acclamation is an honor and responsibility of which I am fully aware.

However, I deeply regret that the other aspirants to the presidency saw fit not to enter the race. Until the acclamation was announced, I was unaware that the other candidates had decided to withdraw.

It is also disappointing but significant that the small but vociferous group of students who have been criticizing the present student government did not place their programs and candidates before the student body to see how widely their views are shared.

In the coming year I pledge all my energy to establishing a representative and effective student government and a strong student voice in university affairs. As students we face many challenges, and our student government must be

developed to best serve our needs.

Possibilities for student involvement must be increased, and with the new ideas and initiative that this increased involvement will produce, we must tackle the issues which concern us in our student government and the university.

At the moment we are faced with crises in the areas of tuition fees, housing, and parking. As your spokesman with the faculty, administration, public, and government of Alberta, I will fight to protect student interests and rights in

these and other areas. Specifically, I will work for:

- Improvement of the quality of education through student involvement in curriculum planning;
- Reorganization of Students' Council;
- A hold the line policy on tuition fees and residence rates;
- Action on campus problems: housing, parking, study facilities;
- More autonomy for student clubs and encouragement of individual student initiative;
- Encouragement and support of faculty organizations to decentralize student activities and concerns along a broader base;
- More opportunities for examination of issues and exploration of ideas: more speakers, debates, forums, teach-ins;
- Improvement of student services: bookstore, health, counselling, food services.

In the next weeks I will be discussing these and other proposals with you and asking for your commitment and participation to put them into effect. I look forward to a year of action, energy, and achievement in student affairs in which every student will play an active part. I will not let you down.

Marilyn Pilkington



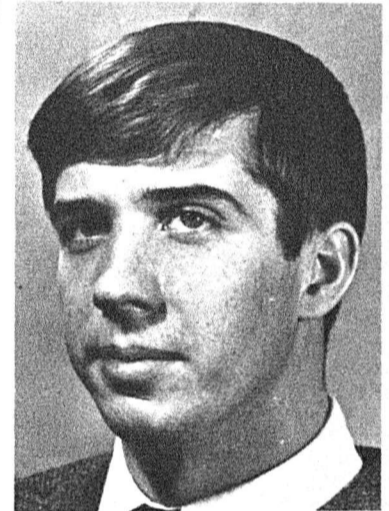
MARILYN PILKINGTON . . . president-elect

Friday, students go to the polls to elect a students' union vice-president, a secretary, and a president of men's athletics. The platforms of all the candidates for these positions are on pages 5 and 6. Three students' union positions were filled by acclamation. Marilyn Pilkington is students' union president, Don McKenzie is coordinator of student activities, and Mike Edwards is treasurer. Five other campus positions were filled by acclamation. Wendy Giesbrecht was acclaimed president of women's athletics, Marg Carmichael is president of Wauneita, Beth Young is Wauneita vice-president, Jack Barrigan is treasurer of men's athletics and Lynn Correns is Wauneita secretary-treasurer.

## Peter Amerongen

Peter Amerongen's experience in student government is both diversified and successful. Whether serving as the advertising manager of The Gateway or director of the Telephone Directory (the year it came out on time), as a member of the SUB supervisory staff or more recently as the engineering rep on students' council, no position has been too great or too small for this "plumber"—Peter Amerongen—to give his heart to the student.

Peter believes that the average student can achieve a greater say in university affairs; but he believes that this end—meaningful student government for each and every student at the U of A—can be achieved by reasonable and diplomatic means. Peter Amerongen is the student leader that will



PETER AMERONGEN . . . vice-presidential candidate

## David Leadbeater

David Leadbeater is in his third year of an Honors B.A. program. He is currently Arts Rep on students' council. During the past year he helped establish a Students' Course Guide of which he is now editor, Fine Arts chairman Second Century Week, worked with the United Nations Association, participated in numerous musical activities and was a member of the Davy Cup Debating Team.

Our students' council needs to get in touch with the students it represents. Instead of trying vainly to get students for "our" programs, we should make sure students want the programs before setting them up. Council should have

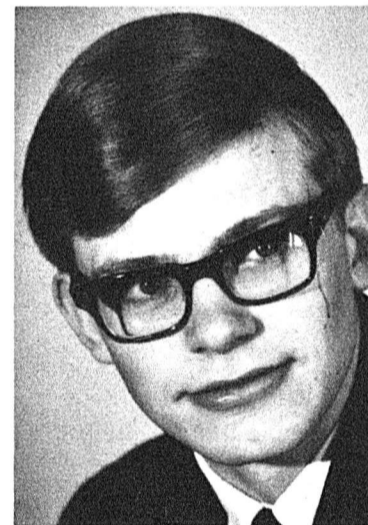
frequent, regular discussions with students, use opinion polls and encourage audience participation at council meetings.

Key points in my platform include:

- student polls letting students say what activities they want.
- a students' union-sponsored housing study—goal to be student owned and operated apartments.
- investigation of the present government system of grants to students.
- government subsidies for out-of-town students.
- student representation on planning committees of the university, especially residence planning and curriculum committees.

- a parkade on campus for students as soon as possible.
- expansion of the Freshman Orientation Seminars.
- recent government cuts in the capital budget of the university, increases in rates for the Lister complex and Michener Park, and impending increases in tuition fees all mean we must fight hard for increased government aid to education.
- fight for removal of archaic liquor regulations affecting students—goal: liquor privileges for SUB.
- making myself available, if elected, for consultation with students who have complaints or suggestions to make about measures taken by students' council.

David Leadbeater



DAVID LEADBEATER . . . vice-presidential candidate

## Mitch Wise

Six of the major positions on the Students' Council, including three members of a five-member executive committee, namely the president, treasurer, and co-ordinator, were gained by acclamation. Two positions were not even applied for. This clearly illustrates the ineffectiveness of the entire approach to student government on this campus. The Students' Council could become more relevant to the student by implementing the proposals outlined below:

—The effective operation of the university community depends upon the democratic participation in decision-making of all its members. At present a single group, the Board of Governors, who deliberations are not even open to public scrutiny, has the final say, and therefore a monopoly on authority. I propose that the minutes of this body be published and made available through the library system. Moreover, I intend to press



MITCH WISE . . . vice-presidential candidate

for a tripartite policy-making board for the university, to be composed of the Board of Governors, faculty and student representatives, all with equal powers.

—The Students' Union of this university must actively attempt to achieve universal accessibility by:

- \* adamantly refusing to accept any increase in fees as a first step towards removing the economic, psychological and geographic barriers to higher education.
- \* undertaking a survey to determine the extent of, and reasons for, the disproportionately low representation of lower economic groups on this campus.
- \* pressing for a \$2000 basic income tax exemption.

—The Students' Union must take action to alleviate our critical housing shortage by refusing to accept increases in residence rates, and by securing assurance that houses in Garneau will not be torn

down long before construction of new buildings begins.

—The following are measures which, because of limited space, cannot be dealt with in detail here:

- \* voluntary purchase of yearbooks.
- \* proportional representation and a residence voice on council.
- \* earlier distribution of phone books.
- \* a continuing seminar on student affairs.
- \* accredited seminar courses dealing with contemporary issues, available to members of any faculty.
- \* availability of birth control information and devices by the qualified medical personnel of Student Health Services.

The university must become a place from which informed, concerned individuals emerge, and student government must be transformed by giving it serious goals.

Mitch Wise

never forget the mandate which hopefully you will give him this Friday. If elected, Peter will be available for discussion in his ivory-tower office in a corner of the second floor of SUB; Peter will take the onus upon himself to speak to you regularly in the residences, in cafeterias and in the hallways between classes. Peter will be your representative; the man on council with whom you can identify and speak to and consult regularly.

Peter's ideas for students' council are many, and cannot be dealt with adequately in a few words. Although an outline of Peter's platform follows, remember that Peter Amerongen is your candidate for vice-president, so don't hesitate to ask Peter any questions or to give him any suggestions during the campaign or during the upcoming year.

Read the following proposals with care; and if you feel they are meaningful to you, then carefully mark your ballot with a "1" for Peter Amerongen.

### PROPOSALS FOR MEANINGFUL STUDENT GOVERNMENT

- Subsidized residences and/or special assistance for out-of-town students.
- Reorganization of this students' union
- Commission to plan students' union hi-rise construction
- Reorientation of CUS or establishment of a new national union
- Tax deductible text books
- Residence representation on students' council
- Open buildings for weekend study
- A full course evaluation guide
- Organize a western Canadian speaker/entertainment circuit to lower costs and enhance calibre of activities
- student representation on faculty and department boards.

Peter Amerongen