

VICE PRESIDENTIAL

ACADEMIC

The following policy has been formed in consultation with students with a concern for the type of students' union that will work for the benefit of students within the university.

The students' union must not abdicate responsibilities in this area simply because there is student representation on G.F.C. There remains a number of serious problems that must be attacked with a high degree of leadership. Therefore I propose the following:

--The continuance of the students' union as a lobby between the students and the administration particularly in the area of Academic Grievances;

--Parity of students with staff on the executive committee of G.F.C. (This body has considerable influence on decisions made by the council - not the Reading week issue);

--Abolition of tenure and its replacement with a system of four year contracts;

--Student representation on all committees dealing with the hiring, firing, promotion and salary of Academic staff;

--Assistance to students in achieving greater representation on faculty, school, and departmental councils and committees;

--A complete review of the academic system, particularly in areas of the lecture system, examinations, student evaluation, fee structures, and student workloads;

--Investigation into bookstore policy;

--Continuance of Students' Health as an essential service. Students' Health should not fall victim to the current shortage of money;

--Increased lobby for improved transit service to the campus;

--Improved Day-Care facilities on campus;

--Parking priorities based on distance from the campus, not on position within the university;

--Phone numbers of all teaching faculty members to be included in the student directory aiding contact between students and instructors.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

The students' union will have to deal harder in relations with governments and external pressure groups in solving student problems. I support:

--Abolition of medicare premiums for students;

--Government grants to Indian, Metis, and lower income people in order that they may be able to attend the university;

--Revision to the Students Assistance Acts to achieve greater speed in receiving loans replacement of the forgivable loan system with a system of large scale grants, lowering age limits for parental income declarations from 21 to 18 years, and extending a sympathetic ear to those wishing to finance entirely their own way through university;

--A referendum before November 1972 dealing with students' union membership in the Alberta Association of Students.

Wayne D. Madden

ADMINISTRATION

Student representation is the most important aspect of the work done by the Vice-President Academic. My main concern at this time is the present standard of student representation especially at the G.F.C. level. Since assuming the responsibilities of Co-ordinator of Student Representation I have listened to numerous complaints from and about student representatives on G.F.C. The representatives complain of their work load and the lack of information and students complain about the fact that some representatives are not attending meetings of G.F.C. and not putting the students' wishes forward.

The answers to these problems are simple. The office facilities of the Vice-President Academic must be made available to G.F.C. representatives for research, secretarial aid and back-up purposes. The Vice-President Academic must be prepared to recommend to Student Council the replacement of those student representatives who are not doing the job for which they were elected.

Another issue facing Student Council is the relationship it has with the general student body. Due to a lack of information being given to the students most of the campus is not aware of what is going on in Student Council. I want to see more co-operation between Student Council and the various media on campus with the intention of keeping students informed. The Student Council offices are there for the students and if a student has a grievance he or she should be able to approach any member of Student Council and get results.

There has been much said regarding the proposed cuts in the University operating budget but the students do not appear to have been consulted on any aspect of this issue. If the standard of University education is to be affected by these proposed cuts in budget then the students should have a right to voice their opinion through their Student Council. The Student Council needs representatives who are going to work in the interests of students and voice their opinions.

Patrick J. Delaney
candidate for V.P. Academic.

CANDIDATE RESUME FOR THE GATEWAY FROM GARRY WEST, CANDIDATE FOR V.P. ADMINISTRATION.

The position of Vice President Administration is essentially the job of treasurer combined with new duties in coordinating and supervising personell, boards, and committees, but I will deal with the problems you have as students as well as those in my own area.

There are a few of the concerns I believe are important to you:

--STUDENT UNION SERVICES-- financial help from the university must be sought to maintain and expand these services.

--TRANSPORTATION-- continuing pressure to improve bus services to campus; urging early development of rapid transit.

STUDENT HEALTH-- a popular and essential service whose threatened cutback or elimination must be opposed.

INCREASED UNION INVOLVEMENT -- BY TALKING TO PEOPLE ON A PERSONAL AND CLASSROOM LEVEL

My approaches to these and other problems will not be constricted by a political or personal view; the approaches made must be justified by your opinions.

Having served as a council representative and a member of HUB policy board, Academic Affairs Board, and an executive of the Pharmacy Undergraduate Society, I believe I have the background that is necessary. I NEED your support on February 18 and if I win that support I will require your thoughts, opinions, and ideas to be most effective in working for you.

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

SERVICES

Beth Kuhnke
Science 4, honors

INGENUITY
DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP

QUALIFIED/COMPETENT

member of:

student council

GFC ad hoc committee

men's liberation movement

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 give 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...