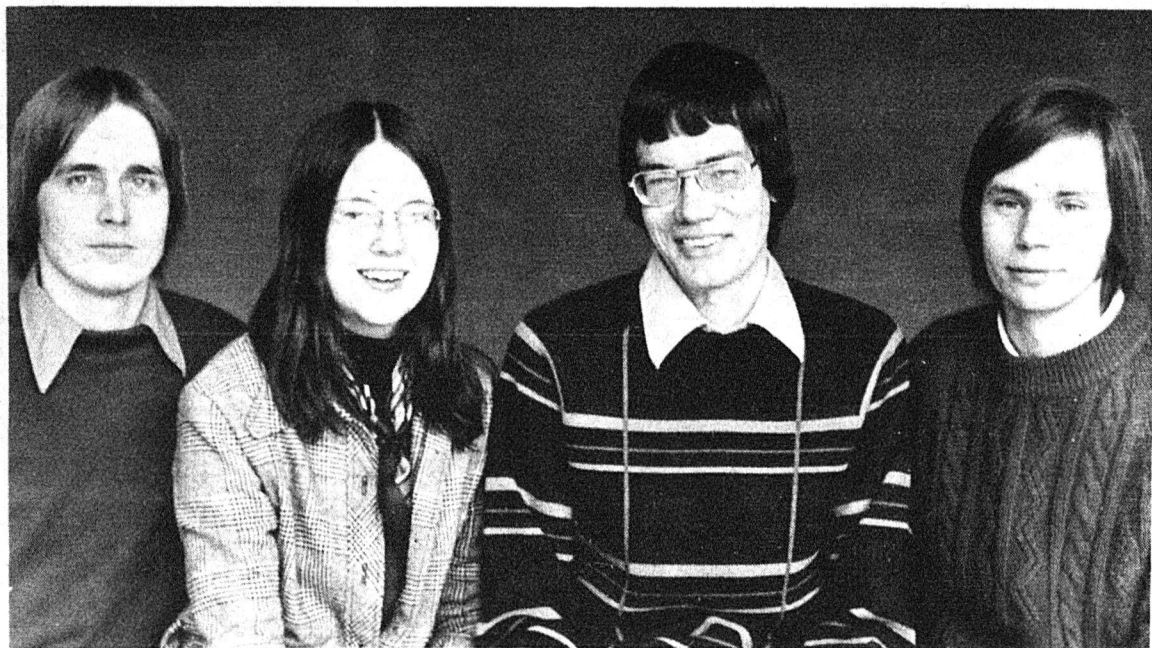


Young Socialist



Don Wyley - Services VP

Henry Malta - President

Sheila Mawson - Executive VP

Byron Nelson - Academic VP

We are running in this election to present a socialist alternative; on a program of action to change the university and society.

Right now this society is headed into one crisis after another. Capitalism is a system that breeds racism, sexism, pollution, and war. In opposition to this, we, as socialists, stand for a society based on production for the profit of a small handful.

The Worth Report on education begins with a section called "social forecasts". Worth predicts that there will be a steady decline in patriotism, respect for law and order, marriage, and so on. He forecasts that "the potential for massive social unrest and instability will increase appreciably until at least the last decade of this century." So it is clear that you cannot deal with the problems of education in isolation from all the fundamental problems of society.

The central slogan of our campaign is, "For a university that is an organizing centre for social change; run under student, staff, faculty control". We feel that the university has to be turned into its opposite: from a training ground for technicians to serve big business into an organizing centre in the struggle for social justice. University resources should be opened up to all the movements for social change and oppressed groups.

Those who work and study here—the students, faculty, staff—should control and run the university in their interests and the interests of the majority of society.

A concrete example of this is fighting for women's rights. Only a third of the students at UofA are women and they are

channelled into so-called "women's professions" such as nursing, education and home economics. In this way, the university prepares women for their subordinate, underpaid role in the workforce. The discrimination and second-class status women experience at the university is part of the overall discrimination that women face in society.

The basic right of women to control their own bodies through safe, legal, abortion is denied to them. And at this time one of the major campaigns of the women's movement is for repeal of Canada's abortion laws and the defense of Dr. Henry Morgentaler, charged with performing "illegal abortions." Two years ago, 80% of the students at the U of A voted in favor of repealing the abortion laws.

The Students Council must act on this mandate and use the resources of the university to aid in building the campaign to defend Dr. Morgentaler and for repeal of the anti-abortion laws.

The Students Council must press the government and administration to provide adequate childcare free of charge and controlled by those who use them so as to end the situation which penalizes university women for having children. An accredited department of Women's Studies, democratically controlled and open to the public, should also be established.

At a time when the government should be making funds available for basic demands such as this, it has chosen to do the opposite. At a time when big business has experienced record profits, education expenditures have

been slashed. In Alberta, sharp budget cuts have already occurred. The inadequate funding of the UofA is, according to Arts Dean Baldwin, "unreal, bearing no resemblance to reality." The Worth Report proposes doubling tuition fees "in the interest of equity and efficiency."

Instead of budget slashes in the interests of big business, decent education should be a right for all.

The Students Council must lead the struggle against the governments' attack on education and the university must become an organizing centre to fight the cutbacks.

Tuition fees should be abolished and students paid a living wage. Corporations must pay the costs of a decent education for all.

In response to the CIA backed coup in Chile, and its subsequent brutal repression we raise the demand, "open Canada's doors to Chile's refugees." Of the thousands of refugees desperately in need of assistance, only a handful have been admitted into countries like Canada.

The Students Council could link up with such groups as the Canadian University Professors Association and the Canadian Committee for Justice to Latin American Political Prisoners (CCLA) and demand that the administration hire Chilean academics who are being persecuted by the junta, and that the campus be opened to Chilean student refugees. The UofA must become an organizing centre to spread the truth about repression.

To carry out our program full democratic rights on campus must be guaranteed.

what the students want in the realm of an athletic program and then consideration be given to all resulting suggestions.

The 'minor sports' such as soccer, swimming, and gymnastics are not, in my opinion, given the support nor the attention that they are worthy of. The above teams are only a sampling of groups that have gained respect across Canada for their excellence, yet, at home very little recognition is given them. Better communication is needed between the Students' Union and the UAB so that

worthy clubs and groups don't go unsupported as has happened in the past.

Women's athletics are usually ignored or considered to be a minor part of athletic program. I recognized this as a

problem and believe an effort must be made to alter certain attitudes towards women's sports activities and give teams across the campus the support and respect that they have most certainly earned.

Given the opportunity to work on the UAB during 1974-75, I would with the help of my past and present

Lawrence Dubois - Academic VP

The Students' Union has great potential to improve the quality of student life. The power of the students has, in a large part, remained dormant from lack of active, imaginative, leadership. The onus is on your elected representatives to find out student problems and develop solutions.

Let me illustrate a problem and the solutions I hope to implement on your behalf if elected.

The quality and nature of course content is a frequent student grievance. Action on this issue will become my particular responsibility as vice president academic. I will work to get student representation on tenure committees. This will make student opinion on a prof's teaching ability a criterion for hiring him or her. A second important step in making course content more relevant is a greater proportion of Canadian subject matter, more Canadian profs and more courses with a critical social viewpoint.

Some other platform planks I will work for are; university financed day care, a first term reading week, a more equitable system of academic staff promotion which would better allow women to pursue an academic career, opening up Dentistry and Medicine to more students



and preserving housing in North Gameau and Pembina Hall.

Finally I would like to outline my qualifications. I am in 3rd year Arts (political science), 21 years of age and ran in the last provincial election (for the NDP in St. Paul). I hope to use my political contacts to get broad questions of student need, increasing the grant portion of Student Assistance, for example, brought before the Alberta legislature and the House of Commons.



Ray Friedman - Academic VP

RAY FRIEDMAN

As a student representative to GFC, I have looked at many items concerning the academic life of students on this campus. Student Stress (a major report on causes and corrective measures to come up for final debate in March); the Grading system (currently a hybrid 9-pointer); Entrance requirements; Enrollment quotas in some faculties; new system of computerized pre-registration; length of first degree programs; new degrees and categories.

How many of these did you know about BEFORE the decisions were made???

Did you feel that you had a CHANCE to comment on them before the decision???

I can guarantee that next year you will have that chance. As Academic VP, it will be my job to make student representation on students behalf on matters concerning their academic life on this campus. And I will make sure that you have a chance to voice an opinion before (as well as after!).

On what issues I do not know. Nobody does. There are a few items I would personally like to work on. For instance, a marking system that is used the same way by all professors so that all students understand how they are being marked. But what will other people on this campus propose about other topics? Most of this year's topics were not available this time last year.

Our student Union is a good organization, a well run business, and I feel that I am qualified to fill a position on it's executive. As a representative on both Student Council and General Faculties Council and as President of the Education Undergraduate Society (now ESA) I have gained a fair degree of experience.

When you vote Friedman please consider Ray Friedman for Academic Vice-President.

VOTE!!

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its attention. I believe there is now enough interest and need to justify expanding the use of Physical Education facilities to allow more time for recreational activities. Opening the P.E. Complex on Sunday evenings is one possible way to meet these increasing needs. Students should be more adequately informed and reminded of exactly what facilities and programs are available to them. An effort should be made to find out