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of Commerce and Business Administration,

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- phone Directory and Yearbook, past Co-chairman of the NAIT CUSO Committee,
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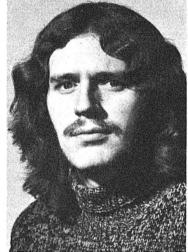
Α, present Student Rep on the Commerce Faculty Council, U of A, present Board Member of the

Commerce Academic Affairs Committee U of A, present Board Member, S.U. Finance Board U of A.

Brian McLoughlin

Until recently I was quite a politically minded person, as much so as any of the other minor politicians who compose our 'socially aware" students' council. I have, however, after having given it quite a bit of thought, come to the conclusion that not only is this campus not the place for the petty political manipulations and intrigues that are a normal part of council procedure, but that all political systems are inherently redundant and are flights into the absurd. This, in fact, means that there are no political systems that can be representative of the people they "govern", not even our pseudo-democratic side show known as students' council.

Political systems tend to draw away from the ability of the indi-vidual to make qualified judgements on his own behalf pertaining to his position in life both present and future. It has now reached a point where the individual, due to his training or indoctrination by the educational system and society at



Brian McLoughlin

large, no longer even wishes to make an effort to be heard on issues concerning his own welfare. Political system also tends to place power in the hands of a minority containing a rigid hierarchy, usu-ally the small group of people controlling the finances of the country. Sometimes they go even further and place that power in the hand of a moneyed minority of another nation, such as Canada has done. These minorities then make important economic decisions such as

whether it is economically sound to pollute the atmosphere, sell out the nation for a profit, destroy a nation for profit, etc.

As I would in all honesty only be able to represent myself as External Vice-President, and as I do not wish to become part of a political hierarchy, I think it only fair to take this opportunity to warn the electorate of my views and to urge them to, in the future, take the course of their lives into their own hands.

James McGregor

I think that it is important that any candidate for the position of Vice-President of External Affairs enunciate his definition of "External".

"External", to me, is the liaison between the University of Alberta's students, and those of other Canadian Universities, Junior Colleges and members of society in general. My position on a Canadian Students' Union is one of a service centered organization, established with a flexibility obviously lacking in its predecessor CUS.

The present Vice-President, Bob Hunka, has been most instrumental in the assembling of a new western students' union. If elected I would follow his lead in beginning the dialogue necessary to determine the

nature of any future national union. earnestly feel the University of Alberta, as one of many other universities, has become isolated from the remainder of society, and with this regard, increased and expanded activities of the VGW variety may help to create some better understanding of the modern University and its roles in the society.

To improve this communication lag which has developed in this uni-versity itself, I favor a greater num-ber of referenda on internal as well as external issues, to allow the direct democratic principle to be-come the standard process instead of the exception. Student opinion on housing, parking facilities, aca-demic fees, and summer employ-ment must be heard.

As a Student Rep. on the Staff-Student Relations Committee in the Faculty of Education (of which the majority of the voting members are students), I have seen this dialogue which we so vitally need to make the University relative, to reach some of the human, personal, individual problems which surround us at the U. of A., and on other campuses across Canada. The word is communication. It is the tool with which we can solve our problems.

At the external level I can promise you communication will be first in priority, and if I have com-municated with you, vote for me, James McGregor, on February 10.



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