

## editorial

### Election Suggestions

Are you also wondering who to vote for in the upcoming Students' Union election? Confronted by a jungle of posters and campaign promises (most of which will be forgotten by Saturday morning), a choice seems difficult if not impossible. The everyday student is rightly preoccupied with his/her academic career at this institution and cannot possibly be on top of students' union politics.

Before you toss a dime or don't vote at all, consider the following suggestions which might make your choice easier.

- Consider the candidate's past record of involvement in Student affairs. No person should reach an executive position unless he/she has worked in the grass roots of the organization (i.e. Student Council, General Faculties Council, Faculty Students Associations). Question 1 of the *Gateway* questionnaire (pg. 8-9) will help you to assess the candidate's past efforts on behalf of the student body.

- Do not necessarily vote for one slate as a block. The executive should consist of the most able individuals running for a particular position and none of the slates appear to have qualified personnel for all positions. There is no reason why a "mixed" executive will not prove effective if our student politicians *really want to serve our interests*.

This year's election is crucial. The Students' Union needs an efficient and innovative executive to solve the financial problems caused by HUB. It is your responsibility to make sure that the best candidates are elected. Don't toss a coin, take the time to study the questionnaire and vote.

Harold Kuckertz

### Decide how your money is spent

Well, its just about that time of year again, the great race is on. Its time for promises, promises, promises, hussah, and vote for me. Its your chance to participate in deciding how your \$34 is going to be spent next year.

If you're poor like me, or even if you're not, \$34 is a lot of bread to join an organization. I'd like to know it was spent with me in mind, and I think you should, too.

If a representative of a slate comes into your class with his little speech, or any nominee for any position on the executive gives you his or her spiel in a campaign, ask that person just what he or she can promise you for your money next year. If they win, you're going to participate in paying them approximately \$42.00 plus two thirds the rate of inflation over this year, so why not find out which one of them can do the best job?

Voting straight out for a slate doesn't make it. I think there are good candidates and bad candidates on every slate. A person should know who to vote for with a little more information on hand than who he or she is running with.

Get to know the individuals *before* you vote. Come to the Forum Wednesday at 11 at SUB Theatre. If someone says something you'd like to question, ask him or her in front of others, so everyone can get to know at least to the extent of intelligent voting what the people running are like.

And once you do have an opinion on who can represent you best, take the time to vote.

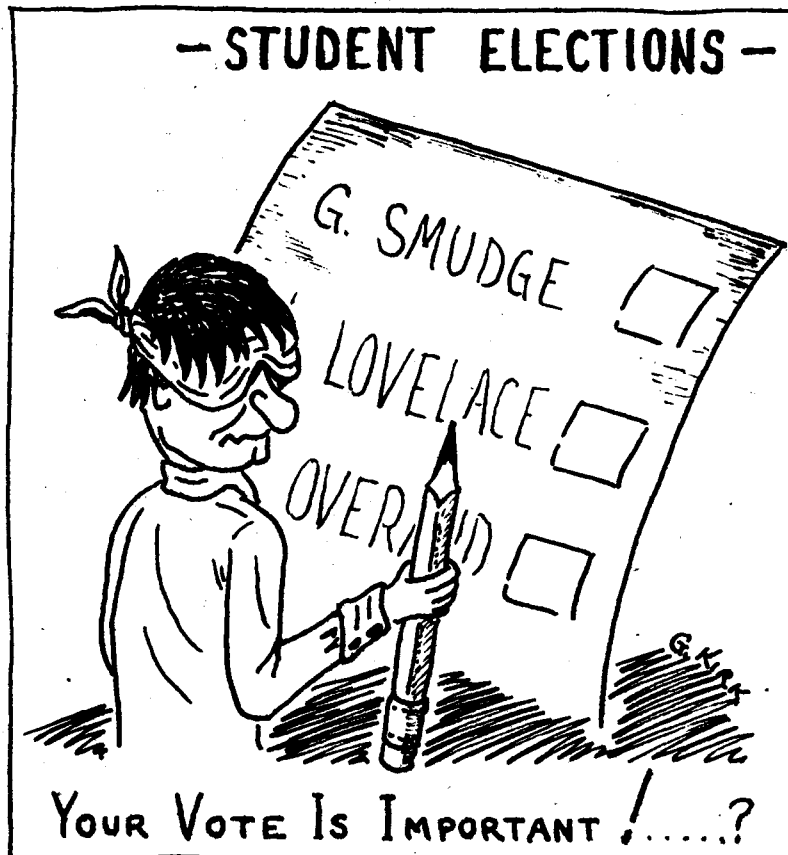
Last year, only about ten percent of the student population managed to find the time to vote. An entire slate won the election handily with an overwhelming majority of votes.

I'm not saying that entire slates winning elections is wrong, nor am I saying that last year, those that did turn out made a bad choice. But this year things are different. We may be bankrupt by the time most of us get back next fall. We may end up with a severe, almost punitive cutback in services to show the government we're really trying to maximize our profits so they'll kick in for HUB.

This year, your vote is much, much more important. This year, it is much more important that only the best get in.

Think about it. Please.

Greg Neiman



## election forum

### PRESIDENT

The general issue in this campaign is whether a candidate and his slate have direction and initiative that is of benefit to the majority of students or not. Simple, clear and concise.

This direction must not be in selling-out the student body (i.e. leasing of 3rd floor of SUB to university for minimum of 3 years or curtailing services, cutting faculty association and club grants).

The Leadbeater Slate will take initiative in support of student rights. We will fight to achieve low-cost housing concept of HUB. We will take aggressive action on academic services and student affairs. I urge you to enquire about and examine our policies.

A non-issue in this campaign, but which many candidates are centering their attention is the question of practical experience.

Continuity, to the extent of knowing where to start and having a positive direction is essential. The Leadbeater Slate is experienced, concerned and willing to take aggressive action on behalf of student groups.

Therefore with experienced people on all slates, experience becomes a non-issue.

I implore you to examine the policies of the respective slates and I am confident that in doing this you will find the Leadbeater Slate has the most initiative and progressive issues to offer.

In closing, let me leave you with a thought for the rest of the week:

The aluminum mural on the south side of the Students' Union Building, (designed and made by Jordi Bonet at a cost of \$25,000) in Bonet's own words conveys enthusiasm, movement and initiative of students.

This is a goal to achieve, the Leadbeater slate will do it.

Graeme A. Leadbeater  
Presidential Candidate  
The Leadbeater Slate

### VP ACADEMIC

The candidates of the Leadbeater Slate have been

disillusioned with the past efforts of the Students Executive. Of major concern to us is that the majority of students have little or no idea as to the decisions made in Students' Council or what policies are made concerning services. Our desire is to return the Students' Union to its original purpose of serving the students both academically and socially by a promise to communicate with, campaign for, and deliver, to students.

Whether or not we eliminate all services and channel the money into HUB, the situation is still such that would destroy our union. Negotiations with the provincial government for subsidization have been in progress for nearly six months with no significant results. A new approach to the government is our promise. Our Students' Union fee must be channelled back into services. Without sounding selfish, or with lack of concern for students in the future, our investment is after all short term, usually 3 to 6 years so we therefore commit our slate to show immediate results from your Students' Union Fee.

I encourage you to vote the Leadbeater Slate on Friday Feb. 14th, for a responsible progressive student executive.

Jane Bothwell  
V.P. Academic Candidate  
The Leadbeater Slate

Even though HUB may become an asset in the future, the Students' Union is discovering that it cannot completely support a project of that size. However, the students of this university have almost succeeded in supplying a service that normally is not their responsibility. Therefore it seems reasonable that the provincial government would be approached to assume a small part of the costs. ~~But~~ the response from the province has been typically bureaucratic. If the province continues to stall the Students' Union faces gloomy prospects. Warning signals within the Students' Union have been up for about three years now yet no one seems to have responded to the gravity of the situation. This

summer the Students' Union will be forced to borrow money just to operate! The new executive must be prepared to take a stronger more effective position and use the tremendous power students have as a pressure group. (Similar to Teacher or Medical associations). If we continue to allow things to deteriorate the only alternative for the University will be to raise fees to pay for our outstanding loans. If we don't want to pay a large increase in fees we will have to make our bargaining more effective.

Jim Tanner  
The Fritze Slate

### VP FINANCE

Hello Students,

My name is Brian Black or otherwise known as "Graffiti". The name "Graffiti" was given to me by my fellow students who asked where I was in 1962. I told them I was in Grade XII and thus the nickname resulted. I am 31 years old. I am running for Vice-President of Finance.

My campaign manager is Bill Cucheran who is at present very active with the Education Students' Association. He will probably be running for E.S.A. president this year. Bill has 4 years business experience and is a competent campaign manager. He is in 2nd Education.

As for myself I have 10 years of business experience in accounting, finance and housing. I am in 2nd year Education also. I am at present the office manager and treasurer of the E.S.A. I believe my record speaks for itself.

I have no political affiliations but I do have a list of goals and objectives. They are as follows:

- To let the students know where their student union fees go and just exactly what services are provided for them with their fees.

- To get \$1.50 per student or approximately \$30,000 in grants set aside, from student union fees, for various student associations on campus. The fund is about \$10,000 now and this doesn't help inactive associations get back on their feet. Without student associations behind the Students' Union there is no real support or student say.

- To get CAB reserved on a rotation basis for the various student associations so all faculties get a chance to use CAB.

- To look after the students' best interests and provide more services while holding fees at the present level. After all this was the purpose of the original Student Union formation. I hope to get the students' interests to come first when making decisions and get rid of the big business attitude that doesn't care about the student, prevalent in Student's Union.

- To solve the money drain problem of HUB. Students can't afford deficits of \$300,000 a year, because it causes cutbacks or ceasing of required student services.

I once knew a fellow who invested all his money into the stock market on toilet paper and revolving doors. He got wiped out before he could turn around. Sounds like the HUB situation.

Seriously though, I feel I am qualified and competent enough to handle this position. I will do my utmost to see the students get a fair deal. If elected my door will be open to