Candidates: for better or worse

The Soper Slate

Phil Soper

Presidential Candidate -Soper Slate



A University's primary pur pose is to educate, and the quality of education provided is the standard by which the University's success is measured. While there are many competent individuals on the decision-making bodies of the University and government, the perspective from which these administrators view overcrowded classrooms, deteriorating libraries and es-calating student living costs, is much different from that of the students themselves.

members of the Soper Slate will ensure that students have strong representatives on the University boards and provincial committees, which have such important influence on the quality of education we receive.

In order to provide quality representation and beneficial services, it is imperative that the SU have a stable organizational base from which to operate. The Students' Union owned retail outlets that are draining student fee revenue will be evaluated; comparing the benefit such areas provide with the cost to students. Management will be given clear performance guidelines and if these businesses are unable to meet such, we will consider the replacement of management or the business itself.

The individuals on the Soper Slate have qualifications, enthusiasm and ideas necessary to finally make your Students' Union work for you.

Vice-President Finance &

Administration Candidate -

student business ventures such as

SU Box Office and the Art Gallery

which are expected to contribute

net profits but in recent years have

required subsidization. To main-

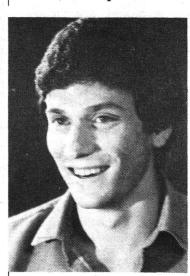
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Elise Gaudet,

Soper Slate

Brian Bechtel,

Vice-President Internal Candidate - Soper Slate



At a time when Students' Union Finances are in a decidedly difficult situation, the policy of the Vice-President Internal must necessarily be one of improvement and consolidation of existing business and services rather than expansion into new, and potentially expensive areas. Renovations that would make Friday's and the other food service areas into a paying proposition must be considered. While the addition of any major service is out of the question until the financial situation improves, there are changes that would be desirable and relatively low-cost. The establishment of a separate information service need not be expensive but would greatly improve the profile of the Students' Union services and provide a valuable information center for students. A greater liason with clubs could be achieved by providing better access to information and assistance in terms of funding, accounting and, if possible, space. A consistent Dinwoodie booking policy with greater information available for interested groups would go a long way to alleviate problems ex-

perienced in the past.

While the Soper Slate is dedicated to the efficiency and profitability of student owned

businesses, we intend to continue and improve popular services.

Elizabeth Lunney, Vice-President Academic Candidate - Soper Slate

The role of the Students' Union will necessarily become increasingly important in the coming year. The importance of strong student representation from the smallest Faculty Council to the General Faculties Council plenary cannot be over emphasiz-



My point is easily illustrated given the current budgetary restraint facing the University. For example, total library funding for text and periodical purchases in real dollar terms has declined by approximately 50% over the past the students and not pushing the decade. Academic positions have students thru the doors of the SU been lost, and sufficient and Building.

Lisa Walter, VP External - Soper Slate



The VP External can accomplish needed changes to governmental policy, only with the support of students. Cutbacks in university funding, deficiencies in the Student Loan Program, and tuition fee increases, for example are issues on cutbacks in the faculties, and organize informal information sessions, and structured forums. We can provide students the needed background and organization to enable them to become involved.

The Minister of Advanced Education has indicated his preference to deal with the provincial student federation, instead of individual campus student groups. Additionally, their record of successful lobby and data resources merit our support and cooperation in lob-bying the provincial government.

I hope to discuss specific

policy considerations with students personally and encourage attendance at the Forum on Wednesday.

It is time for the VP External to make this campus, and the needs of students here, the first priority.

adequate study space has become a concern for all students. The Soper Slate is committed to active participation at all levels of University government ensuring that student concerns are voiced and student needs are met. A continued decline in the quality of our education is intolerable.

A strong student voice, however, must be developed at all levels. For this reason the Soper Slate is dedicated to the support of strong Departmental Clubs and Faculty Associations. Closer communication and cooperation with the SU will aid each group in best serving student interests.

At this point an important distinction must be made. We are committed to bringing the SU to

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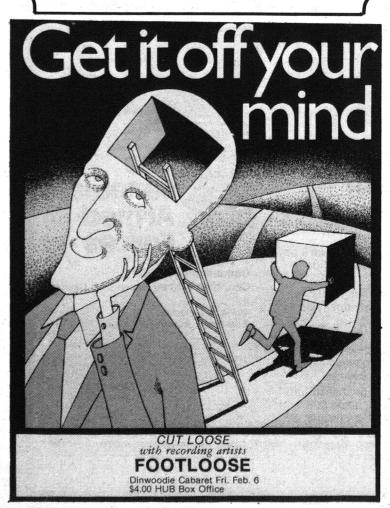
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cing has been necessary, adding to ever-increasing costs which further increase the size of the deficit. Specifically, in the 1979-80 term, 11% of the \$320,000 deficit were interest charges on bank overdrafts. It should be noted that the deficit is not due to any particular year, but has been developing over the past three years. The 1977-78 term also showed a deficit while 1978-79 showed only a \$735 profit, an immaterial amount in a \$4.7 million budget (less than .0002%). Just as deficit accumulation tools time as will deficit tion took time, so will deficit elimination require time.

Action is being taken to speed up the process but more direction is still required: providing aid through written guidelines or seminars regarding budget categorizations and procedures for calculating appropriate figures will enable area directors to present realistic and accurate budgets to which they must be held accountable; studies completed by the Management Advisory Institute regarding the performance of SU business areas can be effectively examined; the results of a marketing survey studying the needs and wants of students with respect to SU service areas will be incorporated in future policy decisions.

While attempting to rectify the current financial situation of the Students' Union, it is also essential that funds and support available for the development and maintenance of student services not be neglected.

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