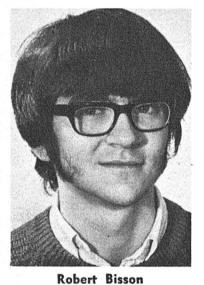
Election platforms +

V-P external candidates

Robert Bisson

While in the university, must we rely on others to shape the society we are living in?

Experience as an employee of the Alberta Legislature in '66, as presi-dent of College Saint-Jean in '68-69, and as a delegate to the A.A.S. in spring and fall '68 and spring '69, as well as an A.A.S. observer at the '69 fall conference has clearly shown me that any meaningful changes do not originate in the offices of the University administra-



On the contrary, it is only through continuous pressure from student representatives and clearly indi-cated student manifestations that we can hope to achieve even the slightest success. We must confront the administration on such issues as tenure and law and order where it has been clearly indicated that the student

tion or in the provincial legislature.

population opposes them. We must begin a complete revi-sion of our educational system rendering people aware through forums and teach-ins of its present aliena-

We must strive for adequate representation on all governing bodies to which we are presently subjected. We must provide research for students on employment, student assistance and housing, to be done by a Students' Union field worker or through a national union such as the A.A.S. or the Western Students' Union.

The expanded Students' Union Building must allow lounge areas to facilitate student communications at all levels.

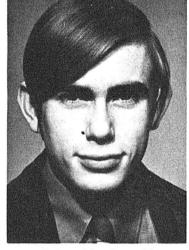
Meaningful changes must come not from administrators but from the people. It is my hope that your support in the present elections will continue next year as we all engage in the long process of constructively changing our university.

Brian MacDonald

Brian MacDonald is a second year arts student majoring in Psychology and Sociology. He served as an Arts faculty representative on Students' Council this past year. He

served as a Gateway staff mem-ber 1968/69 and for a portion of this year,

- attended the fall conference of the Alberta Association of Students.
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- of Arts Faculty Council,



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is concerned with and attended as a U of A delegate, the Stulents' Assistance Board seminar

in Calgary, was an observer at the Provincial Government/Student job services meeting in Calgary to aid in finding more summer jobs for students.

The students' union is running into increasing difficulty both finan-cially and in terms of organization. With the demise of CUS last fall the U of A lost the services and the information that organization provided. Just recently two new unions have been formed both concerned primarily with the students in the western provinces. One is Western Student Services, a strictly service organization. The U of A should maintain and expand its role in WSS for the benefit of all students. The students' union should also join the as yet unnamed union of western universities. The union could aid in collective lobbying of university students with the provincial and federal governments in regard to common student problems.

Students' council and the student body in general should be prepared to give more funds to the Alberta Association of Students to aid this worthwhile organization. Students from all post-secondary institutions must be willing to work together to achieve complete transferability from one institution to another. Only by voicing a unified stand when lobbying with the provincial government will this be accomplished

The students' union should give all possible assistance to the government-sponsored student summer job program now in its formative stages. It is becoming increasingly difficult for many students to find summer employment and action in this area is needed immediately.

Students' council should also enact some of the provisions of the reorganization committee report. The union is becoming too large. Decen-tralization into small faculty and course unions will be a necessity within the next few years.

George Kuschminder

The external vice-presidency is one of the most important positions within your union and I must therefore, strongly emphasize that you choose the person who is to fill this post with the utmost care and scrutiny.

The danger is that we are progressively becoming alienated from the whole of society. If we allow this trend to continue we will in fact be shunning the hand that feeds us. True, many of our critic-isms are just, including some of the more so called radical criticisms, and we must retain this right to openly criticize and confront. How-ever, if we do this we must do so responsibly and do so only if we can back up our arguments with factual information to which Joe Public can identify himself. How and what can we do?

- We must:
- implement an elaborate public relations program,
- the program must be truly rep-resentative of the majority of the students on this campus,
- no longer can we afford or allow 5% of the student body to dominate the scene,
- we must review and investigate the usefulness and the credentials of all the organizations we are affiliated with,
- the leaders of this union must be, and held to be, representa-tive of you, the general student.

The task is enormous and thus will, by nature be dubious and laborious. To fully research, establish, and direct this type of program, the person of your choice must be willing to concede to the wishes of the majority. He must be open minded, responsible and accessible to the student at large. On February 20, you will decide who this student shall be! KNOW YOUR CANDI-DATES! Thank you.

Below is a brief resume of my credentials: 26 years of age,
student registered in the Faculty

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