

# gateway

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Disobedience, in the eyes of anyone who has read history, is man's original virtue...

...it is through disobedience that progress has been made, through disobedience and rebellion.

Oscar Wilde

## Crowd hisses at SU candidates

by Ken Lenz

Heckles and jeers greeted the twelve candidates yesterday when about 600 students filled SUB Theatre for the annual SU election forum.

The words of Richard Steadman of the Vote-No-Paul-Alpern-for-VP-External campaign best reflected the mood of the forum.

"Look outside... right now it's light out... and I guarantee tonight it will get dark... what is the VP External going to do about that?"

Steadman added, "why should we have a VP External? When was the last time you got free drinks in a bar? What has he done about that? What about sex and violence on television? Violence has hit the streets, but have I seen one instance of sex? And this is a recurring problem... day after day."

The serious issues discussed included the executive salary increase, the Ivory Tower image of the SU, and the merits of a non-confrontational approach to lobbying.

Presidential candidate Andrew Watts promised "effective and accurate communication with the students on campus" and no wage rollback. Watts said "though it would be expedient for us to support a rollback - the Executive deserve \$1200 per month." If elected, Watts wants to see all international policy removed from the SU books and indicated "he would rather get involved in the decision-making process than take a confrontational approach" in dealing with the provincial government.

Challenger Floyd Hodgins indicated that if he were President he would like to see a "retroactive decrease in wages for the Executive." Hodgins said the "suit and tie approach" to lobbying the government doesn't work and pointed to the record of this year's Executive. Hodgins said he would like to see the scrip system revamped "instead of just talking about it" and some "effective lobbying for tuition decreases." The candidate also said he is "quite willing to work with anybody" because he is in education and "likes to work with little children."

VP Academic candidate June Chipman promised "clear thought and decisive action" as well as an impartial board to go over professor evaluations. She said she would make sure the exam registry is fully stocked and would work with the academic commissioner to see the Student Ombudservice get off the ground.

Rainer Huebl said if he is elected VP Academic he will return the thousands of dollars left in the Academic Affairs Board back to students. Huebl also said he couldn't comment on the executive wage increase because some people would think it expedient to advocate a rollback at this point.

The third candidate for VP Academic is Donna Kassian. Kassian said that she is "eager and committed to doing the job well" and her first priority is student awareness. She encouraged student involvement in the services which the SU offers and also wants to promote student involvement in issues such as tuition fee increases and the implementation of faculty quotas.

Kassian said the retroactive pay increase was wrong and she feels the SU should "work with the administration" to fight provincial government cutbacks.

Paul Alpern is the sole candidate for VP External. He indicated the SU has lost a lot of credibility and that he "will redirect the SU back to people who will inspire you." Alpern said he wants to try to change the Student Finance Board regulations so "if your parents don't want to contribute to your education they won't be forced to."

David Koch and Gord Stamp are the two candidates for VP Internal. Koch wants to make sure the typing service is in operation by next September and says he will review the SU's controversial building policy. Koch also intends to lower the prices of liquor in the campus bars and to open the lobby of SUB Theatre during the day so students have a quiet place to lounge.

Challenger Gord Stamp couldn't make it to the forum because of academic commitments, so Ken Boseman spoke on his behalf. "The same jokers who ran the SU last year want to run it this year, only with a higher salary," said Boseman, gesturing towards the Watts Slate. Boseman said the SU has little credibility when it comes to government lobbying because less than 15 per cent of students get out to vote. He attributed this indifference to the fact that students don't see most of the money they put into their Union. Boseman said Gord Stamp would see that "doors on the bus shelters and one-buck movies in SUB Theatre were put forth."

VP Finance and Administration candidate Christine Ens intends to freeze SU fees and work on a long-term financial plan for the SU. She also said "the SU must provide a leadership role on campus."



The SU election posters joined the ranks of other CAB posters announcing dances and ski trips.

Board of Governors candidate Grant Borbridge said he "would give the B of G the most accurate account of students' views possible. Borbridge said "students should be surveyed on important issues like faculty quotas" and that he "wouldn't be running around to CFS conferences and such." Borbridge also said he is not a politician and therefore not "well-versed in side-stepping routines."

Challenger Barb Donaldson said it is time "we started playing hard-ball with the provincial government and the University Administration." She said that she would push for a tuition freeze. Donaldson denied having lost communication with University VP Academic George Baldwin during the past year. "That's bullshit," she said, referring to the accusation.

The third candidate for Undergraduate Board of Governor's representative is Jim Shinkaruk. Shinkaruk pointed to his experience in public relations work with the federal government and promised to represent

students' concerns on tuition fees and parking. Shinkaruk also said he would "make sure the B of G invests in proposals which will benefit students, not real estate." He said the University can afford to run a deficit in the short-term rather than cut staff.

Since the positions of VP External and VP Finance and Administration have only one candidate, you can either vote yes or no for that person. If students vote No to an individual candidate, another election for that position only will be called.

As well, the appeal procedure has been changed this year.

The amendments to the election bylaw mean the results won't be released until all appeals are heard. The winners could be announced as soon as Friday or as late as a couple of weeks.

The election polls are open from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM this Friday.

## Avowed socialist speaks Sunday

by Gilbert Bouchard

Amidst a flurry of protests from campus right-wingers, the former Prime Minister of Jamaica, Michael Manley, will speak in a Students' Union sponsored forum this Sunday in SUB Theater.

Opposition to Manley's forum surfaced at the January 10th Students' Council meeting where a number of councillors questioned VP Internal Peter Block's motives in utilizing SU funds to sponsor Manley, an avowed socialist.

Education rep Rainer Huebl expressed concern that the speaker's series would be composed solely of "commie pinko faggots".

Block replies that the series was to provide "education and entertainment to U of A students," and that "people with similar ideologies, or those who are radically opposed to Manley's views should both come out and state their views to Manley. For \$2.50 you can see a real live socialist," said Block.

The main topics of Manley's talk will be the invasion of Grenada, third world concerns, and US foreign policy. Manley was not sympathetic to the US invasion of Grenada.

During Mr. Manley's eight and one-half years as Prime Minister of Jamaica, he extended ties to Castro's Cuba while severing many with the United States. Many see this as one reason why

he was defeated by Edward Seaga in the 1980 elections.

Mr. Manley no longer has a Parliamentary opposition to lead as his People's National Party boycotted the recent elections held in the country, on the grounds that Seaga failed to update the voter registration. Seaga's support of the US invasion of Grenada figured prominently in the most recent election, and will undoubtedly be one of the topics of discussion at this Sunday's forum.

Tickets for the forum are available from all BASS outlets and are \$2.50 for U of A students, and \$5.00 for non-students. Tickets will also be available at the door.