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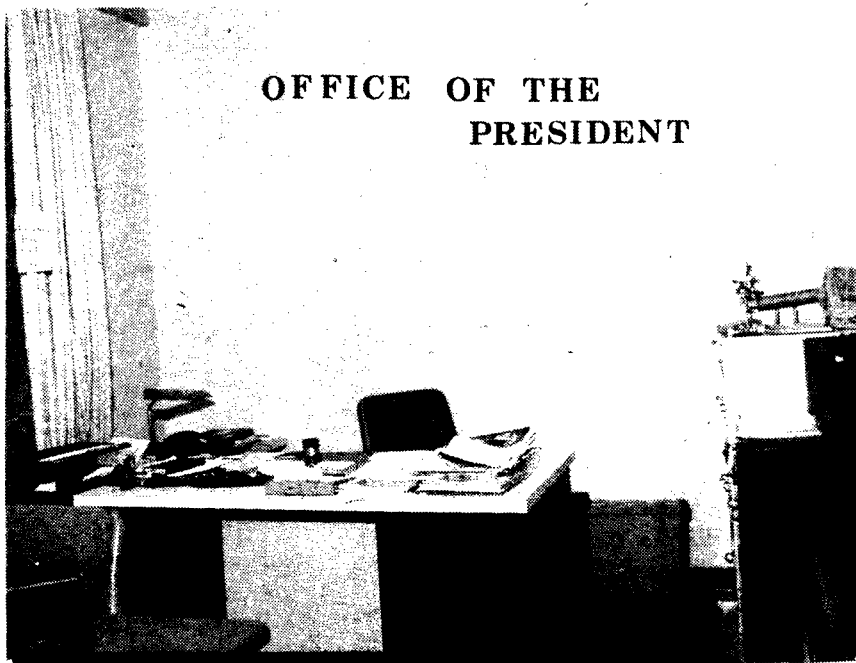


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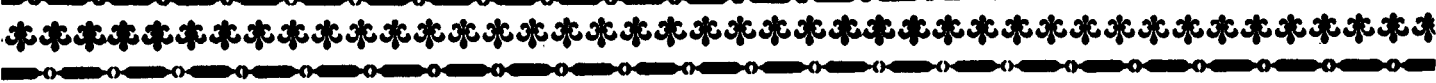
THE YEAR OF THE ACCLAMATION

WITH A CASTE OF THOUSANDS



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CAMEO APPEARANCES:

(The following candidates were elected by acclamation)

Gary Zak (Treasurer)

Doug Hillian (Activities Co-ordinator)

Greg Fraser (Communications Director)

Lyn Hagglund (Extra-Mural Athletics)

Rick Calderbank (Student Campus Development Co-ordinator)

PRESIDENT



Armour



Higinbotham



McDougall

Bob Higinbotham

Many of us are now starting to become aware of the very real problems facing humanity everywhere. We are also becoming cognizant of the incredible fact that governments, industries, and universities, the institutions with the greatest expertise, are not eliminating the problems at the source. I'm speaking of the problems of meaningless wars that destroy countryside and innocent human lives; pollution of our water, air and land that, according to U Thant, will inevitably destroy the ecological balance that keeps us alive; and continual inequality among men which ensures that vast numbers of people must remain in poverty so that others can become rich.

Thinking about the above, it becomes almost self-evident why governments, businesses and universities are not solving our problems. Governments use war as a vital instrument of foreign policy, industries pollute our atmosphere because it maximizes profits. Also, governments condone polluting by industries because industries increase the economic well-being of the community. Besides, it would be hypocritical for government to stop industrial pollution while they themselves pump raw effluent into the water. Lastly, the universities are the servants of both government and industries. It sounds trite, and it is, but how can we expect the university to act upon conscience when the money to run it comes from the government, and the current government position on the role of the university is again that they should train people who will contribute to the economic well-being of the community. The epitome of economic well-being is a large industrial complex.

However, economic well-being is a dubious freedom if we lose even part of our natural freedom, the freedom to breathe real air, to swim in real water, and to go for a walk in a real forest. These things, it seems to me, constitute real wealth. It's disheartening to see natural destruction and human misery, especially when it's not necessary. People must purge themselves of the false sense of consciousness that hides a very ugly reality and sees freedom in social status and superfluous economic gain. The situation can almost be reduced to a slogan; if you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem.

A reasonably specific list of improvements to the Alma Mater Society which should be undertaken are listed on both sides of a blue sheet entitled "Blueprint", which I support. Although the "Blueprint" is far from radical in its aim, it's implementation would result in some very worthwhile structural changes for Student Government.

My own feeling on the position of President is this: I would involve myself in research and discussion with students and the community. I intent to hold weekly meetings around the university in order to inform you as to what is happening and to ask you what you think should happen. I don't intend to involve myself in the petty squabbles and personality feuds of council members. Proper delegation of duties to executive and representative assembly members would free me to direct my energies into more fruitful areas with the students and community members.

It is important for all of us to realize that we are one hundred per cent citizens with a real stake in the future. I think together, we can help mold it properly, with a view to giving all people a stake in the future.

David Armour

It strikes me that in this election, as in past ones, the key issue is responsibility. However, all the candidates are responsible individuals. Something more, then, must be injected into this election.

However, beware of political aspirants injecting issues in this campaign such as B.C.U.S., course unions, Bissell Report, etc., because such issues are really not issues: dealing with such questions really needs only a responsible individual, and, as I have pointed out, all the candidates are responsible. So what, we may ask, can we inject into this election to make it relevant? I think the answer to this question is, ideas. Therefore, when the times comes, question the candidates closely to determine what their ideas are; find out whether their ideas are good for you. When the time comes, question me on my ideas. I am aligning myself with Students for a Humanistic University (S.H.U.). I am also somewhat more conservative in my outlook than in the past. Vote for me, David Armour.

Robert McDougall

In voting for the office of President in the A.M.S. you, the electorate, must consider two basic qualities in the candidates - the ideas and ideology they espouse, and the depth of leadership they may exhibit which would enable them to carry out these ideas.

This year the Representative Assembly has suffered from a lack of effective leadership more than anything else - it is not surprising that it has often degenerated into an aimless debating society which fails to make any lasting additions to the university structure. To remedy this malady, I would suggest three possible partial solutions. The first involves change in the legislative relationship, cutting the now unwieldy Executive Council down to seven members, and making them responsible to the R.A. for their stay in office. The second involves the formation of a Policy Committee, which would set long-range academic, financial, and social goals for the Assembly, guide the advancement of these student-oriented programs, and give continuity over the now disruptive election changes. The third and final solution is a simple one - the election to the presidency of someone who can provide the strong, flexible, and independent leadership necessary to make the system work.

My ideas for worthwhile programs can be summarized in a five-point program. Top on the list is academic reform, for the university is, first of all, a place of learning. This learning, however, should be made more pertinent to the society we inhabit and less to the scholarly illusions of some of our educators; we should work to initiate courses of study on the direct application of our knowledge to the problems of our world, and be prepared to sponsor research by our faculty and students in these areas. This leads to my second point, social involvement, which would bring the student in contact with his community, not necessarily in such distant arenas as California or the East, but in those situations which effect us closer to home, especially drug addiction and environmental poisoning. R.A. bodies working directly in these areas would add to task forces acting on problems of student housing, employment, and civil liberties, considerably upgrading A.M.S. relevancy to student life. To enhance the power of the student in the process he supports, we should work to place more students in the decision-making process of university government, attempting implementation of the adapted guidelines of the Bissel Commission Report, by negotiation with the Administration where possible, with confrontation as a second line where necessary. Finally, we should support moves to increase our participation in such organizations as BCUS and WSS, on the grounds that it is only by such means that we can raise our vision beyond the cloistered confines of Ring Road, and become a force in our nation.

In conclusion, I would bring up the often forgotten but ultimately important first role of the A.M.S. President - he is the students' final appeal in any problem they may have, academic, social, etc. The R.A. works, after all, for and because of the student, and when it fails to give aid in time of need, it has become merely parasitic. Should I be elected, then, I would work to provide not only the active leadership necessary to advance the cause of the student as a whole, but also the personal attention necessary to handle the day-to-day problems of every member of our body.

Vice-President

John Bentley

Fellow Students and Friends.

I beg your support for S.H.U. (Students for an Humanistic University). I need your votes. The time is here! We may never have another chance!

There has been altogether too much stupidity going on around here. As an R.A. member I have witnessed it. Lousy food, and mud up to our knees has been one of the lesser complaints. Boredom? Depression? Is the "old regime" doing its job?

Myself and a few like minded individuals think not. The humanists have been suppressed for too long. It is up to you, the responsible students, to help us.

I realize that the average honest, hard-working student may not wish to become involved in every little emotional, egotistical outburst of the student government. Wisely enough, the average student does not wish to place himself in some affair he cannot or does not wish to handle. Apathy? I don't really think so. I sympathize. I do not criticize apathy.

If you vote, remember the Students for a Humanistic University! If elected I shall not forget you! Relevancy and responsibility for all! Remember, if the S.H.U. fits, wear it!

Gus Agostinis

The past year has been a very fruitless and frustrating one in student politics. The factionalized council rarely agreed on any issue. Ego trips and stupidity killed a potentially good council. We played our little games so well that an administration award will surely be initiated in our honour. Next time you walk on campus, listen to the laughter from above. It is weird, haunting, and very loud - perhaps too loud for you to hear.

Yet I retain my optimism. I believe that we have to and can do something with our university and community, but we must first do something with ourselves. We have to realize that we are relevant, despite the protestations from administration and government. The sooner we emerge from being powerless numerical voids, the sooner we can begin to determine our destinies.

For more specifics, please read the BLUEPRINT. I urge you to read it and to support the candidates who endorse it. We already have some good people in by acclamation. All that remains is for you to endorse the rest of the competent candidates. Vote with your heads - and remember that even a little hole in your student card is a sign of relevancy. The God given choice of involvement or not is the personal business of each individual.

Academic Affairs

Russell Freethy

Russ Freethy will be returning to campus on Wednesday at which time he will receive a royal welcome. Russ has spent the previous week at a conference on China that was held in Winnipeg. In a telephone interview from Winnipeg he made the following noteworthy statements:

Academic Planning: The optimum population for this campus would be 8,000 students (the predicted enrolment for 1976); however, even the provincial government finds this to be unacceptable, the population should not be allowed to exceed 10,000. This province also requires another institute of technology (i) for those students who are not best suited for university but who attend anyway, and (ii) for those persons on the B.C.I.T. waiting list.

Curriculum: A longer practicum session would be more beneficial for professional year education students than the present mix of practicum and methods courses. Social awareness courses should be offered on such items as pollution, the urban crisis, law and the individual, and the native indian.

Degree Requirements: Compulsory foreign language should be dropped for those persons on general or majors programs.

Teaching Effectiveness: The Academic Guidebook be maintained and the information gained from it should be more fully exploited.

Counselling: This certainly needs improving in the secondary schools. The post-secondary institutions should pressure the secondary institutions into providing better counselling services.

Symposia and Speakeasies: These should certainly be more numerous. To facilitate the organization of symposia and speakeasies the curriculum clubs should come under the fold of the academic council.

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We apologize for not printing the material submitted by candidates who won their position by acclamation.

The opinions expressed in this paper are not necessarily those of the Editors.

Brian Green

As a candidate in this election I would like to state my position on those matters that concern the student body. I believe student government can serve a valid and useful function, but only if it has constructive programs to offer. I believe the student has the right to offer viable alternatives to the present educational structure in such matters as courses, evaluation and methods. A sense of community and joint purpose must be developed if U. Vic is going to succeed as a stable progressive campus, and students are to participate. I am in favour of course unions in all disciplines, implementation of the Bissell Commission report (calling for a university government of faculty, students and tax-payers); and inter-discipline courses on such matters as pollution, education, and social structures. I support the idea of a majority responsible executive. A re-examination is needed in the athletics and activities departments for I believe students are not getting the programs they want. BCUS should be supported for their research into student employment; or is it unemployment? I solicit your support on the grounds that I have a constructive program and the desire and experience to carry it out.

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speeches

Tuesday, January 27th. 12:30
All Candidates. SUB Upper Lounge

Wednesday, January 28th. 12:30
- SUB Upper Lounge
- MacLaurin 144

Thursday, January 29th. 12:30
All Candidates. SUB Upper Lounge

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PPP

The PPP Party's Annual Barn
Dance is coming in February

Intra-Mural Athletics

Bob McMynn

Paul 'Magoo' Malnarich

I am running for the office of Intermural Athletics Chairman for the academic year 1970 - 71. Why?

It is certainly not because of my past experience in student affairs, for I have very little. In fact one can say that I am part of the silent majority. One must then have some awfully good reasons for letting his name stand:-

- 1) Intermurals is finally operative this year, thanks in particular to Mr. Olenick's efforts... so next year is one of keeping the organizational ball rolling.
- 2) To further intermurals one must now look to the question of time and space. To play approximately 100 basketball players in a single evening is approaching the absurd. To acquire more time is very difficult, but I can see no reason why the A.M.S. Intermurals chairman cannot go to the Victoria School Board to request additional gym space from the schools (4 of them) that are within walking distance of this campus.
- 3) Possibly most important, I, Paul Malnarich endorse the statement of the "Blueprint" and I think that through a more responsible government Univic will have a chance to mature. Vote Paul "Magoo" Malnarich on Friday.

Clubs Director

Bob Brand

Election time is apt to produce a flock of rash promises which cannot be kept, and I do not wish my platform grouped in the same category.

As a member of the present Clubs Council, I have noted the following organizational changes which I believe I could effect if elected to the Directorship.

First, I believe that there should be a more closely knit relationship between all clubs to avoid duplication costs which I calculate amounted to several hundred wasted dollars - an example in point, one club spend \$150 on merchandise which could have been borrowed from another club.

Second, I feel a more sensible control of Council financing should be enacted, to make available more money for the active clubs in second term, and to avoid the ridiculous situation with which are now confronted of having merely \$450.00 left in our non-allocated account on which to operate until the end of the fiscal period (August 31, 1970).

I feel these points to be of the utmost importance in this campaign for Clubs' Director. I am asking all Univic students who are interested in responsible leadership in this field to jump on the BRAND WAGON.

Tom Newell

A Man For The Job (as seen by his wife).

Who knows a man better than his wife? Possibly his mistress but so far I don't think Tom has one.

If you want a fellow who does a good job of any job he takes on, Tom is your fellow. He has been active in Student Affairs since he came to the University. The first year he was at Uvic he became President of the Conservative Club. His second year he ran for and won a seat in the R.A. as 2nd year rep. He was also elected to the Clubs Council last year as Political Clubs Rep. And this, his third year at the university, he was elected Treasurer of the Clubs Council.

As you can see, Tom has a considerable amount of experience in Student Affairs and especially on the Clubs Council. He knows the job of the Clubs Council Director. And knowing Tom, he'd do a top job. Of course I'm a bit biased, but what I have written is true. Honest!

This has been the first year of organized intramurals at U. Vic. The phenomenal increase in student participation over the brief space of four months indicates an extensive student need for such recreational opportunity. The proposed program for 1970-71 incorporates a wider range of activities, increased equipment and supplies and great availability of facilities.

This year I have taken a very active part in the programming and the administration of the intramural program. I have assisted the intramural coordinator in matters such as publicity and promotion, finances, tournament schedules, records, and standings. We are currently involved in allocating competition points and determining intramural awards.

Being on the ground floor at the start of a new program is the hardest. I have spent a considerable amount of my time for the students in an effort to meet the recreational needs of the student body. I believe I have contributed to the development of intramurals through my work with the intramural coordinator this year. My responsibilities in the organization and administration of this program have grown steadily. I am well aware of both the importance of intramurals and the need for an expanded program. My experiences to date with intramurals as well as the fact that I am a physical education major with a good concept of sports programs would seem to indicate that I am the best candidate for the position of Intramural Athletics Chairman.

Intramural services have unlimited potential; the extent of the program will be determined by expressed student needs and interests. The program is up to you. I feel that with my background and interest I can assist you in obtaining this kind of program.

I am enthusiastic, I know Intramurals is important! I will put my experience and enthusiasm to work for you.

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Alastair Murdoch

As an ALLI candidate, I believe that students should become involved politically in university and community government. As Clubs Director, I would be able to further this goal in two ways.

Firstly, as chief clubs policy maker, I would favour a reduction in the AMS grant to clubs from \$2.50 a student (\$13,000) to \$1.25 a student. This would allow more money to be spent on academic and external affairs, where we can take a political stand best. Half of the clubs' money should go to clubs that are politically involved. However, as a democrat, I would, at the request of the clubs, institute a system other than the one above. In this system each club would receive \$1.00 per member, with a student being limited to officially registering in less than four clubs. This would encourage clubs to go out and get members, and therefore become more relevant, and would automatically leave the grant system up to the decision of each student.

Secondly, I would become a member of the executive council. Here I would support the ALLI platform. I would especially urge the adoption of responsible government and paid administrative officers. If student government is to be truly political and democratic, the students and their representatives should have control over who shall be their administrative officers at all times, rather than once a year as at present. We also need the best of students as administrative officers; rather than just the best of those students, who can afford to spend the time. Treating administrative offices as paid part-time jobs will solve this problem.

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