

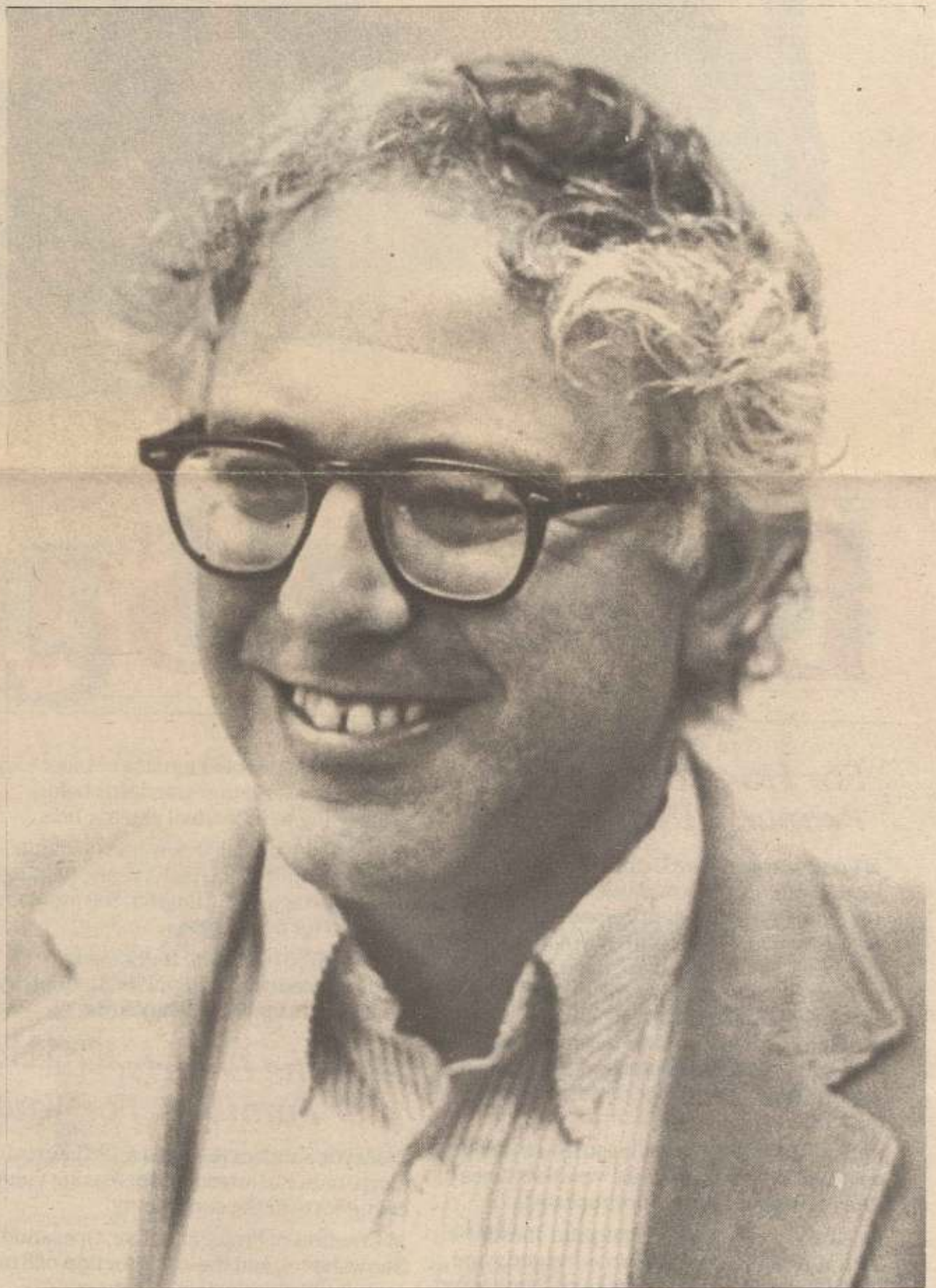
# Bernie Sanders is a Different Kind of Mayor...

■ **He fights for  
the average citizen,**  
*for the elderly, for  
working people trying to  
make ends meet, for you.*



■ **He speaks out on  
the issues...**  
*that affect Burlington  
and its people.*

■ **He takes on  
Burlington's  
tough problems...**  
*like street and sewer  
repairs, and the landfill.*



# ...He Delivers.



# Bernie Sanders is Doing the Job!

## For Homeowners & Property Tax Payers

■ Four years ago the Democrats and Republicans wanted a \$.65 increase in the property tax rate. Bernie Sanders helped defeat that request and later supported a modest \$.25 increase. Since then, there have been **no property tax increases for the general city budget**. In 1984, a \$.16 increase dedicated to street repair was approved by the voters. (The School Dept. budget is not controlled by the Mayor or Board of Alderman.)

■ Bernie Sanders is helping to lead the state-wide effort to find progressive alternatives to the regressive and unfair property tax.

■ A proposed charter change on Tuesday's ballot will help the city protect elderly and fixed-income homeowners from being taxed out of their homes after reappraisal.

## For Renters

■ Vigorous enforcement of building codes; over 4,000 inspections since October, 1981.

■ New city law prohibiting discrimination against tenants because of age, children, disability, gender, source of income or sexual preference.

■ Apartment owners must now meet tough energy-conservation standards before converting to individual electric heat.

■ Approximately 200 new housing units privately built in the last 2 years, helping to ease shortage in Burlington; 800 more units planned for next 2 years.

■ Over \$750,000 spent for housing improvement since July, 1983 to bring many apartments up to city standards.

## For the Elderly, For Families, For Youth

■ Mayor Sanders received a 1983 Xerox Corp. national award for increasing volunteer efforts in the community.

■ Creation of Project Lifeline, Operation Snowshovel, and the construction of 8 more bus shelters in the last two years.

■ \$35,000 for elderly and handicapped transportation (SSTA).

■ The After School Kids (TASK) program.

■ Daycare center at Memorial Auditorium for 50 children.

■ Youth Employment Program started in 1983 to prevent delinquency, create jobs and training for youth.

■ Reduced bus fares for all city school children.

■ Free self-defense clinics for women.

■ More arts and cultural events **for all ages and incomes**—Winter Festival, Country Music and Jazz Festivals, Battery Park concerts, Neighborhood Festivals, First Night.

■ Free health clinics; emergency shelter for the homeless; and city funding to start a shelter for battered women.

■ \$100,000 city grant for new YMCA pool allowing free use to city residents at certain times.

■ City has created a Task Force on special needs of single parents with young children.

## For Better Police and Fire Protection

■ After comprehensive national searches, new chiefs for the Fire and Police Departments were appointed, one of several positive steps by the city.

■ Police Dept.: **Expanded police protection** with five new officer positions, Old North End and New North End Community Relations Patrols. Increases in police salaries will help keep and attract highly-qualified people.

■ Fire Dept.: Over \$90,000 spent to upgrade vehicles; a new Master Plan has been

outlined to **improve fire protection**; fire safety lessons provided for 3,800 kids and adults in 1984.

■ Smoke alarms now mandatory in apartments, and the Fire Dept. is helping to pay for and distribute free smoke alarms.

## For Decent Streets, Sidewalks, Sewer Systems

■ After years of neglect, our streets and sidewalks are now being repaired. More money was spent on street and sidewalk work last year than in many previous years combined. Over 4.5 miles of our streets were repaired; 3.1 miles of new curbs, and over 2 miles of new sidewalks were installed since the 1983 construction season.

■ The city now has a 7-year cost-effective, prioritized plan to rebuild streets and sidewalks in every Burlington neighborhood.

■ With the passage of the Excavation Fee, utilities digging up streets and sidewalks will have to pay for actual damage they cause.

■ The city also has a 4-year plan and funds to upgrade three sewage treatment plants, stop sewage from backing up into homes, and to dramatically **reduce pollution of the Winooski River and Lake Champlain**.

## For Workers and Business

■ Over \$5 million in federal development grants to create 550 permanent new jobs and generate over \$330,000 in annual taxes.

■ Plan for \$85 million Waterfront development to create over 1,100 new jobs.

■ New department store for downtown coming fall of 1985.

■ New supermarket proposed for downtown neighborhoods.

■ Revitalization efforts in Old North End business district.

■ **Second lowest unemployment rate** for any urban area in America.

■ Small business revolving loan program.

## For Fair Utility Rates

■ Mayor Sanders actively supports a new and equitable electric rate structure which will **lower residential electric rates** in Burlington by 28%.

■ The city has successfully opposed an outrageous 48% increase sought by the telephone company.

■ The Mayor is demanding competitive bidding on cable TV to get lowest rates, best

service possible, and opposing the 90% increase in rates approved by the PSB.

## For Burlington's Quality of Life

■ After 30 years of neglect, there's an environmentally sound plan to **clean up and close the city landfill**.

■ Mayor Sanders vetoed building a costly trash-burning plant in the Intervale which would have been financially disastrous for taxpayers and a potentially serious environmental problem as well.

■ Over 1,100 trees planted in city parks and along streets to replace lost elms.

■ Over \$220,000 in park system improvements in the last two years.

■ Waterfront development plan with museums, over 7 acres of public parks, and waterfront access to all.

■ Construction to start in 1985 on next leg of 6-mile-long bike path along lakeshore.

■ 1985 expansion plan for Perkin's Pier recreation area.

■ Attracting Vermont Reds baseball team.

■ Expanded Fletcher Free Library services; 6,000 new books purchased in 1984.

# The Sanders Record:

- *Leadership*
- *A Dedicated Administration*
- *Cost-Effective Government*
- *A Better Burlington*

**Your Vote is  
Important!**

**Vote Tues. March 5  
for Bernie Sanders!**

*With your continued help and involvement,  
Burlington can keep moving forward.*

Call 658-6654 for a ride to the polls.