

# Time to vote

With seven teams running for the president/vice-presidential positions, the outcome of the council elections is not at all clear.

One thing is for certain, though — no team will have a clear majority on the first ballot.

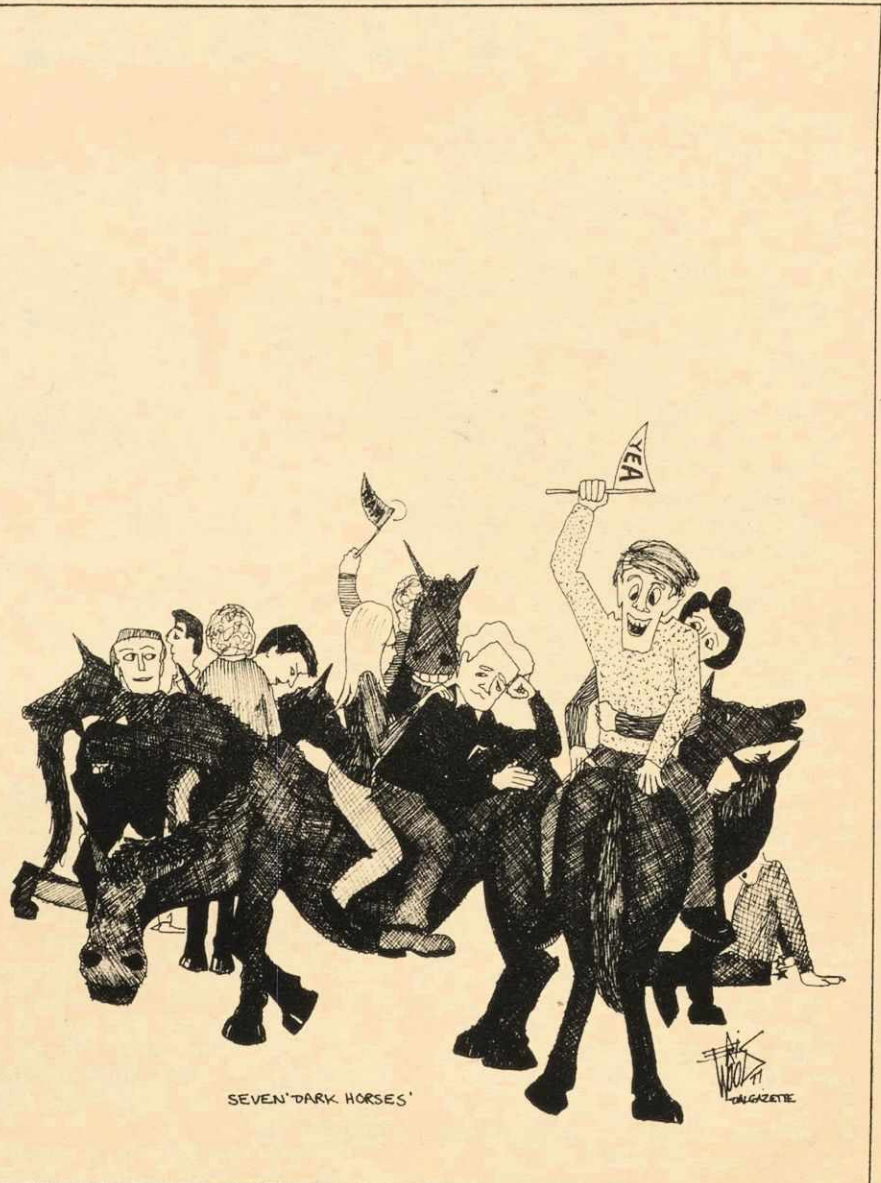
Since a team must have a majority of votes cast, that is over fifty-one per cent of the total vote, possibly the most important consideration of this election is who your second and third choices will be.

Most people chose their candidates on popularity rather than issues. We would hope that after voting for their friends, people will at least consider the various platforms of the other candidates and make a decision based on this. This decision would be who your support would go to, assuming your team was knocked out.

It doesn't take a Dalton Camp, a Keith Davey, or a David Gutnick to figure out that whoever can manage second ballot votes is going to be victorious.

Following traditional voting patterns, it appears that most of the votes come from residences and graduates students. Keeping this in mind, the Gazette guesses that Sampson/Mancini and Greene/Kinley would have a slim lead.

Even though a great deal of interest was shown in the President/Vice-President race, eleven other positions have been filled by acclamation, and nine seats still remain vacant. A lack of proper publicity may account for the shortage of candidates competing for the positions. Whatever the reason, it is a sad situation when most of our council supposedly "representing our interests," hold office without having been elected.



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## Anti Gayzette

### TO THE GAZETTE:

I don't believe it. Are you turning this paper into the Dal Gay-zette? Never have I seen so much attention paid to such a petty issue as the CBC Halifax (CBH) decision against broadcasting G.A.E. (Gay Alliance for Equality) announcements. Almost since the beginning of this school year you have pressed upon us the terrible injustice being brought down upon the fags of Halifax. Who cares? No one I know. That you have made it a National University issue is disgusting, and I applaud the publishers of Ubysey in Van who have rejected your stand. Letters from friends at U.B.C. and McGill have informed me that they are not concerned with this nonsense either.

Are you all on some egotistical trip? ("Look! We have found a topic that hasn't been exploited!") Surely you can find and important issue that needs to be brought to light. Where is your fight to provide adequate housing for students? Where is your investigation into Racial discrimination at Dal? If man/woman was meant to love man/women, none of us would be around to tell the tale; except perhaps Jesus Christ. Apparently his mother was a virgin.

After doing broadcast work at four different radio stations across Canada (none affiliated with the C.B.C.) I can say that demand for gay airtime was negligible. Perhaps this issue has been exploded because the C.B.C. is a government institution. Whatever the issue - fight the government? What kind of strength does that create?

There are always at least two sides to an argument, otherwise there would be no controversy. The reporters of the Gay-zette have failed to show, without bias or sarcasm, the opposite side.

From what I've read of the boycotts, the only persons supporting or caring about the decisions always seem to be a "spokesperson" for some gay or-

ganization. For all I know, it could be the same person every time.

A decade ago, the issue was the fight towards the free use of drugs. Thank God the government didn't back down then. Which reminds me: Where is your investigation concerning drug use? Perhaps you don't realize that it's as serious as it ever was.

Stop supporting a silly bowl of fruits, and start doing some real reporting. Thank-you, Tim Gleason

## Gazette responds

### Editor's Note:

Tim Gleason: This so-called 'petty' issue is a clear-cut case of discrimination as important as discrimination towards Blacks or any other group. It has become a national issue, and it is apparent that more than one spokesperson cares, as Gays across the country are to protest against CBC Radio on February 19.

The Gazette has covered "inadequate housing" before and shall continue to do so in the future. The topic of racial discrimination has been featured prominently in the paper previously and the Gazette has been investigating two incidents of racial discrimination at Dal over the past two weeks. This week we have an article on discrimination against women at Dal.

We have dealt with the problems of Dalhousie Maintenance Workers this year, and through the International, the oppression of people of other parts of the world.

We do not pick one group only and champion their cause; our mandate is to fight all forms of oppression and exploitation whenever and wherever they exist. There is only one issue we have touched.

Our support of the rights of the Gay Alliance for Equality in Halifax is much appreciated by them, and has spurred others across the country to fight for their deserved equal rights.

Your use of the terms such as 'fruits' and 'fags' shows the immaturity and narrow-mindedness that too many people possess. If you believe in the equality of people then you must believe in the equality of all people, whether they be Black, White, Oriental, European, French, English, male, female, heterosexual or gay.

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