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73-72 and at "X" there was silence. . .

EDITORIAL —

Student Council Election - an Analysis

This year's elections have created more interest than the ones that have been held in the recent past. For the first time in recent years nearly all posts are to be contested. There is even some interest in contests for posts president. We have published a list of these people and we urge the electorate to seek out these candidates and question them on their ideas before casting your ballot.

Some disturbing trends are developing in the campaigns for student council positions. Candidates for council posts are aligning themselves with one or the other of the slates for the president and vice-president and actively campaigning for these people. We do not have a party system here at Dalhousie and the idea of groups forming even before the elections augurs for a dictatorial president if his group is elected.

The idea of these pre-election groups smacks of patronage and promises given for support offered, and these possibilities are repugnant. The Hillis - Major ticket have gotten the jump on their opponents in their campaign, they had copies of their platform and other propaganda at the Ian and Sylvia concert and distributed free soft drinks at the Ball on the Mall. The

ticket seems to be trying to capitalize on Bill Buntain's athletic feats with a huge poster at the rink for the Carnival hockey game. The Herrndorf - Buntain ticket are using maturity, responsibility, and experience as their slogans, an obvious plug for their graduate school positions.

The two platforms submitted for our perusal are not violently different from many campaign promises we have heard from past candidates, they contain the usual items about the SUB, Dal-Kings, an item for our foreign students and some changes in council. Each platform has a few innovations. The Herrndorf ticket promises a wider representation on council and the Hillis ticket talks about investing some of our excess funds with professional assistance. Both ideas have some merit, but both have inherent drawbacks.

The question we must answer before we vote, is not who has the best platform, but which men will be able to fulfill at least some of their promises and investigate the many other areas of concern on our campus, not mentioned in their platforms.

Both presidential candidates appear to be running the whole show with not too much con-

sultation with their running mates. It should be noted that it is not necessary to vote for a ticket in this election and we may vote in either man for president and either man for vice-president. Indeed last year's council produced this result. We

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HOUSING ON BRASS TACKS

Following closely on the heels of the decision to provide better student housing facilities, the council has begun the actual work involved.

In his proposal to instigate a Student Housing programme Del Warren suggested that the Dalhousie Women's Club be approached to handle the project.

The Council, represented by President George Cooper and member-at-large Del Warren, presented the request to the Dalhousie Women's Club. As outlined the project would entail having Club members advertise for student housing facilities, contact prospective landlords to ascertain their restrictions and receive a pledge not to discriminate among students because of race, color or religion. This would be followed by an inspection of the facilities by Club members.

The cost of the operation, Council estimates at \$300. This cost would be underwritten by the Student Council.

This estimate differs greatly from that of Presidential nominee Peter Herrndorf who says the project will cost almost \$2,000. In commenting on this estimate Del Warren said "Herrndorf is . . . out in left field."

While the Club members seemed sympathetic toward the project, they questioned their ability to handle it in so far as it would have to begin about August 16th at which time many were burdened by their youngsters, home for summer holidays.

The proposed plan was left with the club members to be discussed again at their March meeting.

WINTER

Carnival '64 Carnival '65

It's all over the last paper plane has hit the stage, the last chair is put away, a queen has been chosen and the winter carnival committee sleeps.

A success, in some respects yes, in others no.

The Torchlight Parade was a repeat success of last year despite route problems with city traffic officials and Neptune presented their usual excellent production in "Diary of a Scoundrel".

The Ice Show started late and ended late and many now wish it had not gone on at all. It was a series of unfortunate incidents which kept the show from gaining the magic plane it found last year.

The Ball at the Mall, also suffered from a number of problems, not the least of which was sound equipment. Not a smashing success but everyone at least enjoyed the evening.

West Indian Carnivals have gained a place in Winter Carnival with a repeat by the West Indian Society of top steel band music dance, this year with the Raindrops as an added attraction.

The Talent Show will be remembered by many of THE highlight of Carnival '64. The competition was won by THE HENCHMEN from UNB but even the losers received great rounds of praise.

Saturday was a day of fun despite cancellation of the snow-bowl game and the dismal weather. As the clock struck twelve two games had been lost to Mount "A", there was a winner in the Piston Prix and most had seen why Ian and Sylvia are recognized as top international artists.

Winter Carnival '64 not perfect but still a lot of fun!

Over, including the shouting. Winter Carnival for Dal has slipped back into the world of magic from whence it came.

Magic, well maybe not as much as last year but still it was a week of fun and entertainment.

But, the cards seemed stacked against carnival. It was not until Saturday and the end of the Carnival that snow arrived and even then it made driving so treacherous many stayed away from the Ian and Sylvia concert.

Maybe the Student Council stacked the deck in appointing Dave Major as Chairman when he did not want the job. Maybe it was George Harris in his uninformed diatribe against the Carnival. Maybe it was lack of support, or bad luck but seldom could the carnival achieve the magic plane it knew last year.

What the problem, where the problem and why the problem faces the committee now. A Winter Carnival '65? Maybe!

It depends upon a decision by the student body if the Carnival is worthy at the time and effort required to stage it. It depends upon having someone come forward to take over as head of the committee. It depends upon finding people to be the committee and man the hundreds of posts that are part of Winter Carnival. But, it ultimately rests on student support.

The post-mortem now begins. Winter Carnival can be bigger and better. How? Those on the inside can see some of the problems. You on the outside can probably see more. Write them down and send them to the Gazette and if you see the solutions send them along too.

Winter Carnival is in your hands!

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Hear Election Candidates

Room 21,

12:30, Thursday

Notice to Voters

The procedure for elections, to be held February 14th, 1964, is as follows:

All students must vote at their respective faculty booths. They will be located as follows:

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| Arts, Pre-Law, Fine Arts, Nursing - A & A Bldg. Main Hall | Commerce - A & A Bldg. Second Floor |
| Science and Engineering - Dunn Bldg. Main Hall | Education and Pharmacy - Education Bldg. |
| Law - Law Building | Dentistry and Dental Hygiene - Dental Building |
| Physiotherapy & Medicine - Forrester Building | Graduate Students - With respective faculties. |

Lists of eligible voters will be found in your respective buildings. Please check these lists now and make the necessary corrections.

Karen Price,
Chairman, Elections
Committee.