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Election Feb. 9 Howe residents enthusiastic

Election time is approaching at Dalhousie and the first balloting will take place at Howe Hall, on February 9, at noon. Past contests have created all too little excitement (nine of eleven positions last year were filled by acclamation!) but this year promises a spirited campaign.

All but two of Howe Hall's Residence Council positions are being contested. The reason for this increased interest seems to be the fact that only one incumbent, the Treasurer, is going up for

The Presidency seems to be the most coveted position, and since Peter Bloham, this year's Chief Executive, is leaving Dal, the office is "up for grabs". No fewer than four candidates have offered for Peter's office. The present Secretary Ron Layden has competition from Allan Fairhurst and Brian Manning, both second year Science and Brad McGill, second year Administrative Studies.

Jim Traverse is not re-offering as Vice-President and the post has three hopefuls. Blair Brewer, second year Commerce and Bob MacKenzie and Malcolm Boyd, both second year Science, are all trying for Vice-President.

One of the two uncontested positions on Residence Council is Secretary, and Brian Roussie will fill this by acclamation.

Joel Rose is offering for reelection as Treasurer with Laurie McNeil challenging him for the office. Both are second year Science people.

The post of Sports Rep. is being vacated by Buzz Turnbull. His place will be contested by Don Jackson, a first year Science student and Tom Butts who is in his fourth year of a Science program.

One interesting position is the Howe Hall representative on Student Council. Two candidates, Andras Vamos, a first year Arts student, and Gerald MacKinlay, in his second year of Commerce, will campaign for this important position.

The rest of the seats on Residence Council are filled by the House Presidents. There will be battles in all Houses except BronRESIDENT VICE PRES SEC TRES SPORTS REI BROMEON PLES 111:001 in we was

son and Studley. In Henderson there is a three-way fight between

John Maynard, Fred Fergus and Phil Dubinsky. Cameron House also has three offering. They are Leo Peniera, Doug Johnson and John Kirkpatrick. In Smith House Stewart Ferguson and Gord Mc-Lennan will oppose each other. In Bronson Dave D'Arcy is in by acclamation, and in Studley it is Eric Miller as next year's President.

Issues are the vital part of any election campaign. This year, in Howe Hall, issues are few and far between. The abolition of "special doubles" (single size rooms with double occupancy) will be one major topic. Improvement and / or reduction in cost of laundry facilities is the only other issue in the campaign.

Aside from these two questions here seem to be three probable actors which will determine the outcome of balloting on the 9th of February:

- Popularity of candidates. 1.
- 2 His level of support from the House he lives in.
- 3. The quality of individual campaigns.

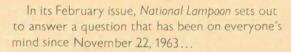
To predict a winner in any of the contests is impossible. The candidates who combine the above three factors best will be sitting on Residence Council next year.

Nominations open

Nominations are now open for all student council positions, and for the positions of student representatives on the Senate and Board of Governors. The deadline for nominations is Monday, February 7 at 5 pm.

Council elections will be held on

referendum for the election date. The Dalhousie Gazette would like the student population to determine whether or not they would like an autonomous Dalhousie Gazette. (See last week's editorial). Only council may determine if this will happen.







February 16 for these positions. At the same time referenda will be held to determine the student union membership in the National Union of Students (NUS) and the Atlantic Federation of Students (AFS/FEA)

Council will decide Sunday night whether or not to allow a third

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work.

One of the Student Council members said that, "The NS Tourist Industry has been lobbying the government to keep the wages down." It was said that small businesses were also encouraging the government on this issue.

Graduate students who are working on the Public Service Commission receive twice the amount as

At press time few people had announced their candidacy for positions. However the Gazette has heard from reliable sources that there will be at least 3 and possibly up to 6 teams running for the presidential and vice-presidential ticket.

graduate students with the same qualifications working on the projects.

Projects, including successful ones, cannot be duplicated on consecutive summers. They must not create a community dependency that will cease to receive response at the termination of Young Canada Works funding. Students want the programs to last the full year so that full time jobs would be provided. "The government committment to providing summer services to communities is not very strong.'

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