

## Hill is confident he will win

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"A Liberal vote in this constituency is a wasted vote. The only person that can beat Terry Donahoe is me."

Tim Hill, third year Dalhousie law student and former student union president at Dalhousie and St. Mary's, is confident that he can defeat Education Minister Terry Donahoe in the upcoming provincial election.

New Democratic party candidate Hill says the student vote is essential if he is to succeed.

"Since the last election where we were close, the Liberals have had three years of Sandy Cameron as leader which hurt them," says Hill. "Our calculations show that if stu-

dents vote we will get rid of the Minister of Education Terry Donahoe."

He says he is concerned about the state of education in this province and says students now have a chance to do something about it.

"If students do not vote then there will be large cuts in education funding, student aid and problem areas like housing will escalate," says Hill. He says that if students don't vote "students will have only themselves to blame."

Hill says the present Conservative government is not concerned about education or the students in this province.

"Obviously, the government views education as a burden to the treasury at worst, and a political football at best," says Hill.

Recently, Donahoe promised \$10

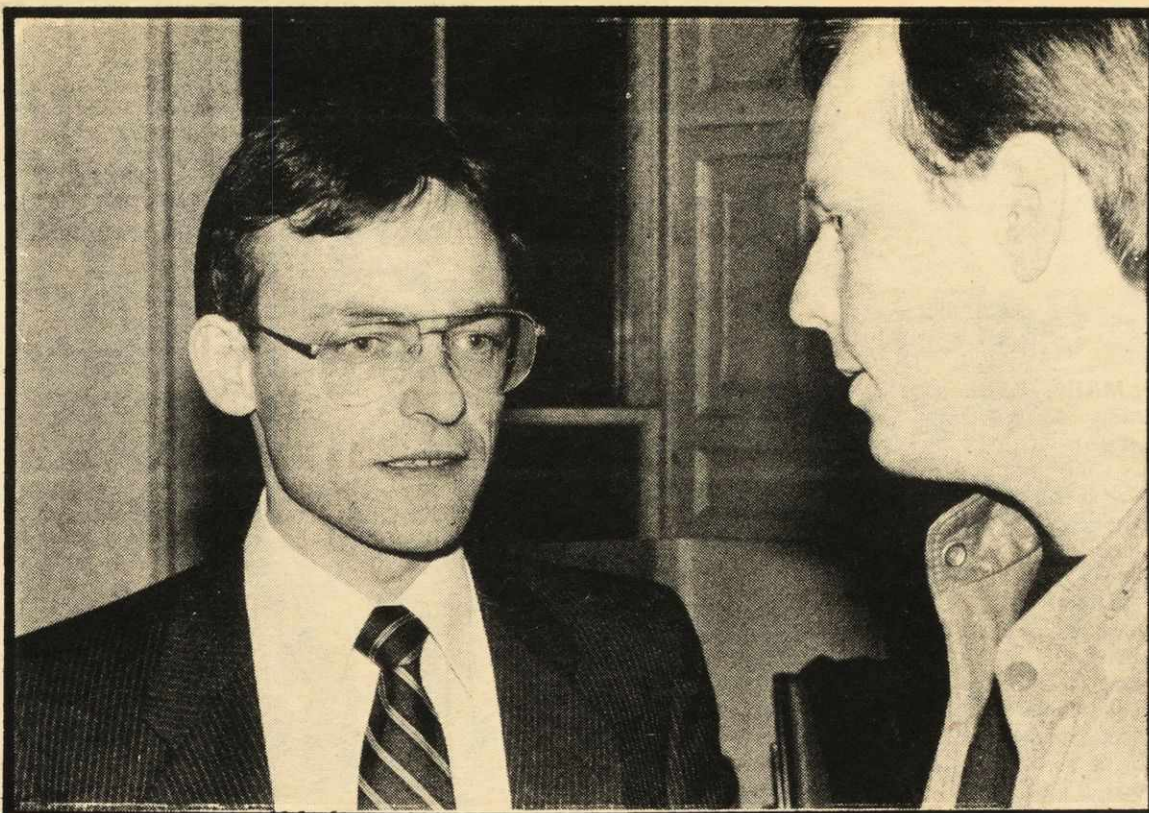


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million over the next five years to Dalhousie's capital fund drive. Hills says he questions a government that announces cutbacks for years and then increases funding during an election campaign. To Hill, this is opportunistic.

"New Democrats believe education is the key to future growth and development of our people and economy. Planning and commitment to our most important resource can't wait any longer."

As a New Democrat, Hill says he is also concerned about the housing shortage in Halifax. He says this is an issue that affects both students and people from low income groups.

The recent government announcement to provide funds for student accommodation is an election gimmick, said Hill. Only the NDP, says Hill, has fought for tenants' rights. He says more has to be done to protect tenants from a minority of landlords who take advantage of the low vacancy rate.

Hill says he will fight for policies that will emphasize the construction of new housing, with an emphasis on cooperative housing, a

strong rent review system, a standard lease which clearly spells out the duties of landlord and tenants, security of tenants from eviction and the right of tenants to deduct the cost of necessary repairs from the rent.

"New Democrats are looking out for tenants' rights and affordable housing in this campaign and will carry on the fight in the legislature after the election."

Besides carrying the education portfolio, conservative MLA Donahoe is also responsible for the Status of Women.

Hill says he is not satisfied with Donahoe's performance and he says existing legislation needs to be re-evaluated.

It's a problem when women students graduate and face a society that pays them, on the average, 60¢ for every dollar a man earns for the same job, said Hill. □

## Godsoe joining in on the education bandwagon

By CHARLENE SADLER

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Dale Godsoe, Liberal candidate for Halifax-Cornwallis, says she's upset that the conservative government under John Buchanan are acting as if there were no issues in the Nov. 6 provincial election.

"In campaigning I found that people do want to talk," says Godsoe. She says the people of Nova Scotia are concerned about issues like unemployment, lack of housing in Halifax and increased accessibility to post-secondary education.

With changes to the election act allowing students to vote Godsoe can't afford to ignore education issues in her campaign for office. She's running against education minister Terry Donahoe and former student leader Tim Hill.

A much higher priority should be placed on post-secondary education, says Godsoe. She says university is important as it trains youth to be analytical, to be thinkers and society's future leaders.

"Life-long learning sums up what university is all about," says Godsoe.

In keeping with this philosophy Godsoe is advocating increased subsidies for adults returning to university after spending time in the work force.

She also sees room for improvement in other areas that affect students.

Godsoe says that students should be notified in advance of the amount of student aid they will receive so they can plan for the academic year rather than being surprised come September or October.

She's also talking a lot about summer employment for students.

Godsoe says a part-time apprenticeship through the winter that would turn full-time during the summer months and after graduation is just one solution to the problems.

Godsoe believes that her experience as a junior high school teacher and as chair of the Halifax School Board give her practical

insights into the existing problems with education.

Like her opponents in this campaign Godsoe is encouraging students to vote.

"In the previous provincial election it was found that many students were not enumerated," says Godsoe. "And the best way for students to make a statement is to vote."

# For Student Power Vote on November 6th

## When You Vote, People Listen!

For students, this election is a unique opportunity for us to flex our political muscle, to remind politicians that education matters and that students have a say in the way this province should be governed. In this riding, especially, students could change the balance of power.

And the politicians seem to be getting the message. People and parties who have never shown concern about our needs have suddenly started listening.

So take advantage of the opportunity. Get out and vote on November 6. Demonstrate that we mean what we say.