

editorial

Candidates not worth voting for?

October 18 is scheduled as the fall election date for 78 and already it looks like the trend of the past few years is going to be repeated. While some seats are being contested, the majority of candidates for other positions look like they'll slide in by acclamation. A few, the Vice-President External and Internal, Computer Science Rep and Grad Student Rep have to be kept open another week in the hopes of having someone contest for the positions or even apply for it.

The way we see it here at the Bruns, you students deserve anything you get. Despite the assertions of many that both the student representative council and other student positions are less than worthless, we feel differently. Certainly, some of the positions are ineffectual, but the blame cannot all be laid at one person's door, that of the representative. But you, the people who elected him or her (or

as is in many cases didn't elect) are also at fault. For failing to really find out what the candidates have to offer, for failing to care enough to inquire if that information wasn't handed to you on a platter and for failing to get out and VOTE for someone you think will do the job.

We are tired of hearing well, "we're not voting because we don't think any of the candidates are worth it". Even the most limited intelligence can see the paradox in a situation like that. If the candidates are not worth it, it is up to you to find out why, to demand that candidates offer what you want them to. By not voting you are not saying "I don't agree with any of the candidates, but rather "I'm a fool and I'll let anyone get in".

The fact is that someone has to fill those positions. If they don't then it is not the administration who suffers but you.

Although representatives may be quiet about their dealings this does not necessarily mean that they are doing nothing although in some cases they are not, but rather the student has failed to find out WHAT they are doing.



Simply their presence in such organizations as the Senate and the Board of Governors means an important and vital link has been forged in a chain of circumstances which can and will affect every undergraduate and graduate on this campus.

While one or two people may not mean the difference between a particular motion going through or not, it does mean that the knowledge is available and can, and has, been acted upon.

We are not here to condemn students for apathy, a word we feel is obsolete, but rather to impress on students the necessity

of taking an interest in those who represent them. Because those people could be your only hope when the going gets tough in university. Don't tell us that what student representatives do doesn't affect you. The very freedom you now enjoy is the result of many long years of effort on the part of former student representatives.

All we can say is don't come crying to us about "shortened library hours and increased tuition and the myriad of other events which could plausibly happen because of your own disinterest.

GET OUT AND VOTE OCTOBER 18, FOR YOUR OWN GOOD.