

Mayorality candidates debate the issues

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the direction in which the council should lead and deal with the present situation. The councillors must also respect each other."

In an interview McGuire was asked about the welfare cuts proposal that came before council last summer. Had it been accepted, all able-bodied single men between 16 and 46 would have been removed from the welfare rolls.

"I rejected the concept of leaving these people off the welfare rolls. Unemployment is part of an economic condition

and isn't due to people not willing to work," said McGuire.

"The problem is how to find jobs for people. If they can't find work, then the community as a whole must assist these people through a very trying time."

In the past year, many campaigns have been waged against slum landlords. There is a Halifax by-law that deals with poor housing conditions — Ordinance 135. Fitzgerald, Chairman of the Halifax County Residential Tenancies Board, stated that effecting this law is the minimum that can be done.

"The Board can enforce above 135 but it is a complicated process. We must do it by withholding rent and by ordering the landlord to do things or a rental reduction will take place.

"THE LANDLORD WHO IS FORCED TO DO such things would probably appeal it. Therefore we're limited. We

can enforce 135 if it comes to our attention, by an inspection and withholding rent until certain things are done.

Thus the ordinance should be changed slightly and a general improvement in substandard housing could be brought up immediately. One of the problems is that residents don't complain because they are

afraid that rents will be raised when conditions are improved. This can all be overcome by subsidizing them."

There are about two weeks of campaigning left before the October 20 election. The candidates are expected to participate in at least three more encounter sessions before that time.

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Open
Letter to*

*University Students
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It is my belief that candidates for public office have the primary commitment to encourage all eligible voters to cast their ballots. In doing so, you are honouring your responsibility to yourselves and to others.

With the lowering of the voting age, you are now able to participate directly in public affairs. Your views will carry their justified weight in decision-making and your counsel will be of great benefit to candidates perceptive enough to value your opinions.

I sincerely hope you will examine the issues and assess the qualities of candidates who will deal with the problems of governing our community. It is wide participation that brings improvements in government, particularly so when an informed public makes its views known in the media and at the ballot box.

In soliciting your support, I welcome an examination of my program and experience in civic affairs. You are invited to visit or call my campaign office at 422-8477 for information on my civic policies and for transportation on election day.

Sincerely,

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Alderman - Ward 2

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