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M&Ms are good. Very good. Besides, they get to star in TV commercials with famous actors. That's why I picked the red one. On TV, you've got to be either him or the yellow peanut guy. But talking M&Ms are definitely great. Have you ever seen a Mars bar talk on TV? I didn't think so.

6) The societies on campus, along with the Members at Large, represent the entire student body at Dal. I don't think that all students are aware of the fact that they have representation on the DSU. A successful student union needs to be active and visible.

As VP Internal, it would be largely my job to make sure the Union is visible to students. I spoke earlier of some of my plans to increase communication with the student body. I think that being visible and available to students is the best way to get them involved. The DSU can be of little value to students if they aren't aware of what it can do for them.

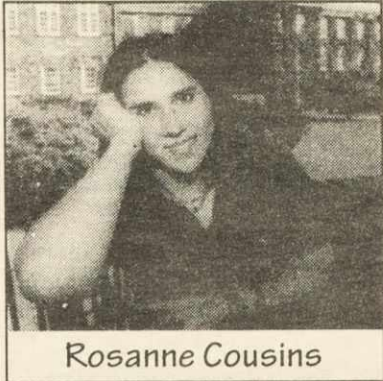
7) If I don't win this election, I still want to be involved with the DSU. This involvement will likely come in the form of joining committees. If I don't get this job, I will have to find another and that along with school will take up most of my time. I've always been involved in many activities, though, so I should still have time to contribute to the DSU in some way. Winning, though, would make the DSU my job so that I could have the time available to commit to working for it.

VP Community Affairs ROSANNE COUSINS

1. This job suits me, it's where my strengths lie; leadership, organizing events, working with a team to reach a goal. After an experience like being Orientation Week Coordinator I feel like I have become more in tune with the workings of the DSU and I'd really like to contribute on a bigger scale. I like planning events for students to enjoy and having their help in doing so. My philosophy is GET INVOLVED and I have practiced that every day with all of the things I am and have been involved with, such as being president of the Student Association of Health and Human Performance (SAHHPer), Tiger Patrol, SUB staff, Dal Rowing Club, and Residence Council. Being at university is not just about class and grades, it is about enjoying the whole experience and I would like to create opportunities for everyone to do just that.

I believe that Dalhousie is a strong community within Halifax and we have more power than we really know. We need to harness our energy and power and put it to positive use here in Halifax. I believe I can be a great Vice-President of Community Affairs because I've got the experience, leadership, organization, and positive attitude. That's what it takes!

2. Although these issues do not fall under the portfolio of Community Affairs in a direct way I realize their importance. Students want an environment where they feel like their education is a priority. A university should offer the education first and



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foremost but a university experience is made of so much more than classes and projects. University is about building yourself as an individual and discovering interests. Students want fair tuition, interaction with professors, a focus on the quality of education, and support from the government in doing so.

3. There's no better way of getting people what they want than by having them help with the process. I believe in a team environment, in sharing opinions and implementing suggestions. If there is an idea or event that students want to see happen, for sure they can come to me and we'll make it happen together!!

4. Services that I would be able to provide as VPSA would be aiding societies in raising money and organizing events. Communication is very important and I think that keeping in touch with students, perhaps via a comment board in the SUB lobby, would help the council attend to issues more quickly. Improving on services we already provide is a good place to start.

5. Cadbury Astros — you've got cookie, you've got chocolate, you've got a candy coating. Good all the way to the core. Looks pretty good on the outside but wait till you get to the middle.

6. By getting out and making myself approachable and so everyone knows who I am as well as the rest of the exec. I think that there are too many people who don't know who the executive are and don't feel like they can introduce themselves. It's our job to make ourselves approachable and let people know who we are. The DSU and its services are not useful if no one knows about them or how to get involved.

7. Hop on a plane to Australia and learn to play the digereedoo! I'm so not joking!

VP Community Affairs KATHLEEN TERROUX

1. I love it here at Dal!! I've had a lot of fun meeting new people and organizing events as president of the Dal Undergraduate Neuroscience Society, and I've gained a lot of experience being involved on DSU committees. I really enjoy fundraising and organizing events, and I think that this is a great opportunity for me to provide students with the well rounded experience they are looking for. Most of all, I'm looking forward to getting as many students involved on campus and in our community as possible!

2. a) Students want to know that when they graduate that they will have received a well rounded education in which they have learned practical

skills that are directly applicable to their future careers. Students also want to know that their experiences at university will be positive and rewarding ones.

b) I believe we want to feel secure in the knowledge that we are receiving a high standard of education at a reasonable cost.

c) Students are concerned that they will not graduate with extensive debt loads, and that their views and concerns are adequately voiced at all levels of government

3. As VP Community Affairs I will work towards ensuring that students have the opportunity to participate in events and activities which will provide them with a well rounded education. I will also ensure that students are well informed about the opportunities that are available to them. Hopefully my enthusiasm for Dal will be contagious, and other students will realize how great our community is and how much it has to offer everyone on campus.

4. Dal has such a large off campus community that many students feel lost in the crowd. I would like to increase Dal spirit by getting students more involved in organizing DSU events. Starting the year off with a 'Welcome Back' event for returning students, I will let them know that they are still an important part of the community. I would also like to initiate a cross campus charity challenge next year in which local businesses will match the highest amount of money raised by a society. I will also work with the Student Volunteer Bureau in order to make it more visible and accessible to students.

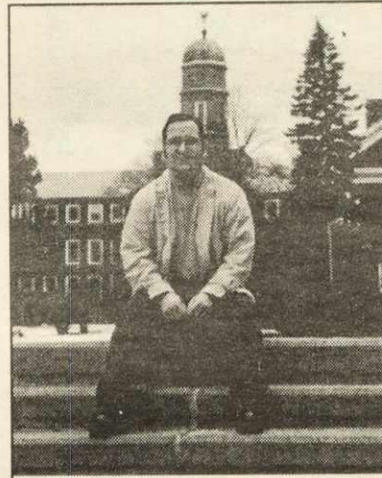
5. If I were a chocolate bar, I would be a Kit Kat. Why? I really like the wrapper, it's a simple design that catches your attention. I used the wrapper as a model when I was designing my banners. It says "I'm confident because I'm the best chocolate bar I can be". I also like the name because it starts with a 'K' like mine :)

6. I will work with the community affairs committee to increase council participation at DSU events. By increasing council support of our own events we will increase students participation at them, and in doing so increase school spirit.

7. If I lose I will have learned a lot from this opportunity and will have met a lot of interesting people. I love it here at Dal, and there are so many opportunities to get involved on campus that I am sure I'll continue helping out as much as I can, doing my best to get students involved.

VP Student Advocacy MARK GALLEY

1) This should be the first question each Candidate asks themselves before they decide to run. Why do they want to do this? When I considered this question for myself there were a couple of things that were the deciding factors. Student Advocacy has always been something I have had an interest in, which is why I ran for Senate last year. My



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experience from Senate this year has been very positive and I have enjoyed being part of it, which was the main reason for my deciding to run for the position of Student Advocacy. Student Advocacy is something that I have experience in, hopefully if elected I can use the position to make a difference in those areas of concern to students.

2a) Students are looking to their education to provide them with the knowledge and experience to do the things they are interested in when they leave University. It's this experience and education that allows the University Grad to either continue their education at the Grad school level or (as some of us are avoiding!) enter the work force.

b) Students are looking to their University to provide a quality Education but also the valuable experience whether it is Academic or extracurricular. One of the most important things students are looking for from their University is affordable education. It is the responsibility of the University to make the cost of an education as affordable as possible. The University must look at other ways of balancing its budget other than simply raising tuition fees.

c) The most important role of the Government is to ensure the a post secondary education is accessible to all. The main barrier to education is the high cost of education and the increased burden on student debt. Government should be putting pressure on University to control the

tuition increases but should also be increasing its funding to the universities and student loan programs.

3) The key to getting students what they want is to know what students want. The goal here is to as mentioned in my platform is to bring student advocacy to the students. There are many ways to do this, some of which are mentioned below. Office hours on different parts of the campus, meeting with the larger societies are but a few examples. Once you have the concerns of students you can lobby the appropriate group whether it be The University or Government.

4) As part of my Platform one thing that I would like to implement for not only the VP Student Advocacy Position but all positions is Office hours at the Daltech Campus. Currently the VP Internal is the only position that is required to have office hours at Daltech. If each position would set aside a couple of hours a week for Office hours at Daltech it would have a very positive impact on the availability of the DSU to those students from Lower Campus.

5) I'm going to have to be different and pick something that's not a chocolate bar or candy, I'm going to pick Animal Crackers. Why Animal Crackers, well its because of a good friend of mine. No matter how bad a day she has had Animal Crackers always make her smile!

6) The position of V.P. Student Advocacy is unique in the fact that it's role is to lobby for student rights both Internally within Dalhousie and Externally to the Provincial and Federal Governments. This position and its goals such as lower interest rates and a student loan program that is designed with students in mind will be useful for years after they leave University.

7) If not elected to the position I would have to see what other opportunities were available whether they are with the DSU or other aspects of Dalhousie.

SENATE REP. CANDIDATES

Senate Representative TONYA FLOOD

1. For the opportunity to be involved in decision making for issues that affect our education and our university.

2. a) Skills that prepare them for work and for life.

b) A strong national reputation.

c) Funding support for education and for programs to assist students in moving into the workplace.

3. I will provide a voice within Senate for the issues that matter to students

4. I just can't picture myself as a candy bar!

5. Through active discussion in the Senate of the concerns students have about their education and their university.

Senate Representative CHRYSTAL MCAULEY

1) I have been involved with the DSU since arriving at DAL 2 years ago. I believe I have the capability to represent the concerns of students well, and I enjoy taking an active role with governing bodies. Of all the positions, I believe that I would have the most impact as a member of the Senate.

2) a. I think students want an education that means more than the piece of paper they get at the end. I think students want security, knowing that their degree has prepared them for a career and an everchanging workforce.

b. I believe students expect universities to provide them with an open atmosphere, where diversity is considered a strength, not a