

Owen, CKDU sweep Dal elections



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Winning candidates Owen and Champion with campaign manager Geldart

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A walkover, a sweet vote of approval and two tight races.

That was the conclusion Wednesday night after one of the smallest voter turnouts in Dalhousie student council history elected the team of Gord Owen as president and Jeff Champion as vice-president.

The Owen-Champion team received 909 votes while 192 went to the team of Jim Enman and Brad Wicks who had entered only because of an election rule which

prohibits the president and vice-president from getting in by acclamation.

They had earlier declared they would resign if elected.

Sandra Zed was elected Board of Governors representative over Gordon Neal by a vote of 674 to 449 and Graham Wells was placed on the Gazette-Publishing Board with 583 votes to the 420 received by Tom Regan.

All of the other council positions had earlier been filled by acclamation.

In the controversial CKDU plebiscite 673 students voted

to have CKDU expand its facilities with possible FM licensing, 321 expressed their desire to have CKDU maintain its present level of services and 128 asked that it be discontinued as a student council operation.

Though the election for president and vice-president was in real terms a one-team contest, Owen seemed relieved as he celebrated his and Champion's victory in the Grawood afterward, noting there was "always the possibility something might go wrong."

He said the biggest

problem facing students at Dalhousie is that tuition is rising while the quantity and quality of services students receive is declining.

Through working with the Student Union of Nova Scotia, the National Union of Students and the Dalhousie administration, he said he would attempt to deal with this problem.

Owen said he is personally in favour of the expansion of CKDU and that because of CKDU's positive plebiscite vote the next step is to find out how much CKDU's FM proposal will cost.

A referendum to see if students want to finance this proposal is likely to be held this fall, he said.

Improving council publicity and preparing for student orientation this fall are other priorities, Owen added.

Dick Matthews, who passes the student council presidency on to Owen on May 1, said he had "no doubts at anytime about Owen and Champion winning."

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Regarding the CKDU plebiscite, Matthews said now that Dalhousie students have supported CKDU's expansion he would begin a more detailed investigation of the proposal.

Chief Electoral Office Gil Whitehouse said he had expected a greater voter turnout than 17 of Dalhousie students.

Asked if he was surprised the Enman-Wicks president-vice-presidential team received 192 votes, he replied, "no, I'm not surprised by the Dal student mentality that got them that much success."

He particularly criticized the Law School, where the greatest Enman-Wicks vote was cast, for not realizing they were not running a serious campaign.

Neil Erskine of CKDU said everyone at the radio station was very happy their FM proposal was supported by the plebiscite.

He said a committee would be hopefully set up at the next student council meeting to look into the future of CKDU.

Tech facing national censure

by John DeMont

The Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) has taken the initial step towards censuring the president and Board of Governors of the Nova Scotia Technical College over the dismissal of Professor John Goodfellow, a tenured professor of mathematics, it was announced Tuesday by Doctor Victor W. Simm, the Associate executive director of CAUT.

Censure is one of the severest forms of sanction available to the academic community to express their disapproval of the practices of an educational institution.

Professor Goodfellow received official notice of his dismissal on October 29, 1979, effective immediately. He had

been registered to teach three courses during the fall term at Nova Scotia Tech., but when the class schedule was issued he found his name was not present and his classes had been designated to other instructors. No reason was given for his dismissal.

The Academic Freedom and Tenure committee of the association meeting in Ottawa on January 25 and 26, voted to recommend to the CAUT board that the college be censured. If the recommendation is approved, the matter will be debated at the annual CAUT meeting in May.

In a press release CAUT said that the college is in direct violation of CAUT guidelines covering the dismissal of faculty members which are now recognized by virtually every degree granting college and university in Canada.

Procedure for dismissal in the Tech constitution is somewhat arbitrary. Professor Goodfellow says that it is strictly a matter of interpretation. The censure is only an attempt by CAUT to set out procedures which they would like us to follow."

The main effects of a censure, according to Saint Mary's professor Arthur Monahan, the former CAUT representative in the area, are

felt over the long run. "It is a public statement that the particular university is not in good standing in the university community. It is a type of moral suasion which will hurt their public relations in the long run."

Dr. Clair Callaghan, NSTC president, sees a censure as an attempt by CAUT to impose their procedures on Tech. "Tech followed Goodfellow's dismissal exactly as it is set out in Tech's constitution and adds "if they can see it (grounds for dismissal) in there, no one else can."

Goodfellow was provided with an opportunity to appear before the executive committee but declined to do so. The reason for this was that he felt little could be achieved.

He says that he was advised by the faculty association at NSTC and by CAUT not to appear. "Neither I nor they had confidence that it would be an impartial hearing," he says.

Goodfellow says his future course of action remains to be

seen. The NSTU has yet to respond to the pressures being brought against it; including petitions from students as well as both the Engineering and Architecture faculties. He says that he has a couple of possibilities legally. "The faculty will soon

be certified as unionized and I gather that they will put this on the bargaining table as an unsettled grievance."

CAUT are also advisors for the NSTC faculty which unanimously voted for unionization and is anticipating official certification any day now.

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