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# Spring Elections

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President Vice President Treasurer Chair Secretary DSU Arts Reps (2) Arts Rep for DSS Member at large

Nominations are open from 4 p.m., March 10 until 4 p.m., March 24, 1997. Elections will be held March 26, at 5 p.m., in Council Chambers in the SUB. All students registered in Arts or Social Science program are eligible to vote. Nomination forms are available at the SUB info desk and in room 314 (DAS/DSS office of the SUB. For more information, please contact the ERO, Tony Caldwell at 494-1313.

### NSPIRG-DAL ELECTIONS

The Board of Directors of the Nova Scotia Public Interest Research Group at Dalhousie (NSPIRG-Dal) for the upcoming year will be elected on March 25th and 26th. All full-time Dalhousie students are eligible to vote.

This organization is student funded (i.e. You pay for it, so vote) and (mostly) student directed, and works on social justice and environmental issues. Currently there are six working groups at PIRG: Ecoaction, Food Issues, Humans Against Homophobia (HAH), People for Animal Welfare (PAW), Students Against Second-hand Smoke (SASS) and the Women's Health Collective. There is also the Organic Food Co-op and the Organic Community Garden

The Board of Directors work on a consensus basis to carry out the administrative work of the organization. They set the budget, make decisions on project proposals, initiate research projects, give support to working groups when needed, perform outreach activities and do whatever else is necessary to keep the wheels of social justice humming along.

There are nine board positions available: one community member and eight Dalhousie students. This year, one of the positions will possibly be shared between two of the candidates.

If you want to find out more about NSPIRG, drop by our office in SUB 315.

### **Deborah Bakker**

Deborah Bakker was on the board of directors in 1996/1997 and focused on the outreach portfolio.

### Carolyn Brown

One of my reasons for wanting to be on the NSPIRG board of directors: "Because as far as I'm concerned, if you're not trying to make something better you are just in the way." (Ani DiFranco)

### **Tania Trepanier**

I am a graduate student in the Interuniversity Women's Studies MA program.

As a board member, I would support and encourage stu-

dents to get involved, contribute to the existing working groups and form new ones. I am particularly interested in encouraging the formation of working groups around issues of multiculturalism and anti-racism.

Working for social justice and environmental issues has always been a part of my experience as a student, and I want it to be the experience of as many students as possible, so that commitments to these issues will extend beyond the university campus. I want to make the university a place of activism where we can make connections with communities on many

N.B. Carolyn and Tania will be sharing the board position if elected: Tania for the first six months,

Carolyn for the second.



### **Catherine Craig**

HeY aLL!! they gave me this s p a c e to say whatever has to be said and although i'm not too

sure what they think i should say, i definitely know that i don't have enough space to say it in. to sum thing up - PIRG is pretty damn cool and i'm running for the board of directors to get involved with all the great stuff that PIRG people do. i'll leave you with some spiritual stuff to reflect on: "everyone is happy with a big red balloon" (wise words of piglet).

## Kathy Jollimore

Hey, my name's Kathy Jollimore and I wanna be on the Board of Directors for the NSPIRG. Here's the scoop: I come from a crappy town

and expected a lot at Dal but found very little I was interested in so I went to PIRG and they're all really cool and they have a lot of cool ideas and it's the place to be so vote and go check it out and meet them and like it and that's it, all wrapped up in less than 100 words. Thanx.



### Colin Lake

Hello, my name is Colin Lake and I am running for the NSPIRG board of directors. I first became aware of

NSPIRG when I became a member of one of NSPIRG's working groups, the one that organized and ran Dalhousie's first community organic garden. From working on this project I came to know about many of NSPIRG's various interests, aims and working groups. I am very impressed by this organization's commitment to social, political and environmental issues and wish to help out as much as possible. I wish to be a member of the board in

order to help the working groups achieve their goals and to donate some time outside of my studies to a worthy cause.

### **Madeline Morris**

Hello, my name is Madeline Morris. I am a biology major and women's studies student and I am a candidate for a position on the PIRG board. I feel strongly that this type of organization is important not only to Dalhousie University but to the community as a whole. Groups such as Eco-Action, the Dalhousie wimmin's collective, PAWS and the food collective play an important role in working for social change at the grassroots level. I believe that it is at this basic individual and community level that changes occur, and the exchange of ideas and the supportive networking that PIRG provides is critical.

Although I have not been a member of the board before, I feel that my interest in all of the issues it addresses would be an asset to the board.



### Barbara Muller

My name is Barbara Muller, and I am a fourth year Marine Biology Co-op/ Honors student. In

my last three years at Dalhousie, I have participated with NSPIRG's working groups Eco-Action, Animal Rights, and Food Co-op. I helped prepare the Animals in Perspective Magazine, and am currently helping to update the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rethink booklet. I would really like to be a board member of NSPIRG to learn more about the other very interesting working groups. What could I bring to NSPIRG? Myself.

# Jenny Riordan

Hi, my name is Jenny Riordan. I have a degree in Mathematics and a halfcompleted degree in Women's Studies. I work in the Student Union Building, as well as helping at the Planned Parenthood Metro Clinic doing administration and laboratory work. I also volunteer with the Nova Scotia Coalition for Persons with AIDS. I became aware of NSPIRG about two years ago and more intimately last summer when my partner worked on a project for them. I have been slowly introduced to the people working there and the projects NSPIRG is involved with. am so impressed with their commit ment to social justice issues and their working style and would love to become more involved.

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### Kait Sullivan Through the eyes of injustice

I travelled the world I saw the careless destruction Of nature's resources I saw social inequity And blind eyes I cried and looked again In the reflection of my tears I saw people Working together Righting the wrongs I saw hope and I knew that I too could Make a difference.



