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notion of selling properties which are not used for housing that lie on the outside of the University's zone of development, but to sell residences which accommodate female students, given the fact that the female student population at Dalhousie is on the upswing, is to me counterproductive. Obviously, my colleagues on Council do not agree with me as they defeated the motion; although it was only by a few

votes. If we, as student representatives, are to represent student interests, action like this is getting us nowhere. I am writing this letter to ensure you and our fellow students that some of us on Council are genuinely concerned about student interests and will stop at nothing to ensure our interests are protected.

I would like to close this letter on a brighter note. I introduced a second motion regarding the possibility of having students employed to paint and make other needed repairs in the Men's Residence (Howe Hall). Although some arguments cen-

tered around the impossibility of convincing the affected Union to cooperate, this was countered by the argument that we will never know whether it is possible if we do not inquire. The motion was carried and all students are better off for it.

I hope that your readers concerned with the housing situation will come to the next Council meeting (March 28), as I will be re-introducing a motion similar to the defeated motion. We can only ensure victory with student input.

Greg Fitzgerald
Senate Representative

"The Big Test"

by C. Ricketts
"The Year of the Big Test"

The incumbent presidential team of Peter Rans and John Russell have been given the most valid mandate ever. Not only were they given the largest voter turnout in Dal's history, but those who cast ballots were also probably the most knowledgeable about the candidates and the election issues.

"This year, students have been more informed than they've ever been," said Rans. He listed sources of information as the barrage of flyers, the Gazette election layout and presidential forums. Success is attributed also to a longer campaigning period and a limited budget of \$400 per team which forced candidates to go out and meet students in person.

Russell noted a number of students had refused to vote in polled classes. "That shows they thought they needed more time to think over the issues, that they didn't want to vote for just anybody. Students are to be commended for responsibly exercising their prerogative."

Communication will be the key tactic in keeping the support of the student body. Rans and Russell feel it was their more personal contact and more comprehensive, detailed flyers which earned them the votes. "In the past there have been problems with the SUB and societies, a feeling of alienation from the Student Union, by the lower campus and the Law School. Dialogue is the name of the game, to find out what students want and focus our attention to those ends." To this end, Rans intends to be highly visible on campus.

Rans was quick to point out that each of the other presidential teams had valid points and, although they were different, they were not mutually exclusive. He reiterated his wish expressed at the March 12 forum. "I was sincere when I said that all candidates sit down and pool ideas. There wasn't one of those teams that didn't have something to add."

Rans feels that to be effective, the student council must set four or five major goals and concentrate on achieving them. He listed some of the things he wanted to accomplish including:

- Restructuring of the SU constitution to add a VP external, VP academic "I see the VP academic as overseeing a decent course evaluation."

Giving councillors specific responsibilities and ensuring they carry through with them. "Timewasters and chairwarmers" will not be tolerated.

Uniting with DSA and DFA on common interests to have a more effective voice against the administration

should have first choice at booking rooms, but he also observed, "The public pays quite well for the McGuinness Room."

Both Rans and Russell were pleased with the outcome of the referenda. They are determined that a study on CKDU, preferably one independent of the uni-



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Dal Student Union President-elect Peter Rans practices for his battles against cutbacks and nastiness everywhere by attacking an innocent Gazette photographer. Vice-President elect John Russell gives moral support.

and government cutbacks.

Making orientation the biggest event of the year, grabbing students' attention. It's also seen as the best way to include societies and get students interested in them, Russell was adamant, "I'm prepared to sit down at length, to make it a big affair. That's where you win or lose people, at the beginning of the year."

The primary purpose of an orientation is to orient people, to familiarize them with available services, introduce them to student life apart from academics. "We want to see students use what's perceived to be their facilities. Currently the SUB is hopelessly underused. Most students think of it as little more than a Green Room, the cafeteria or the Grawood."

Although there are society functions and Supersubs every few weeks, Russell believes that the meeting rooms can be more gainfully put to use. Students

versity, be completed and reported on by the end of their term, "If it's not done this year, CKDU runs the danger of being closed again next year - and we still won't be in an informed position to decide."

The decision to join the Canadian Federation of Students is seen as a big step forward in organizing students nationally to protect post-secondary interests. It is already recognized as the representative of students, noted Rans, referring to Finance Minister Allan MacEachen citing CFS as one of the main reasons that cutbacks have not been as severe as they might have been. "Students need CFS to keep them from being kicked between federal and provincial governments like a football," said Rans. He feels that SUNS should organize over the summer to provide an effective student voice at the provincial level, and live up to its CFS affiliation.