

# Senate

The structure of the Senate has been changed this year. Instead of five randomly selected student senators, there are eight positions open, one in each of the following faculties: Arts, Dentistry, Graduate Studies, Health Professions, Law, Management Studies, Medicine, and Science. At this point there is no candidate for the position of Dentistry Senator. Uncontested senators must be elected by a yes-no vote. For this supplement, each candidate was asked to submit a letter detailing their experience and explaining their motivation for serving on the Senate. These are the responses we received.

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## HEALTH PROFESSIONS

### Patti Dow

Experience:  
President of S.A.H.P.E.R.  
V.P. Communciation SAHPER  
Orientation Committee  
Assistant to the Director Campus Activities  
Residence Sport Rep  
Secretary Residence Council  
V.P. Intramural Council  
Intramural Supervisor

I feel that my involvement and experience here at Dal, thus far, allow me to qualify for the senate position to represent Health Professions. I always enjoy helping people and I would like to help my fellow students in a larger capacity; at the senate level. I am honest, dependable and always willing to listen. I promise to listen to the issues and provide as much input as possible from all Health Professions, to the senate and let them know that we have concerns and issues of our own.



Senate candidates: Doris Buss, Ian Wright, Andrew Murphy, Sanjay Sharma, Patti Dow, Ralph Bastarache (Ken Greer, Randy Pelletier, John Brookes and Jeffrey Fox were unavailable for photograph).

cial, in the face of increasing government constraint, logistical or academic, it is essential that the composite groups of this institution work together to maintain the high standards of excellence for which the university is known across the country and around world.

The law students at Dalhousie will face a particular challenge in the next year as our library wing is completed and the Law School again become a "self contained unit". Day to day contact with the rest of the student body will not be as constant, and we do risk being cut off from the concerns which are expressed and discussions which go on around campus. I want to ensure that this does not happen and that the position of the Law students at Dalhousie is well represented and continues to be heard at the Senate level, as well as ensuring that the concerns and priorities of the rest of the university continue to get communicated back to the students at the Law Faculty.

To accomplish this effective communication and representation I am asking for your confidence, trust and support.

### Doris Buss

"You know, I don't believe there's such a thing as T.V. They just keep showing the same pictures over and over, and when they talk they just make sounds that more or less sync-up with their lips language, it's a virus"

Laurie Anderson

The right to represent the law school in the senate is prima facie the right to confound with obscure, archaic legal phrases. If I'm elected to the senate, I promise to ipso facto obfuscate with antediluvian legal doctrines, to mispronounce all latin phrases I know and even those I don't, to introduce obtuse procedural

requirements, to use 10 words where one would suffice, and to apply charter interpretations, mutatis mutandis, to every and all issues before the senate.

## ARTS

### Jeffrey Fox

At this moment I am in my first year at Dalhousie in the Arts program. I have the intention to pursue Political science as my major with my minor possibility being in History.

The reason why I wish to be voted onto the Senate, representing the students from the Arts society on the Senate with best possible judgement. Most importantly I feel that there must be better communication between the student and the Senate. The past year was my first year at Dalhousie and not once, until I took the initiative myself, did I hear anything about the Senate or what it did. The communication between the Senators and the students that they are representing must be improved. I feel that I will be able to fulfill this task to the best of my ability.

## MANAGEMENT STUDIES

### Andrew Murphy

There's a new candidate for Senate on the scene. In this case though, the candidate does not come across as typical. Not in the least.

Andrew Murphy, 22, a fourth year Commerce student on the popular five-year plan, recently announced his candidacy for Management Studies Senator. The announcement was made — where else? — by the dartboards at

the Seahorse Tavern. Call it Murphy's office.

His achievements and interests vary widely. Murphy enjoys travelling, playing golf, drinking, playing darts, listening to loud punk music, drinking, driving really fast, and chasing women. So it is obvious that the traditionally quiet, conservative and, in Murphy's opinion, pompous Senate may be thrown off by his presence. Especially, the Senate may be taken aback by Murphy's... well, frankness and poignancy.

According to Andrew Murphy and his supporters, he is just what the Senate needs. Stagnancy has become too great an element in this important university body, and it is time to purge this characteristic from all aspects of the bureaucracy. With Murphy on Senate, you could count on this.

The appeal, here is to students who wish to shake things up. So if you're tired of the current Senate and its ilk, vote for Andrew Murphy.

Jeffrey P. Sullivan  
It's okay to print this... really  
Andrew Murphy

## GRADUATE STUDIES

### The candidate for this position is Ken Greer

## MEDICINE

### Sanjay Sharma

Dear Dalhousie Student,  
Our university is \$33.5 million dollars in debt. Academic programs and staff levels have been cut despite the fact that we pay the highest tuition fees in Canada.

No major programs have been implemented since 1972. It is time that Dalhousie students are given strong, intelligent and tough representation on the Senate. If elected, I will be committed to providing this.

I am a second year medical student, with extensive experience in student politics, who is willing to tackle the challenges facing Dalhousie students. As President and Vice-President of Dalhousie's largest society, the Science Society, I learned the importance and utility of effective student representation. Hard work and determination inevitably bring about positive results. I pledge to do the same, if given the opportunity to serve you as Senator.

A student senator must become involved in academic issues ranging from discipline to long term planning. However, I would attempt the role of senator to tackle issues such as longer library hours and increased consideration for the practical concerns of students at Dalhousie.

I am enthusiastic and excited about the possibility of serving you in the Senate. If you share my concerns and want visible results — make your vote count this time and vote for SANJAY SHARMA as Medical Senator.

Thank you for your consideration  
Sanjay Sharma

## SCIENCE

### Ralph Bastarache

Hello fellow students, my name is Ralph Bastarache. I am pleased to take this opportunity to ask for your support in the coming elections.

When I graduated at Dalhousie, the enthusiastic welcome of students in the Biology Society was both heart warming and comforting. In the next few years I continued my involvement in D.A.B.S., becoming President in this past year.

As President I sat on various committees, such as the Committee of the Whole and the Curriculum Review Committee within the Department of Biology.

Through my experiences as a D.A.B.S. executive member, as a student representative to the Faculty of Science, and as a D.S.U. councillor I have gained both a knowledge and interest in the academic affairs of the Department of Biology and the University as a whole.

I am the only candidate for this position but, appropriately so, I need a vote of confidence from my fellow Science students. To this effect I ask for your support on March 14, 15 and 16. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come by the D.A.B.S. office.

sincerely yours,  
Ralph Bastarache

## LAW

### The four candidates for this position are

#### Randy Pelletier

#### Ian Wright

#### John Brookes

I am seeking your support in my bid to be elected Law Faculty Student Senator.

I moved to Halifax from Ontario in September to begin first year law studies. I come to Dalhousie having had 3 years experience with the Ontario Government as an assistant to a Provincial Cabinet Minister. I have had experience with large organizational structures and I have seen effective representative committees at work.

My introduction to Dalhousie University and to Law School was a good one. I was immediately impressed with the community spirit and cooperation that is displayed between the faculties and with the student organizations on this campus. I was pleased to see that at Dalhousie, each faculty and study area does not exist unto its own. It became particularly evident during the fall strike that we are all part of a larger whole, which must work together cooperatively for the benefit of all students and faculty at Dalhousie.

It will be important to keep this spirit alive in the next few years. The pressures which the university is facing demands that the representative bodies at Dalhousie are composed of individuals capable of effectively communicating the concerns and priorities of their faculties. Whether these pressures be finan-