

Council elections

Council elections will be held on February 16. Twenty council seats are available as are five positions in senate and a seat on the board of governors. We would like to encourage you to run.

Too often in the past elected council and senate positions have been filled by self-serving opportunists. People have run to satisfy their egos but too few have run for office out of genuine concern for the welfare of the students they were elected to serve.

Last year, many people who were running had a concern for the basic interests of students. While the performance of last year's council was hardly stupendous, the responsibility of the conscientious councilors sometimes helped to moderate the more reactionary members of council.

If you feel that you would like to serve students rather than yourself, we'd like to see you running for office.

You don't have to be well known to win any position. We can truthfully say that if a lot of past councilors were well known they would never have been elected.

Make yourself aware of this year's issues. The NUS and AFS/FEA referenda are being held on the same day as the elections, so candidates should be knowledgeable about both of these organizations. Tuition increases and student aid should also be main concerns of this year's hopefuls.

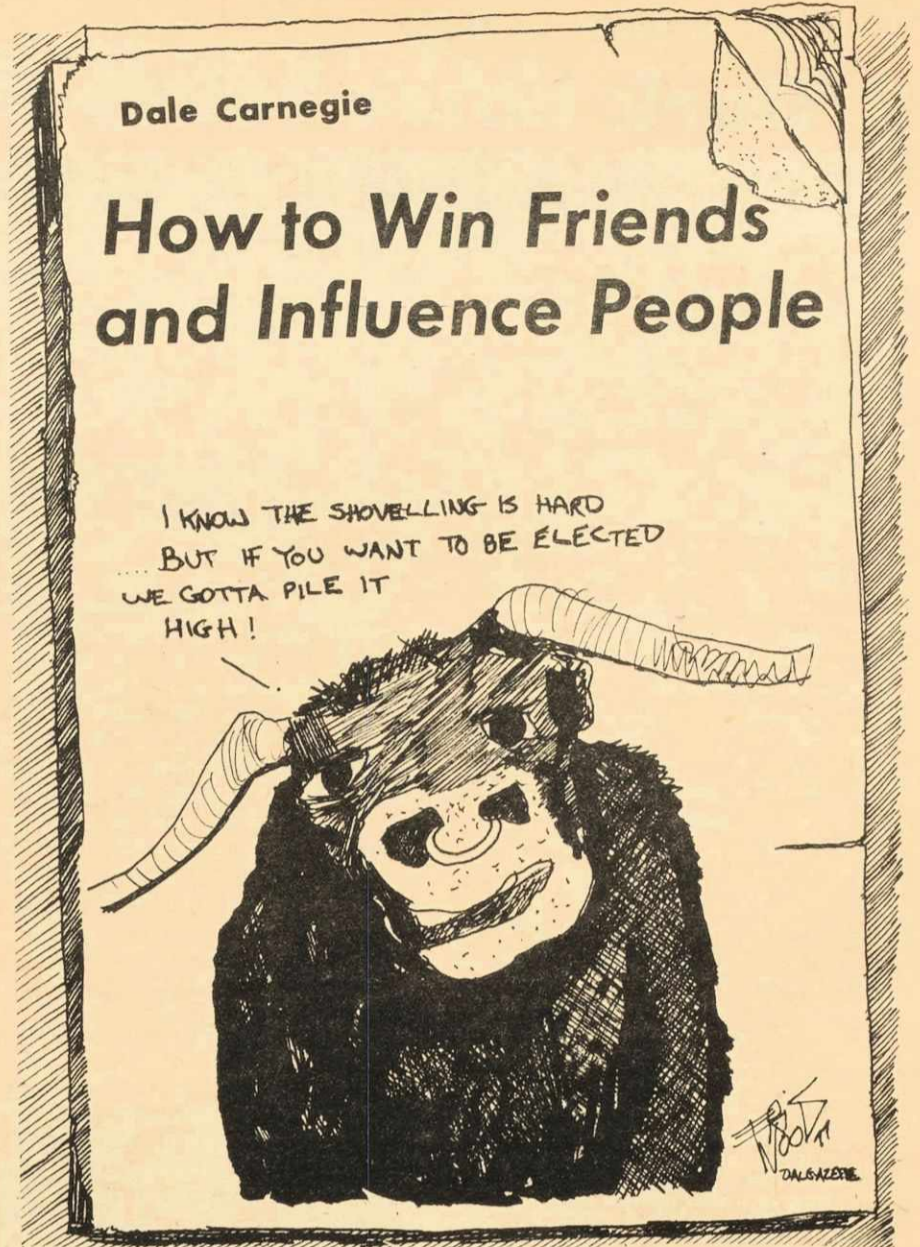
Taking a position can be interesting and fun, while providing an excellent experience. Doing things for the students of Dalhousie and for yourself, can be very rewarding.

Even if you don't want to run — VOTE.

by Harvey MacKinnon
Valerie Mansour

CBC continues discrimination

The decision made by CBC regarding their discrimination to gays is wrong and very disappointing to the **Gazette**. CBC doesn't realize that gays should be entitled to the rights that others have. Controversies exist in many things and that homosexuality is a controversial issue is hardly reason enough to refuse public service announcements for an advice line. CBC's views should be changing along with society's attitudes.



Letters

Council defended

To the Gazette:

This letter is in response to a letter which appeared in last week's paper, entitled "Disgusted". Unfortunately, the concerned student only presented one side of the coin and I feel that side two is worth looking at.

Council members received free admission to events at the Student Union Building to a total of \$100 for the year. Before Christmas, Council voted to remove the \$2.50 a ticket ceiling, thereby allowing Council members free admission no matter what the price of the event was (the total of tickets used still having to be \$100 or less). Council members do not receive a pass for the whole week, as was claimed, only Winter Carnival Committee members receive such passes.

The reason that Council members have this privilege of free admission to events is simple. The Student Union is allowed to admit 10% of the capacity of an event to that event. For example, the McInnes Room has a capacity of 500. This means that up to an additional 50 people can be admitted. People who have worked on the event receive these free tickets, as well as Student Council members.

Council members are not allowed to hold a job in the Student Union, a fact which the concerned student neglected to mention. Free admission to events help to compensate for this fact.

Some council members work very hard. They sit on a number of committees and attend regularly the marathon council meetings every second Sunday night. We receive no pay for time-consuming activities, and the only reward for all of this is personal, not monetary. No, we are not that far above the students we represent; indeed, we are far below. We do not receive privileges, only a privilege—that of free admission. That privilege was being denied to Council members Sunday night and as one person put it "I may not use

the right, but I'll defend to the death that right."

It is unfair to say that the matter of Council passes is the only one with which we occupy our minds. If the concerned student is so concerned, then he or she will remember other discussions at other council meetings and even some of the matters that were discussed that Sunday night in question.

The concerned Student is equating the minority with the whole, a mistake I trust he will rectify before he complains about something again. It would also be of help if he got his facts straight the next time.

If he or she is so concerned, why aren't they on Council instead of writing unsigned letters?

--Sheilagh Beal

Delighted

To the Gazette:

Delighted to see your most perceptive account of both Joe Rosenblatt and the exhibition "Jewish Experience in the Art of the Twentieth Century". David Gutnick and Joe saw the exhibit in the same way—Joe's words were that it was a cosmological event. I agree that it is a pity that more people didn't see the exhibit but over 2,000 did and the catalogue which borrows heavily from the New York exhibit's catalogue still lives.

Yours,
Mary Sparling
Director, Art Gallery
Mount Saint Vincent University

Thanks to frat

To the Gazette:

The Winter Carnival Committee would like to express their deepest appreciation to the members of the PHI DELTA THETA Fraternity for their fine display of leadership and responsibility at the Bare Bear Bash which was held at the Armouries last Saturday.

Mr. Doug Taylor and the SUB

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