

fear and loathing; Elections '84

Looking at the individuals in alphabetical order, the following results were obtained from interviewing 40 people:

President			Vice-President	
Alex Gigeroff	22½%	<i>favourable</i>	40%	Rusty James
	30%	<i>unfavourable</i>	47½%	
	47½%	<i>undecided</i>	12½%	
Steve MacDonald	12½%	<i>favourable</i>	10%	Grant Machum
	35%	<i>unfavourable</i>	47½%	
	52½%	<i>undecided</i>	42½%	
Geoff Martin	55%	<i>favourable</i>	82½%	Jim Warner
	12½%	<i>unfavourable</i>	5%	
	32½%	<i>undecided</i>	12½%	

The story of the informal survey: an oracle?

Continuity has always been a problem in the Student Council. The members of the Gazette elections committee decided to interview a number of concillors, student media people, and presidents and vice-presidents of some of the societies on campus. These interviews were conducted to establish how much support the candidates for the Presidency and Vice-Presidency have with those people who have been most active in the Student Union this year.

This set of statistics was compiled in response to the question whether the people interviewed

felt that the individual candidates would do a good job in the positions they were seeking. Their reasons for withholding support for a particular candidate were diverse, either they felt the individual was not experienced enough, they questioned their competence or their personal attributes, or in some cases they were concerned by their political allegiances.

Those people who place a "?" by the candidate did so either because they knew nothing about the candidate, or because they wanted to see the whole campaign before they made up their mind who to support.

When one of the interviewees

placed a "✓" by the candidate it indicated they were either in support of the candidate or thought that the candidate would at least do a good job, even if they had not definitely decided to vote for the individual.

Our statistics should not be considered as anything more than the collective opinion of the people most closely associated with Dalhousie's many student organizations and societies. It is not necessarily an indication of how the Student Union as a whole will vote in the elections. What it does suggest is how the

majority of these informed people react to the different candidates.

From the above figures it can be seen that the majority attitude to the first four candidates will be determined by the campaign. It is clear that both Rusty James and Grant Machum have the most decided opposition to their candidacies. Of all the candidates Jim Warner is the most highly regarded by his peers. There are few major surprises in this survey. Most of the people interviewed tend to be in favour of those people they know and undecided about the people they do

not know. This explains the high proportion of undecided opinion attached to Gigeroff, MacDonald and Machum.

Four Concillors' views are not included in this survey. It should be noted that we were unable to reach the following concillors before the deadline: Bruce Ferguson, Bernie MacDonald and Donald McInnes.

In addition one concillor, Janine Saulnier, strongly felt that this survey was an inappropriate way to establish how people were reacting to the election. Consequently, her objection has been recorded.

The Forums: you can ask them questions

Thur. March 1	6:00 pm	Howe Hall Cafeteria	Pres/VP cand.
Fri. March 2	12:30 pm	Tupper Cafeteria	Pres/VP cand.
Mon. March 5	12:30 pm	Tupper Cafeteria	Senate/B. of Gov.
Tue. March 6	12:00 pm	Garden Cafeteria	Pres/VP cand.