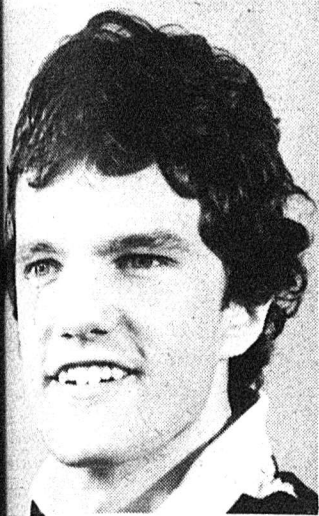


Governors

Candidates answer Gateway questions



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Well, to begin with, I have experience: lots of it and the best of it. I was students' representative to the Vanier College (Montreal) Board of Governors. I am familiar with board operations and I know how to achieve the most for students within the confines of structure.

Secondly, the major problems confronting us daily, are resolvable at the board level. The board that decides fees, raises, approves quotas and defines university policy. As an experienced student BofG representative, I am more effective than my opponent at attempting to convince fellow members of student opinions regarding the issues of concern to us all.

#2. The BofG is the ultimate decision-making body in the

university. If used properly, the BofG can be beneficial to students. However, the quality of previous representation (except for this year) has not been adequately effective. This year, there has been an improvement, and I would continue, in the same manner as Cheryl Hume and Randy Read, to sensitize the board to student concerns.

3. Represent us... effectively. Let's be honest. Being one student on a board dominated by sixteen non-students is not an easy (but it is not an insurmountable) task. There again, my previous experience on a board is an asset. It is my sincere hope to represent all students on the board and at the same time, lobby with the other governors. I believe through a good working relationship with them, being open to compromise but standing fast on principles, much can be accomplished for all of us. As much as I would like to say that I would do this, that, and the other if elected, I would be lying. I can say with confidence and with conscience, that if elected, I would always be available when needed and articulate our needs to the board. It may not sound like much, but it's a definite commitment by me to you; not an election gimmick.

#4. Cheryl and I have discussed this point. She makes a just and persuasive case and I agree with her. However, I can't see the government giving up this form of perfect political patronage. But I can see the government giving in to having some governors elected as public school trustees are elected. I think an

elected official is more accountable, more accessible and more aware. They ran because they want to and if they wish to remain, they must keep in touch with the electorate. So many; come to do good but stay to do well when they are selected and not elected.

#5 To the students of Lister Hall: I have had a confidential briefing on your peculiar problem. I was horrified at the extent of the problem.

If elected, I would work with the Resident Government (if they wanted me—so many candidates are throwing themselves upon the Res Gov. whether wanted or not). I feel that the problem is at a crisis situation, calling into question the entire composition of Food and Housing Services. As a governor, I would use my position to aid the residence students. I feel that a university is for its students, especially for those students who must move from home and live in residence.

Part B: Actually, many students don't even know what it is, I'll tell them quickly. Faced with the prospect of a smaller level of government support, the university identified its priorities and are now planning mechanisms for the reallocation of the existing resources. The most important aspect of this report is the acknowledgement that the government is responsible for university cutbacks and the U of A must be more careful with its money. Its not the most crucial document ever prepared, but it is one requiring careful monitoring for future implications.

Part C: It's a stupid policy. Depriving students of clubs is like knocking motherhood. You can rest assured that I would raise hell at the board level if the administration tried this tactic again. Besides; charging clubs for space is as dumb as...installing pay washrooms in Lister Hall....



RHON ROSE

1. It has been my experience that within any student organization a person does better work, and gets more enjoyment out of that work if he regularly changes his duties and position. After three years involvement in a variety of campus clubs and organizations and one year as a Students' Union representative, I feel capable of assuming greater responsibilities. I chose the B of G because I am interested in the kind of issues it deals with, and feel it is a position for which my previous experience would be an asset.

2. The primary role of the Board of Governors is to lead the University from its present state to a better one. The Board's mandate covers all major areas of the university, including "student affairs," and preparing the university's capital and operating budgets.

When establishing priorities for the internal allocation of funds it must not budget to create a second-class status quo but must battle for excellence. The board has to ensure that the university receives an adequate level of funding from the provincial and federal governments.

3. During the upcoming year the B of G will be looking at such diverse issues as the Student Bill of Rights, new proposals for the operation of the Lister Hall

Complex, the university investment policies, and the university priorities report. Although students are a small minority on the Board, they can play a major role if they are able to present well prepared and documented arguments supporting their positions. I feel capable of being able to present the students' voice in such a manner.

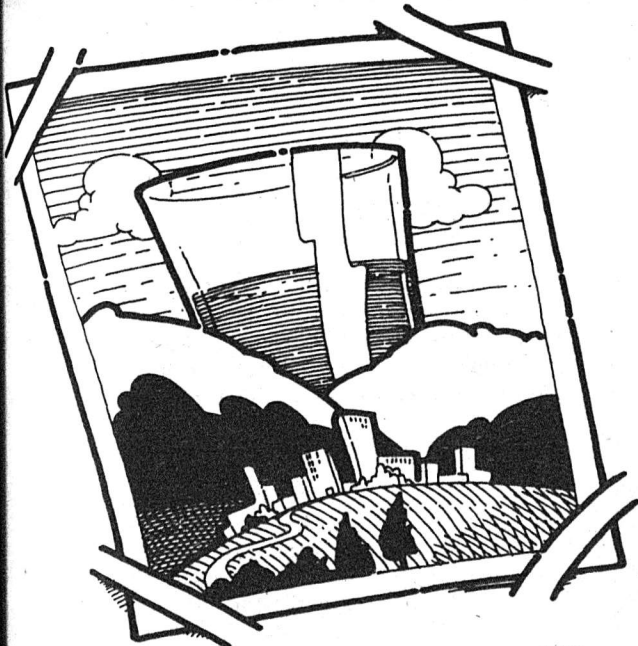
4. Nine of the eighteen members on the B of G are directly appointed by the provincial government, and are conservative businessmen and lawyers. Unfortunately the board does represent the public, if not the university community. Even when the board banned one of its own members (university president Dr. Harry Gunning) from marching on legislature with the students last fall, and came out strongly against the march itself, it was expressing the wishes of the public. Because of situations like this, the Community Relations Committee of the board must take the university to the public and inform them of our case. Only then will the public's views be supportive of the university community.

5. During the last term 15% of the residence population moved out. They complained of "noise," "undesirable living conditions," and excessive rents. The solution to these and other problems will only be found through co-operation between the Lister Hall Students' Association and the Council on Student Services. To raise the rent to make unilateral changes before a cohesive plan of improvements is brought forward could only aggravate the situation.

Part B: Though it contains some very sound long range planning, the University Priorities Report contains one serious omission. They have established priorities that will determine where cutbacks in spending will occur, without giving any priority to opposing

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