

elections supplement

Banner year for human resource centre

The Dalhousie Student Union is holding a referendum asking students to contribute \$2.00 per full time student and \$1.00 per part time student per year to the operation of the Dalhousie Women's Centre. Support your Women's Centre — VOTE YES!

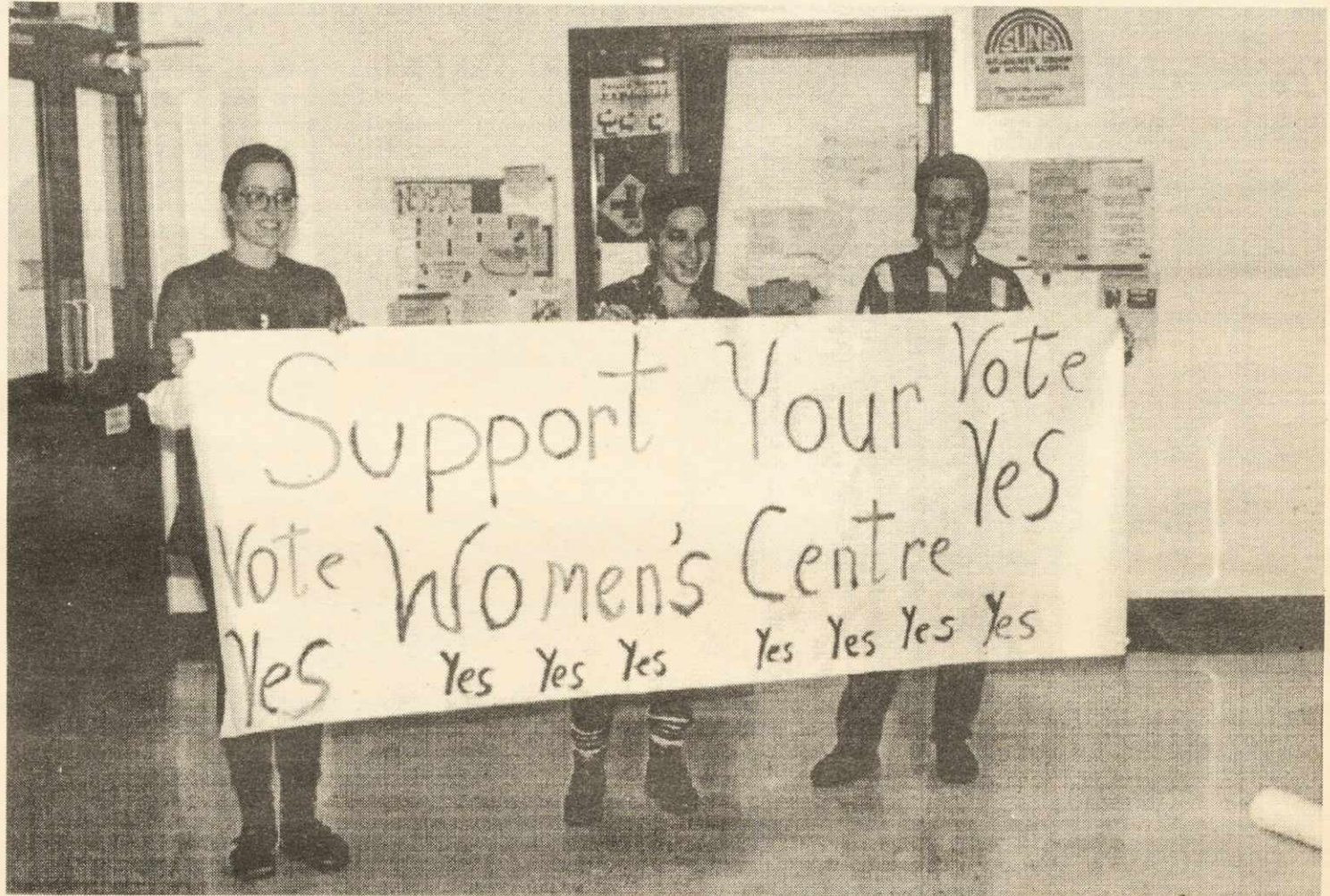
Purpose:

The Dalhousie Women's Centre was established in recognition of women's social, cultural, cognitive, and psychological uniqueness. The Centre will serve four functions: 1) to provide a resource centre open to women and men, 2) to implement programming aimed at increasing awareness of women's issues on campus, 3) to provide information about counselling and support services for women in Halifax, and 4) to create a supportive and positive environment for women.

Just as you would go to the Employment Centre to look for a job, or Counselling Services to get academic information you can come to the Women's Centre to get information about women's issues and assistance dealing with these issues.

Why the Centre needs your loonies:

In order to achieve its objectives, the Centre needs a steady source of funding. Without your contribution, the Centre will be dependent solely on periodic and uncertain fundraising drives. Your money will ensure the strength and continuity of the Centre by providing a guaranteed minimum operating budget. Half of your money will go to hire part time staff people, most of the



Please vote YES for a really good cause.

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other half will go to programming and special projects to serve you.

The Centre aims to make a positive contribution to the campus life of all members of the Dalhousie community. The variety of activities and resources available at the Centre will

offer something to all women on campus. However, the barriers and dangers the women currently face in our society must be addressed by women and men. By voting yes to the levy, men can pledge their support to the activities and goals of the

Centre. In doing so, men also pledge their support to individual women friends, family members and partners that are important in their lives.

Make an informed vote. Come see what the Centre is all about. Established on March 8, 1993, the

Centre is located at 6143 South Street, next door to Dal security. The Centre is open from 10 am to 6 pm most weekdays. For more information call 425-5643. Pledge your support to the Women's Centre March 16, 17 and 18.

DALHOUSIE WOMEN'S CENTRE PROPOSED BUDGET

REVENUE	1993-94
Student Levy	\$20 312.00
TOTAL REVENUES	
EXPENSES	
Staff Wages	\$9 360.00
Employer UIC/CPP (Staff)	468.00
Summer Grant Wages	
Employer UIC/CPP (Summer Grant)	
Office Supplies	750.00
Phone	800.00
Fax Service	250.00
Postage/Shipping	250.00
Photocopying	750.00
Bank Charges	75.00
Subscriptions	500.00
Programming	4 100.00
Special Projects	2 000.00
Insurance	500.00
Rent	1.00
Miscellaneous	508.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$20312.00

DSU election farce

March 8, 1993 was a telling day at Dalhousie University. Why, do you ask? Well here's a story, so lend me your ear.

Being active on campus, (not bad for a freshman), I decided that it was time to voice my complaints and join the S.W.E.A.T. committee. The S.W.E.A.T. committee's mandate at this point was to mobilize students in support of a tuition freeze.

January 21 was a prelude for me. I found myself "involved" in the DSU political action process. How wonderful it was to see this collection of people who, together, waged the Freeze the Fees campaign. I was hooked.

I was literally the new kid on the block. But, having decided not to be disillusioned with the difficult task ahead, I continued with S.W.E.A.T.

I've read your articles in the Gazette. You know who you are. Remember the question on the tip of your tongue? "Where the hell are you now?" Well, my friend, we're still here planning, thinking, strategizing, petitioning, preparing a whole lot more!

We are the Action Committee now. The name change reflects a new understanding of what needs to be done, a dedication to learning the

lessons of the past, and an orientation away from the Student Union bureaucrats.

Action speaks louder than words. We are not content with just giving up for another year! The campaign must continue.

After many late nights and several packets of looseleaf we decided to throw our hats into the election ring. When myself and fellow campaigner, Peter Hunt went to the Election Returns Officer for a nomination slip, we were told, "Sorry, nominations are closed." Excuse me, I saw the fluorescent 8 by 10 posters. I did not see a closing date for nominations, did you?

A trusty ally and I approached DSU president Lale Kasebi and asked one question: "how do you justify these two running with no opposition?" Given that the "campaign nomination blitz" was held during mid-terms and spring break, we figured an extension would be permitted - no go. She stated that the constitution could not be violated. But how often is it violated, say, on a weekly basis? Just ask any sincere DSU member! Let's call for quorum on this one!

We are spearheading a "no" vote for several reasons. Student bodies must work for progressive change; We need a sincere fight against the tuition hikes; we need campus daycare for students with children and we need a strong fight against racism, sexism and homophobia on campus. We have contacted various societies on campus, heard their concerns about the present state of politics on campus and have invited them to take part in the newly formed Action committee. We feel it's time to shake the foundation of the executives. We've hit many obstacles but we're still here fighting.

Please vote "no" for a change - a real change. Students need to feel that their Student Union represents them. Votes take place March 16, 17, and 18. Sign our petition, participate in our upcoming general assemblies or come to our weekly meetings. Just get involved! We need your ideas and energy. We must be a clear and united voice for change at Dalhousie. For more info. please keep an eye out for our "vote no" table.

Renay Clermont

Action Committee