

# The Candidates Speak Out

ments must be instituted from inside council itself which emphasizes the need for experienced and effective representation.

*What kind of things would you do as a member of Council? Board of Governors?*  
**ZED:** Candidates seeking office are constantly being asked what he or she promises to do if elected. To this cliché question goes the cliché response, I make no promises. I am aware of the opportunity through Council for more student initiated business giving the students themselves a greater input. Further, I would like to study the possibility of establishing more communication between the student governors and their constituents since all Board decisions affect each and every one of us. This may lead to a situation where the students would be in a more knowledgeable position with regard to the various issues and thus in a better position to question and complain to their representatives.

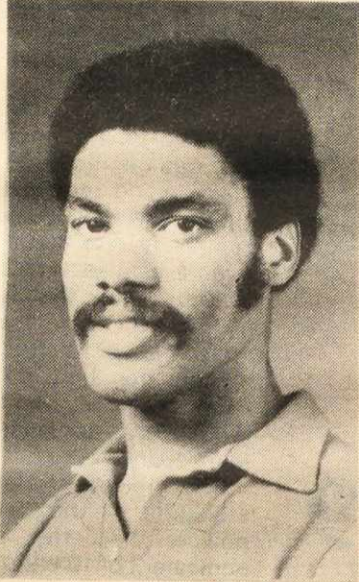
At the Board level itself, I envision the possibility to carry ideas and initiate interaction between the Board of Governors and SUNS to enhance our attempts in developing long-range tactics for opposing both tuition increases and any cutbacks in educational funding. I also anticipate observing the allocation of monies and if necessary acting as a vocal "watchdog" on the administration's expenditure. Finally then, I am prepared to commit my time and energy to pursuing residence issues at the Board level.

HELLO, my name is GORDON NEAL and I was elected to the position of Student Union President in 1976 and served a one year term of office. During that term I was an active member of the Board of Governors as a student representative. My involvement with the finances of this university made it clear to me that in their attempt to govern the business affairs of the university the board "oft times" placed emphasis on the physical expansion of the institution before the quality of student education.

One may argue that physical facilities and academic quality go "hand-in-hand". I would agree to this statement only in moderation (i.e. when it (physical expansion) does not impose too direct a hardship on the student financially (which I believe has already been done). Further, I do not agree with the "hand-in-hand" argument if it is initiated under the auspices of "keeping up with the Jones's".

Sometimes shortsightedness by administrators causes them to over supply a declining market (take the Chrysler Corporation for example). With student enrollment on the decline (a result of the termination of the "baby

boom" generation) monies must be generated to maintain the present university facilities and faculty to a decreased student population.



**Gord Neal**

A foreign student who will graduate this spring tells me that he must pay an additional \$500 next semester to participate in the Honours program of the same faculty from which he will receive this degree. Although I do not disagree with the principle of differential fees **where substantiated**, I do believe that room for "situational consideration" should be practiced (i.e. consideration of the economic background or previous attendance at this university, etc.). These are only a couple of problems that face students today.

(special congratulations is extended to the **Gazette** staff for picking up the journalistic tempo). Also, the decision to opt out of organizations that caused the student council—the president in particular—to be too diverse in its functional "at home" role deserves applause.

In this era of intravenous infusion of politics it is not surprising that 99.9% of council positions have been filled by acclamation this year. However, apathy through boredom has never accomplished much and it is my hope that I may generate a healthier interest in student politics and a healthier attitude of the Board Members towards the needs of students.

Candidates Tom Regan and Graham Wells for the **Gazette** Publishing Board (or Board of Directors) were asked to provide responses to the following questions.

*Why do you want to be a member of the **Gazette** Publications Board and what are your qualifications?*

**Wells:** I am a candidate for election to the **Gazette** Publications Board for two reasons. First, it is my wish that Canada's oldest college newspaper continue its excellent tradition within the context of its new constitution. My interests is to assist in the initiation of this revised organizational structure. Second, I wish to continue my

the Dal community. With respect to the former, I have served terms on the boards of three student-owned service corporations: the Dal Student Union; Canadian Universities Travel Service Inc.; and the Association of Student Councils of Canada. Both qualifications—significant board experience and a knowledge of the Dal media audience—appear, to me, to be crucial qualifications, in addition to the aforementioned interest in the development of the **Gazette** Publications Society. **Wells:** The role of the Board of Directors, as the Society's by-laws stipulate, is to oversee and ensure the general administration of the **Gazette** Publications Society, pursuant to the Society's constitution. In particular, finances and budget constitute the core responsibilities of the Board's oversight. The Board, in short, is the governing authority of the **Gazette** Publications Society.

**Regan**

My desire to be a member of the **Gazette** Publications Board has grown through my involvement with the founding of the Board this year. As editor of the **Gazette** for the past year, I have been responsible for the negotiations with council involving the board, the terms of reference and the establishment of elections for the Board.

I feel that, after becoming so involved with the Board over the past year, I would like

first hand view of the problems and potential of running a student newspaper, I was also editor of the **King's Watch** in '78-'79 and have served as a member of the Student Council and Board of Governors at King's University.

*What is the function of a student newspaper?*

**Wells:** A student newspaper should function with several objectives. Most basically, it is a communication device. Beyond that, however, it is a bearer of news regarding both the world-at-large and their immediate community. As such, it should bear this news in a manner relevant to its readership. Further, a student newspaper should function as a social conscience, not only informing its readership but also interpreting events. In this respect it is also an agent of social change, both educating for and supportive of change. This is how I see the **Gazette** interpreting its mandate to publish.

**Regan**

The function of a student newspaper is to inform students on its campus about events that affect them on and off their campus. It is to give students a place to voice their feelings about issues they are concerned about. A student newspaper must also point out and fight against injustices to individuals and organizations that take place on all levels in our society. I should present issues that the regular commercial press is afraid to touch and would remain buried if not for the student press.

Finally, it has a role to help students understand their own college better and what the role of being a student in today's society is all about.



Left to right, **Graham Wells, Sandra Zed, Nancy Tower and Tom Regan**

Since my leaving office in May 1977 I have had little involvement with the succeeding student councils and thus cannot properly address the **Gazette's** question of "the problems of this year's council". However, with apologies to previous councils, I believe that the operation of several offices within the student union have improved 100 fold

involvement with student organizations at Dal; involvement with the **Gazette** attracts me, given the new phase in which the paper is embarking.

Essentially, my qualifications are a wide and varied exposure to several student organizations through involvement with their boards of directors, as well as broad experience with all sectors of

to continue working with the Board during its first year in operation so that ideas that I have helped develop I can help implement.

As far as qualifications are concerned, I have been involved in the past not only with journalistic affairs but council concerns also. Besides being the editor of the **Gazette** which has given me a

