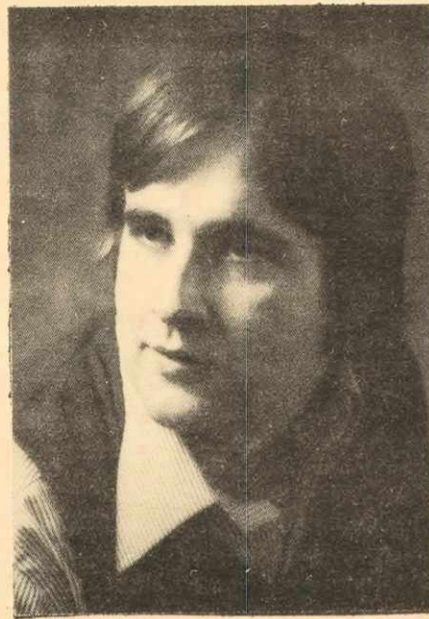
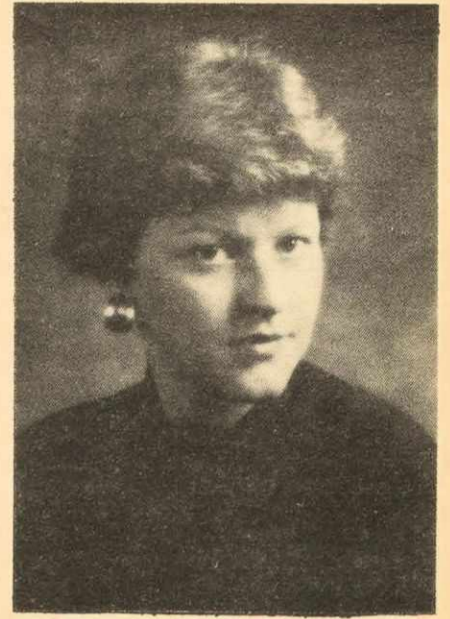


Greene and Kinley



Peter Greene



Paula Kinley

Gazette: What do you consider the major issues of this campaign? What are your positions on these issues?

Green: We perceive the major issues to be the whole question of what the student union is all about-student government on the Dal campus and what we want to be the main issues is that we think student government has quite clearly not been working in the sense that the students have not been getting involved in it. Just take a look at the election turn outs the last few years and I don't think at this point that the majority of the students can identify this organizational government structure that we have now as being representatives of what they want as a student union.

We propose that to alleviate this problem we start all over with a new structure for student government. The major societies would play a much more important role in this, and we would hope that our leadership and cooperation with the major societies can get students more interested in issues that are bothering them on the campus. I think this student government initially, when the university was 2500 students and this government was set up, was quite capable of handling the concerns of the students. But as the university has grown there is different isolated segments and we think that there is no possible way that the president or vice-president can keep in constant touch with students in different areas of the campus and we hope to alleviate that problem by getting the major societies a lot more active and we will also look into special funding arrangements for these societies.

A lot of students are concerned with what is actually happening to their \$50.00, and we thought by restructuring the government on a day to day basis the students could see that they were getting some return for their \$50.00. Funding these major societies will be difficult definitely we are going to have to cut costs in certain areas. Presently there is a proposed study to examine whether the money spent on salaries is going to proper use with the union right now.

Kinley: Presently the amount spent on salaries is just atrocious. I think a figure of over \$100,000.00 is presently being spent on salaries just alone to run this building, and I think an examination is needed to see if this money, the student's money, is really being put to the best possible use. I think that the major complaint that I've heard from all the students is that their interests are not being looked after, and I think that if we could have greater feedback from the students themselves and not just a small group running the show then we could have a better union all around.

Green: And this we would get from major societies. If the major societies become active we will be in constant touch with them. Maybe we could structure it so that we meet bi-monthly or every month. That's what we need - the students to align themselves, not with a lower, but another level of government closer to grass roots.

Kinley: We want to work in conjunction with them, we don't want to be too separate identities working against each other. We want to collaborate the two. We want to get a close relationship with the students so that we are, as Peter says, right at the grass roots, because this is where the problem is this is where we have to be.

Green: The major societies will have to handle the problems that are uniquely theirs. But by getting them active, we can get definite feedback (more so than with the present structure) of what concerns all students in general.

In the past, the president has been too involved in the preparation of the building. Paula will be concerned with the operation of the building. My role will be in representing the students in negotiations with the administration, sitting on the board of governors, representing them with the government and other universities, I will make it my personal responsibility to get these major societies more active, and re-design the government structure.

Kinley: We just want to make it more efficient. The basic structure is there; it just has to be re-designed to meet the basic needs as they are now.

Green: But, again, that will be done in consultation with the societies. We're not going to take the dictatorial attitudes that has sometimes gone on in the past, where you tell the societies when they can get certain amounts of money or they have to come to us for specific projects. We have to give them more autonomy, and it will start at the beginning, as soon as we can get them more active. If they don't want something, or can't agree we won't force it on them.

Gazette: Outline your past experience, and based on your record, what makes you think you're capable of the job?

Green: Well, I don't know what makes any politician capable of a job! To be specific, I was involved in the union as an undergraduate, more on the administrative side. I've been involved with entertainment from an early age because I had some experience from the university. I was Fall Festival chairman, Winter Carnival Chair-

man, Entertainment Director for a year, sat on the union executive for a year. Then, as a graduate student, I was graduate rep. on council. I was Grants Committee chairman on the executive of the council (union), and also I was a member of the DAGS council.

So often in the past, I've seen people, even with good policies, who don't know how the union operates, the financial end of it. By the time they get to learn that the year is over. I already have that experience. We're definitely going to implement the policies we stand for, the day after we take office, if council agrees with them, and council will get a lot more information than it has been given in the past. And if they respond, as I hope they will, it should be a good year.

Kinley: My record isn't as long as Peter's, but I have experience as a voting member on council, and I've also sat on various residence councils and been involved in their activities. From being around university, and taking in some of the events, you get a feeling for what is needed and what the students want. I hope to combine this feeling with my knowledge of council, and together, Peter and I can work it out with a good council.

Green: Between Paula and I, we have eight years at Dal, and the two of us come from totally different segments of the University population. That should help, because we'll get feedback on a day-to-day basis from two different areas of the university. Maybe we can, thereby, find concerns common to law students, undergraduates, residents, or whatever.

Gazette: How much time will you have to offer to the job next year?

Green: I've always been a very well-organized person. Presently, I work about twenty hours a week as a bartender, assisting myself through university. This doesn't seem to affect my schoolwork at all. I foresee no problems. I'm willing to exert as much effort, if not more, than any other elected president.

Kinley: I also consider myself well-organized, and I think I can organize myself as I see the demands. If a problem demands a certain amount of time, I'll give it the time it needs.

Green: I don't think either of us would be in this, if we thought we didn't have the time. There's a job to do, and by God, we're going to do it. We think we're a viable option for students, and have broad support.

Kinley: We wouldn't offer ourselves for these positions if we didn't have the time to allot to them. I don't

think a person with a genuine conscience would want to take on a job like this if they didn't think they could do a good job, or didn't want to do a good job. I think we both want to do a good job, and if we're allowed, we'll be successful.

Gazette: How do you perceive the roles of president and vice-president?

Kinley: As Peter has already said, my main concern will be with the operation of this building. Some things should be investigated. I think we should have a general study of the workers and whatever that study concludes, we should take it from there. I'd like to work with the employees, and also take the students' concern back to the employees so that we can learn what we both want, and if necessary, get a compromise.

Green: I probably stated earlier what my role will be. Unless absolutely forced to, I'm not going to get involved with the day-to-day operation of this building. I'm going to have to depend a lot on Paula, because some of the policies are going to be costly. To fund and assist the major societies will be expensive, and I'll have to depend on Paula to implement a lot of these studies. There's already one study underway on financing and salaries. I'm going to have to depend on her to find me that money somewhere; I think she's capable of the job, otherwise, we wouldn't be running together.

Gazette: What made you decide to run?

Green: We have the experience; we've both been involved in council before. Year after year, you see the same thing; we're not getting our fifty dollars' worth. We think we know why students aren't getting their money's worth. It was difficult to sit on council in the past, and have no information.

Kinley: It used to happen all the time, and that's no way to run a government. The lawmakers have to know what's going on. They're representing the students. If they don't know what's going on, how will the students know what's going on?

Also, we're representatives of diverse factions of the university. Peter has graduate experience, and I'm still an undergraduate. Combining the two gives a better overall view of the students' problems.

Green: Students can't comment if they don't have the information. Be rest assured that when we get elected, all doors will be open to everybody.

Gazette: Thank you.