

DSU Election Supplement

Level Chan

1. a) Our expectations from education have become almost completely "future-oriented". Students want to get solid training which will prepare us for entrance into the workforce. For a large number of students, a university degree is just something that allows them to "get to the next step" with very little bearing on what you do after you get that first job. Other students want education to give them a sense of direction, an idea of "what I want to do/be". While the actual process differs from students to student, I think this is one of the most important things we want to get from our education.

b) I think students want the university to recognize and pay attention to their needs as students. This includes financial, academic and social needs. We want financial support for those who need it, we want quality education and helpful academic advising, and we want the university to provide us with things we can do outside of classes.

c) Everyone knows that our country is in debt and our financial is not fantastic. However, I think students still want governments to demonstrate some responsibility over education. We expect governments to show that they are willing to contribute to getting people quality education. This has become such an important issue that for the first time in a while, the federal government introduced some new spending for education in its recent budget. Now if only they would put more of this kind of attention on student loans...

2. Channels exist right now to promote change. I intend to use these channels, particularly the Board of Governors. With our 2 seats in the BOG, 3 seats in the senate and the DSU, there is a significant amount of lobbying power. More leverage (for example in the form of more seats) will not come until we start using the current channels more extensively. If elected, I plan to take full advantage of the position to get the opinions of students and present them to the people who make decisions.

3. To be honest, I'm looking for something new to do. After a couple of years of involvement in residence, I want to experience a different environment. The active atmosphere and the responsibilities of an "A" society have grown on me and I couldn't stand a year of doing nothing. So I hope to bring the skills that I have gained to another front and continue to "make a difference". In particular, I hope to improve

Board of Governors

communication between the BOG and students.

4. If I lose, I will find a society (probably the Philosophy society or the Dalhousie Arts Society) to get involved in. While I probably will get the opportunity to organize some activities, I also hope to get in a position where I can work with more students.

DSU EXPERIENCES EXECUTIVE OVERHAUL

If any students have been paying attention to the current Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) elections, they may have noticed that there is a new vice-president position. The VP Internal position is brand new, and according to DSU president Chris Adams, it will create more avenues for students to express their views.

The new position has resulted in an overhaul of the current system, and a re-shuffling of issue areas for the remaining vice-president positions.

"This new system will create more efficiency within the DSU," says Adams.

The new responsibilities of the DSU VPs breaks down like this:

The Executive VP will be responsible for the operation and management of the Student Union Building (SUB); the VP Community Affairs will be responsible for community affairs; the VP Internal will be responsible for communications and will oversee societies; and the VP Student Advocacy will be responsible for the duties previously held by the VP Academic/External — the position has merely undergone a name change.

This year, the VP Community Affairs has been responsible for community affairs and communications, while the VP Executive has been responsible for SUB operations and has overseen societies.

Q'S + A'S

1. What do you think students want from their:
 - a) education
 - b) university
 - c) federal and provincial governments
2. How will you get what students want?
3. Why do you want this job?
4. What will you do if you lose?

NOTE: None of the candidates' responses were edited by Gazette staff. All spelling or grammatical errors are those of the candidates.

Andrew Philopoulos

1. a) Students need an education in order to be competitive in the work force. Therefore I believe students want their education to be useful as well as enjoyable and interesting.

b) The University is the institution that provides the students their education. Students want quality from their University. Quality means qualified professors, smaller classroom sizes, proper resources (i.e. computers, labs), and a reasonable tuition.

c) Students want the support of their governments. Helping to reduce tuition, creating more tax breaks for students, controlling students debt and creating student jobs are all things students want from their governments.

2. The Board of Governors is the highest governing body of the University, and every year two students and the president of the DSU get to sit on the Board. I will get what the students want by participating actively on the board as well as within the DSU. By learning and understanding what the issues are, I feel I can help get the best possible solutions for the students and the University.

3. I would like to be a member of the Board of Governors for two reasons. First of all I would like to help make Dalhousie a better place for the students. Entering Dalhousie two years ago I found it difficult to become integrated with university culture while living at home. At the beginning of my second year I wanted to get more involved within Dalhousie and did by becoming the DSU representative and a very active member of the Engineering society. Part of my success within the engineering society and my second reason for wanting to become a member of the BOG is that I have the skills necessary to adequately represent the students. These skills include organization, communication and leadership which have been developed through my experiences with engineering, student affairs, my involvement of teaching lifesaving and first aid to teens and adults and through playing competitive soccer.

4. If I lose the election I plan on getting involved with student affairs at Daltech and possible running for one of the available positions. As well I would retain my association with the DSU, by getting involved in whatever capacity possible.

CHRISTIE & MCMULLIN

Fuel School Pride
Unite Dalhousie
Experience Leadership Commitment

Some things we would like to see:

- Tuition Freeze
- Campus Wide Mardi-Gras
- Charity Floor Hockey Tournament
- Sold out concert series
- Improved Grawood & The Corner Pocket
- More support for our great societies!!!

Past Successful Leadership Experience: (Pres. Candidate)

High-School:

Prefect, Head of boarding house, Cadet Major, Graduate of The Forum for Young Canadians.

Dalhousie:

Treasurer, Vice-President and President of a successful innovative international organization on campus. Graduate of a Leadership College at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio

We believe that Dalhousie University is one of the best Universities around and we would like the opportunity to make it even better. We are open to suggestions and would appreciate your support! Your vote is important!!! Make a difference-Vote **Christie & McMullin**

VOTE!

Should We Cover Our Campus With a HEALTH PLAN?

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS (includes *birth control*) 80% coverage

PARAMEDICAL SERVICES- physiotherapist, psychologist, chiropractor, naturopath, message therapist

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES-including casts, braces, wheelchairs, blood glucose monitors, hearing aids, etc.

DENTAL ACCIDENT BENEFIT
AMBULANCE BENEFIT
TRAVEL INSURANCE
ACCIDENTAL DEATH INSURANCE
FAMILY COVERAGE

YOU CAN OPT OUT if you're covered by another insurance policy (for example, your parents' policy) you get your money back.

CHEAP HEALTH CARE FOR ALL STUDENTS- Without this plan, individual student insurance would cost roughly \$360.

COST- \$98/ Student (\$255 for a family)

March 11, 12, 13 VOTE!

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