

DSU Election Supplement

PRESIDENT & VP EXEC. CANDIDATES

DAN CLARK & GREG MCFARLANE

1. Dan: I've been at Dal at for four years. In that time, I've seen a lot of fixable problems. But what has become clear is that the only way to change things is to do it yourself.

Greg: I've often felt dissatisfied with what I've received from the DSU. I know there are a lot of people out there who are just like me in this respect. By running in this election I've given students an option that won't perpetuate or endorse the status quo. I want students to receive more from the DSU. That's the most important thing.

2a. When we graduate, we want skills that will make us employable and that will provide opportunities and not barriers. However, when we are here, we seek growth and fulfilment. Education is too often seen as nothing more than the pursuit of a piece of paper required to get a job. But when you think of the memorable things you learn, they have nothing to do with finding a job — they are about experiences that gave you knowledge and inspire you to keep learning.

2b. Respect. Students aren't ignorant, we know that Dalhousie is experiencing money problems. But that doesn't mean that we the students

always have to be the expendable party. A re-evaluation of students' roles in university governance is needed. We've all been lulled into the role of "consumer," but our tuition makes up roughly one-third of Dalhousie's operating budget. We have to be treated as legitimate stakeholders in the process, not cattle lined up for the slaughter.

2c. Help. The government is supposed to provide a basis on which every citizen can achieve and create at their full potential. Anything less is a personal denial. A student loan is supposed to be an equalizer making education accessible to all — not a noose around your neck for the rest of your life. Government must realize this.

3. There are two parts of advocacy. One is announcement and the other is facilitation. Often advocacy ends once the message is out, but that never accomplishes anything. It is not enough to tell the government you want more money for education and student loans. Governments traditionally lack creativity; it's up to us to generate the ideas that will lead to real change. One idea we would like to see explored would allow students to repay loans through their income taxes. The government would be rewarding us for working, and encouraging us to get jobs with a future — not just the first one that will pay down the loan.

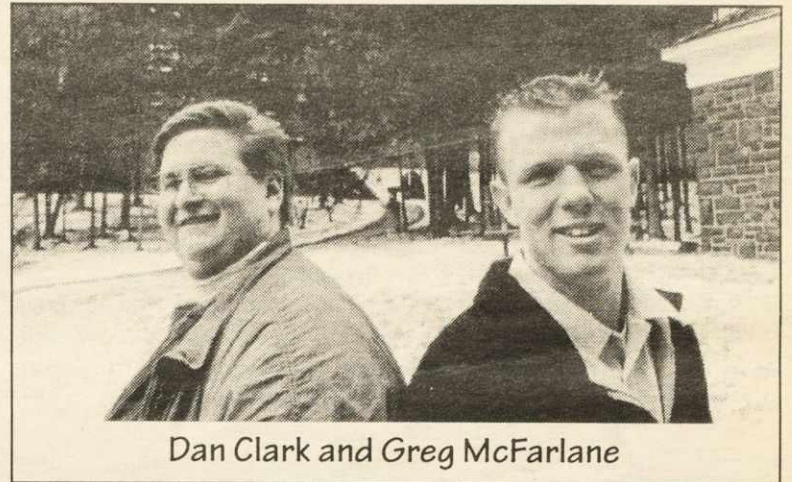
This is advocacy that looks at real solutions. This is something students receive very little of.

4. The DSU has a tremendous amount of services that it makes available to students. We have lawyers, doctors, psychiatrists, employment services, housing services, a travel agency, a volunteer bureau, tutoring and a bookstore. We have so many services that they have become neglected and under-used. Our priority would be to improve, expand and rejuvenate these services (especially the job centre), and then make sure that every student knows they are there. As for new services, we plan to propose a discount pharmacy (with no prescription fees) in the SUB, and a shuttle service between our campuses to help students move between classes. We also want to open up the entire campus to allow Dalhousie to enjoy our students' diversity and talents. This would include expositions, music, and displays in all of the campus's high traffic areas during the day, and give any and all groups the opportunity to contribute.

5. Dan: *Mr. Big.* When you're this big, they call you Dan.

Greg: *Turtles.* Underestimated at the start, but packed full of more goodness than I can describe in a one-sentence answer.

6. Dan: The DSU is useful to students, but the big failure of the union in past years has been the inability to let students know what it can do for them. We plan on holding monthly forums at peak times (ie — lunch hour) in each of the Studley, Carleton and Daltech campuses. This would give students a real opportunity to be informed and to inform us of



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their issues. We wouldn't be politicians, but rather tools of and for students.

Greg: It's a false belief that the only place students hang out is the SUB. On upper campus, people often spend spare time at Dalplex, or in the Killam Atrium, or anywhere else for that matter. At Tupper and Daltech, obviously people don't spend a break between classes at the SUB. So, money and services have to be diverted to these locations so students all over campus can benefit — in this respect, we can take the DSU to students. This is only fair. After all, we all pay DSU dues.

7. Dan: Play "Amazing Grace" on the bagpipes over and over and over.

Greg: Beat Dan until he stops.

KELLY MACKENZIE & BRIAN KELLOW

1. Kelly: Cause' it's about time a female ran the show around here!! I think I have a lot of experience, ideas and most of all, I would like to continue helping the students here at

Dalhousie.

Brian: I believe the Exec VP's office best serves students when it

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OUR QUESTIONS FOR THE ELECTION CANDIDATES:

- 1) Why do you want this job?
- 2) What do you think students want from their:
 - a) education?
 - b) university?
 - c) Federal & Provincial Governments?
- 3) How will you get them what they want?
- 4) What new ideas do you have in terms of DSU student services?
- 5) If you could be any candy or chocolate bar which would it be and why?
- 6) How will you use your position to make the DSU useful and valuable to the student body?
- 7) What will you do if you lose?



GENERAL ELECTIONS

MARCH 9, 10 & 11

NOMINATION WEEK
FEBRUARY 15th - 18th

- DSU President
- DSU Executive VP
- DSU VP Community Affairs
- DSU VP Internal
- DSU VP Student Advocacy
- Senate Reps (3)
- Board of Governors Reps (2)

Nomination packages available @ the
DSU Council Offices, Room 222 Dal SUB

DalTech Student Union
Office #J126A in the FH Sexton
Gymnasium

CAMPAIGN WEEK
MARCH 2th - 8th

CANDIDATE FORUMS

Howe Hall	7:00 pm	Mar 2
Shirreff Hall	7:00 pm	Mar 3
Dal SUB lobby	12:00 pm	Mar 4

Forums at DalTech and Carleton Campuses TBA
Watch for signage

VOTE
MARCH 9th - 11th

WEBELECT

A polling booth on the Internet!
For more info e-mail smoreman@is2.dal.ca

It's Easy!

- 1 • Logon to DSU Webpage @
admwww1.ucis.dal.ca/dsu/index.cfm
- 2 • Follow the directions.
- 3 • VOTE!

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