

ELECTIONS SUPPLEMENT

Board of Governors Stephen Davis

1. What benefits will you, as a student representative on the Board of Governors, bring the student body?

I believe that as an incumbent student Board of Governor representative I can provide beneficial continuity that has not been possible in the past. My experience has made me aware of the issues facing all students in the upcoming academic year and I will be able to work effectively for you from day one. In the past year I have realized that student voices need to be placed at the forefront of all discussions, both at the Board table and behind closed doors. When I first began my present term I did not realize that students are placed so low on the totem pole of priorities. It is my goal in this second term to raise the consciousness of all Board members of the contribution of student within the University community.

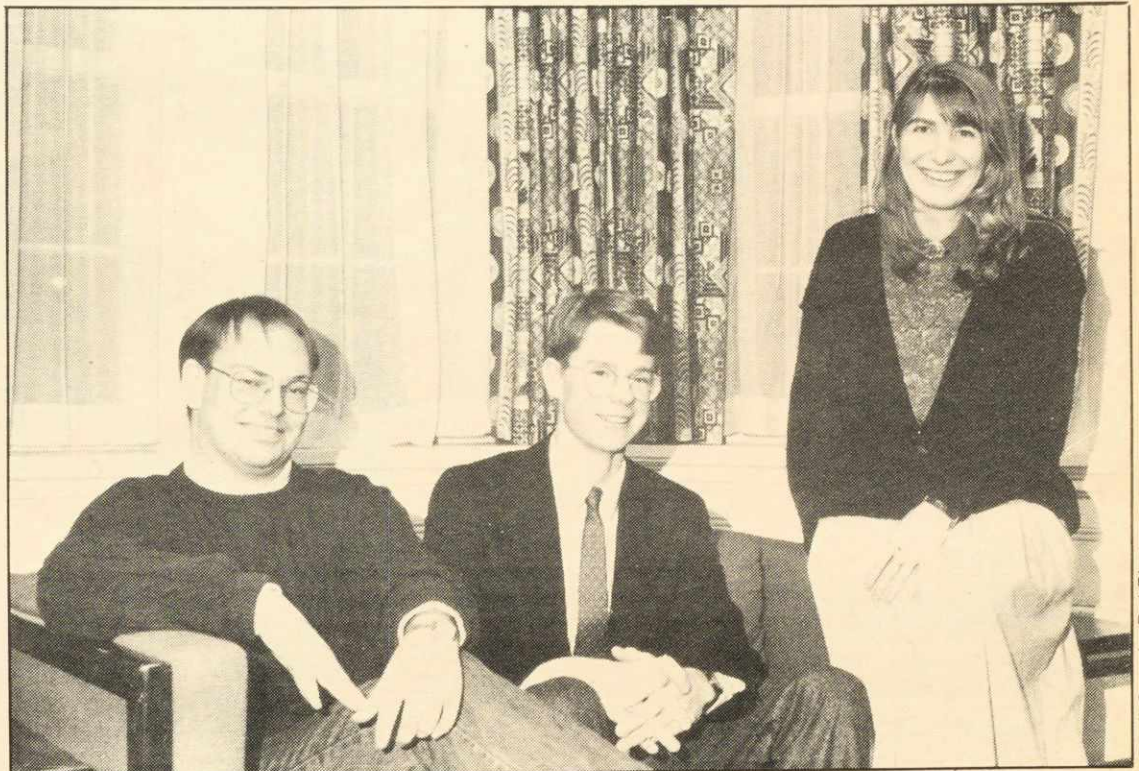
2. What do you think are the most important issues for students that will be drawn up in the 5 year plan by the Board's Financial Strategy Committee?

As a member of the Financial Strategy Committee, I am well aware of the impact that this Committee will have on all aspects of Dalhousie. If we, as an institution, are to prosper in the next decade we must ensure that we are financially responsible in the allocation of the government funding which we receive. By being more financially responsible we will be able to improve the quality of education that students receive. This quality is reflected in such expenditures as library acquisitions, laboratory equipment, and support staff for our faculty. At the same time as improving our quality of education it must also be kept affordable. What's affordable? As long as the student assistance program does not reflect the real cost of education, tuition fees must be kept down to a level that reflects what you can be expected to earn through summer employment and part time jobs. (Read: tuition fee agreement)

Rationalization has been pro-

posed as a means to cut our debt. Rationalization? This means your program gets CUT. If this becomes a reality students must be ensured of some consistency in their programs; perhaps a gradual phase-out over several years. Albeit going to Saint Mary's sounds a little scary to me too!

Being a student representative at the Board has been an eye opener and a learning experience. I feel that students have a role to play in the governance of Dalhousie. This role can be fulfilled at every level of the decision processes that take place on this campus. I encourage each and every



Board of Governors candidates: Stephen Davis, Patrick Oland, and Lara Morris.

Paul Grandy: Dal Photo

one of you to involve yourselves in the many extra-curricular activities that are available to you. We must be the authors of our own fates. Or at least GET THE FUCK OUT AND VOTE!! (Especially since I've already been acclaimed.)

Patrick Oland

1. What benefits will you, as student representative on the Board of Governors, bring the student body?

I am a second year Commerce student. I think that the benefits I can bring Dalhousie students will be the result of an integration of skill and energy. Knowledge combined with action translates into results, the results which you, the student, hope to achieve in electing your representatives.

As a Dal student, I have a very serious concern with the Administration's policies and their consequences for students. I have participated in many different aspects of student life from Intramural Athletics to student societies. In my experiences I have realized that there are many different versions of the Dal student. However I also realize that they are all at Dalhousie for a purpose; education. Whether that education be academic, or social or both, it is also true that students are seriously concerned about the quality of that education.

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The Five Year Financial Plan is

aimed at reducing the university's staggering debt. This plan will include revenue increases, and numerous funding cuts to programs and facilities at Dal.

Tuition Costs: We have been fortunate in past years to have our tuition roughly indexed with inflation. However, the collective agreement of tuition stabilization between the DSU and the administration ends in 1991. What then? We must ensure that tuition does not skyrocket, and that yearly increases are kept within a range that is accessible to students.

Program Cutbacks: In past years, to achieve budget targets, the university has implemented horizontal program cuts, where certain courses are not offered. In the near future, the university will be considering vertical cuts, in other words, dropping Academic Programs all together. If such vertical cuts occur, it will be the responsibility of the university and the government to ensure that adequate programs are available at other universities, and that those programs are integrated into the Dalhousie Curriculum.

Student Services: It is crucial that services such as the Library, the Student Union Building, the Dalplex and other important student facilities continue to be properly funded. If not, then all students will suffer.

Lara Morris

1. What benefits will you, as student representative on the Board of Governors, bring the student body?

As a Board of Governors representative I will bring all my talents and dedication to the boardroom table. I am uniquely qualified to address the issues facing the Board and Dalhousie University.

Having served for the past year as Vice President External of the Dalhousie Student Union and with my involvement in the Students' Union of Nova Scotia I have become very knowledgeable on the issues that the Board is facing today and into the future.

My experience and knowledge in conjunction with my hard work, dedication and commitment will allow me to be very successful in addressing the issues from our perspective as students.

It is through the channels of communication including DSU Council and publications, such as the Gazette, as well as direct feedback from all students what I will draw my response to the Board. However, it is important to note that response is not good enough. It is through these channels that I will formulate a proactive stance in representing student concerns.

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Clearly tuition fees are the most important concern for students being discussed by the Board Financial Strategy Committee. This Committee is charged with the responsibility of reviewing the finances of the University and it must establish a five year financial plan.

Having participated in Student Union planning meetings for the Committee, I have learned that the idea of 20 per cent tuition fee hikes is being discussed. Student representatives must ensure student fees are kept low in light of student assistance plans inadequate funding.

A second issue likely to be of concern to students is vertical cuts. This means the elimination of departments or whole programs. Currently Dalhousie practices horizontal budget cuts where each and all departments must face cuts of four or five per cent. This rationalization of programs may be forthcoming as the Committee has been charged with fulfilling Dr. Clark's Mission Statement which suggests Nova Scotia universities must avoid the duplication of services.

A thorough examination of the University's finances will present many issues requiring effective student representation at the Board and on this Committee as it continues to meet. I can provide this representation and protect students' interests in light of shrinking dollars and greater demands on students' funding sources, namely your bank account.