

Rusty & Dave

Dear Rusty & Dave:

What do you foresee happening in the upcoming student elections at Dalhousie? Everyone has had their opinions but yours have been long awaited, and I'm tired of waiting.

Carl Keener

Dear Carl:

In no specific order here are our predictions for the election results along with our computed predictions of each candidate's percentage of the popular vote:

Harvey and Katsepontes (12½%)

This team has little chance of winning. When checking their campaign posters one notices that they are only shown from their waists up. This is because, you guessed it, they are real, honest-to-gosh satyrs. Seeing that they worship Bacchus, they should alienate a significant number of beer-drinkers. Harvey/Katsepontes will receive only 12½%, as they tend to get the voters' goat.

Rideout and Kelly (12½%)

This team may have a chance if only because, unknown to most of the voting public, they star on **The Muppet Show**. Due to trick photography on their campaign posters, it is difficult to discern that they are actually Dr. Bunsen Honeydew and his assistant, Beaker. Voters will rationalize that if elected they will merely be puppets, controlled by administration. As a result, Rideout/Kelly will receive a low percentage because no one will know who is pulling their strings. So, 12½% for the Muppet candidates.

Fraser and Currie (12½%)

Nope! Too eccentric. Once voters discover the private quirks of this team their chances of victory will quickly fizzle out. Of course there are the well-publicized facts like Fraser's washing-machine collection which now exceeds 200 (although this does not make him a dead wringer for an automatic position), and that Currie has started a petition to rename the Angus L. MacDonald bridge. His proposed name: "The Grand Span, O'er-reaching Inter-Dimensional Frontiers." But there are some behind-the-scenes eccentricities which should deter even more potential supporters. Fraser, through a combination of his ostrich heritage and his over-worked intellect, sleeps each night in the bathroom with his head stuck in the toilet. This is why his face has been so flushed for the debates. Currie, on the other hand, runs a thoroughbred amoeba ranch. Need we elaborate further? 12½%.

Rans and Russell (12½%)

There has been some debate as to whether this team should be allowed to run as they are extra-terrestrial beings. Rans and Russell (nee XV13 and BA09) were beamed on to Dal last year. Their home planet is similar to Earth except that: a) the population is 90, b) 80% of them are asexual, c) their planet is three times the size of Earth, d) only 5% is covered by water, e) all the inhabitants are naughty, corny and trite, f) they love stale Fudge-Sticks, and g) the major cause of death is freezer-burn. Two main reasons for the team's poor showing will be that the voters are looking

for some down-to-earth candidates and that history has dictated that election years ending in "2" have never seen a team with alliterated surnames rise to victory. For Rans and Russell, 12½%.

Rusty and Vivian (11%)

This schizophrenic "team" is actually one person: Rusty, of this column. Rusty's plan is to get elected and then abandon his "Vivian" persona. In lieu of this schizophrenic half, he intends to elect Dave, through a subsequent by-election, as his new vice-president thus leaving Dal with Rusty & Dave as its leaders. However, Rusty & Dave's secret plan was revealed in this column, and so potential supporters will withdraw their votes because of the shady plans. As a result of this distrust Rusty and Vivian will only receive 11%, not even as much as the first four candidates.

Potato and Turnip WINNERS (35%)

No joke! This team is not two guys with funny names, but two real vegetables. This team will be a late addition to the presidential race. They were harvested into school in September 1981, and just decided the other day to plant themselves into the election. Their goals are to peel off a large majority of the popular vote if a lot of people turn up. They will win handily as most of the student voters are vegetables anyway. So, with 35%, Potato and Turnip will win the election.

Wasted ballots (4%)

Rusty & Dave will be the cause of this abnormally high proportion of wasted ballots. We, in conjunction with Burger King, are endeavoring upon a project to make elections truly meaningful at Dalhousie. Any voter who wastes his ballot by writing in either "Rusty & Dave" or "Whopper" instead of voting can take the wasted ballot to any Burger King and redeem it for one free meal (Whopper, Coke and fries; one meal per customer, contest void in Quebec). Thus we predict a high 4% of the vote being wasted ballots.

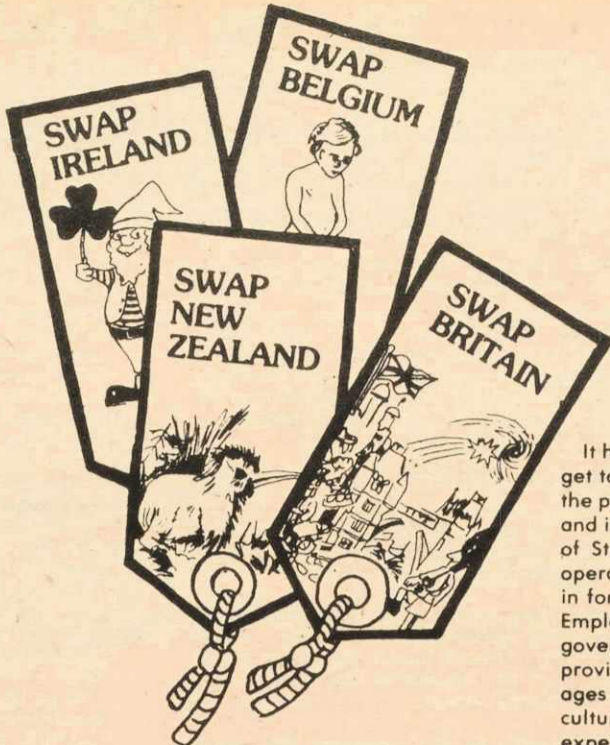
Dear Rusty and Dave

Howe Hall has of late become afflicted with financial problems. Obviously, Dean Donahoe has seen fit to overcome the difficulties (with the aid of his FINE Don) by reducing the bank accounts of numerous Henderson House residents. If the situation gets worse, we the members of R.L.A. (Residence Liberation Army), have decided to hold a public lynching to raise money to pay our debts to society, what do you think?
Signed,
R.L.A.

Special Note: Ballot Stuffing:

Because of troubles in previous elections with ballot stuffers, offenders will be dealt with more severely this year. Those caught will have to write out the word "democracy" one hundred times and walk around for a day with the word stamped on their **derriere**. To learn how to stuff ballot-boxes without being caught send to:

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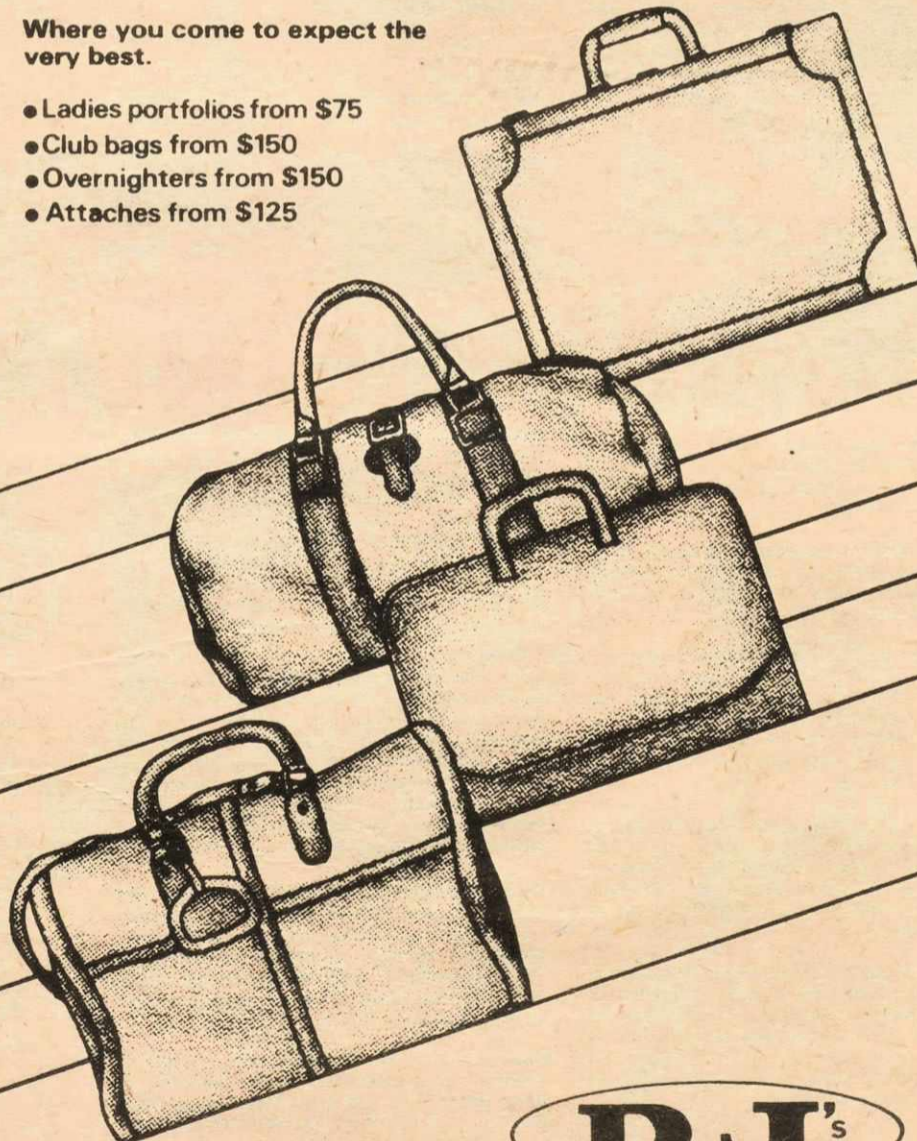
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