

Dick Mathews Graham Wells



and the Government. We both support SUNS in principle and will take an active role in making it an organization that will be responsive to the needs of Dal and Nova Scotian students.

4) Of course, we are opposed to further tuition increases. Student pressure has proven to be effective in halting tuition increases. Dalhousie must work with NUS and SUNS in developing a long-range strategy for fighting both tuition increases and cutbacks in educational funding.

5) Council has the unique role of being both the Organized Directors of the Dalhousie Student Union Inc. as well as being the elected political interest lobbying group for the students. Both roles are important, and as we said before, we are committed to opposing tuition increases and further cutbacks. There is another facet to student interests that council has not tackled in the recent past and that is academics. We propose to establish an executive member whose function will be to work entirely within the realm of academic difficulties. We envision its function as looking into proposals such as an anti-calendar, course evaluations and standards of grading schemes.

6) It is not necessary to reduce Council size now. With our proposals for the restructuring of Council there will be more than enough work for every councillor to do. Residence reps were among the positions to be removed and this is detrimental both to the residence students and the campus generally. The elimination of the position of Housing Secretary will be debated by this year's Council and if it should pass, the residence reps will assume many 'Housing' functions.

Malcolm Baxter Sandra Bain

We have both been involved with the residences—Sandra for three years and Malcolm for four. We have both been involved in such activities as Orientation and we are both presently Dons. We enjoy working with people, and we entered this campaign because we felt that we were capable of putting fresh voices and ideas into the Student Union.

We decided to take on a job that held a challenge, that had a greater potential worth to a greater number of students, and with the knowledge that we have gained in the residences, we felt that it was a natural progression to step up to the President's and Vice-President's jobs. We have both held jobs and positions of responsibility in the residences, and we have both had a great deal of involvement in the university community as a whole during our years at Dal.

There are several major issues facing the Council at this time, and we feel that uppermost is the inadequacy of the present drug plan. Four plans were put on a referendum last year, and none of them were adopted. These and other alternatives should be looked into, as complaints

1) We are the team with the most experience, the best grasp of the issues and the most reasonable expectations of what can be done and how. We have the enthusiasm and the spirit, but more importantly, we have the experience to get the job done. Our desire to put these qualifications to work for Dal students is reflected in the fact that we have been candidates since nominations closed. Dick Mathews has been involved with Student Council and the operation of the SUB for the past two years as a member of the SUB-Operations Committee. This year he is the Howe Hall Rep on Council and is a member of the Howe Hall Residence Council. He was one of Dalhousie's four delegates to the SUNS inaugural meeting and helped to form Dal's position paper on how it should be set up. Graham Wells is a Senator this year as well as a member of Senate Council. His committee experience includes the Senate Discipline Committee and the Recruitment Common Council. Graham has been selected as the student representative on the Presidential Search Committee.

2) The major issues that Council will have to deal with will include an examination of the drug plan, tuition and cutbacks, SUNS, the Student Union's financial situation and Council restructuring. All of these issues are crucial.

3) There is an external affairs position on Council, i.e. the President. As part of our restructuring plan, we propose to establish a committee chaired by the President to review and advise on our relations with all external bodies such as NUS, SUNS,

from students regarding this plan are numerous.

It is a fact that students spend a small fortune attending university, and any savings to the student ease the financial pressure. We wish to start a plan of discounts at retail stores and shopping centres in Metro for Dalhousie students, and we feel that such a system could show real benefits to all the students using it.



A major point of our campaign is that, in the years which we have been here, the academic reputation of Dal has been hovering on a precipice, and threatens to plummet in the near future. We feel that the students have not been encouraged to relate their concerns towards their education here. We feel that past Councils have spent too much effort on being an entertainment service to the students, and not enough time utilizing the support that the name Student Union implies in dealing with academic matters: complaints about courses, professors, no standardized marking system, et cetera.

Our major issues include: our full support for administration rebates due to lack of services in the residences as a result of the strike; different forms of entertainment, and perhaps subsidization of societal events outside the S.U.B.; a reorganization of Council in order to make it more efficient and yet not decrease input from the students; to find out what the hold-up is with the new Dal rink, in spite of the availability of both land and money, and to push the university to build it and get it into use as quickly as possible.

In order to assure that the students' interests are considered in the planning of future academic needs, and to

help in supporting lower fees, etc., we feel the S.U.N.S. has the potential to be an important forum from which the administration and governments can determine our needs and attempt to fulfill them. Dalhousie is without a doubt a strong leader in the academic circles of this province, and it is necessary, therefore, that Dal be a firm supporter of an organization that has possibilities of being so valuable in the fight for the Dal student.

It would appear at this time that the only method of getting the attention of the policymakers is to band together, for our own interests. It is the only method of assuring that the quality of our education will not decline, and that tuition rates be kept at reasonable levels. If the potential of this organization is fulfilled, then it might be necessary to develop an External Affairs secretariat.

It is important for the Student Union to supply certain entertainment functions that cannot be found in the community, and to supply entertainment at cost-plus. However, the stress in previous administrations has been towards entertainment while ignoring 'hard' issues such as tuition increases, cutbacks in funding, academic problems, and dealing with the university hierarchy on behalf of the beleaguered student.

We don't see the two issues as being conflicting: by diversifying the entertainment, the students will be drawn into using the S.U.B., and the resulting resources can be used for these 'hard' issues.

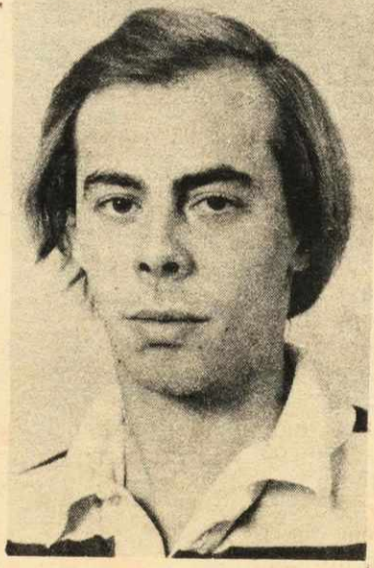
David Thomson

Al Fitz-Gerald

The team of David Thomson and Alan Fitz-Gerald are running for office in order to promote student unity; something we feel has been seriously lacking in our three years attendance at Dalhousie. It seems to us that the average student is not well informed about the problems facing him/her as an individual and as a member of the student body. Just as important as the solutions of problems, are satisfactory methods of solution. We are firmly convinced that the best method of solution is a heightening of student awareness. Through a better informed student body, student consciousness, and mutual support amongst both individuals and groups, the interests of the entire student body can be achieved and protected.

The campaign is based on honesty, simplicity, and a sincere belief that our doctrine of student unity is the best way to deal with the problems of students. Although the campaign is not based on credentials, both candidates have good knowledge of the student union operation. We feel that our interests in the expression and solution of problems of the individual and the student body makes us capable of doing the best job.

We feel that one of the biggest problems facing student council next year will be the financial troubles caused



by this year's strike. The budget in general should cause problems as will tuition increases. As with this year, external affairs may cause problems. We feel that there should be an external affairs position on council, other than the president, to serve as a liaison with outside associations. Dalhousie should be involved with such associations as ASC and SUNS to promote unity with other student unions in the area, provided that the benefits to Dal equal time or money put into such endeavors. Through such unity, it may be possible to determine why, for example, tuition is increasing, and whether student action can affect this. Council doesn't have as much power

President and Vice President

The Gazette asked all presidential and vice-presidential teams to reply to the following questions. We asked the candidates to please remain within a 600 word limit.

Questions

1. Why are you running? Based on past experience, what makes you capable for the job?
2. What do you feel will be the issues facing council for 79-80?
3. Do you feel that there should be an external affairs position on council? Why or why not? How do you see SUNS (the Students' Union of Nova Scotia) relating to Dalhousie?
4. What do you think about tuition increases?
5. How do you think council should divide their energy between services (Grawood, entertainment) and issues such as cutbacks and tuition increases?
6. Do you think the size of council should be reduced?

in this area as some students think.

As far as division of time, between services and such issues as cutbacks, student council should be discrete with respect to timing, and should be attentive to the opinion of the student body.

Should council size be reduced? No, as we all know the present council hasn't achieved anything out of the ordinary. Committees do the work and by cutting the council size, members of council will have to start sitting on more committees to make up the difference, thereby loading more work on your society and resident reps who are already working for free.

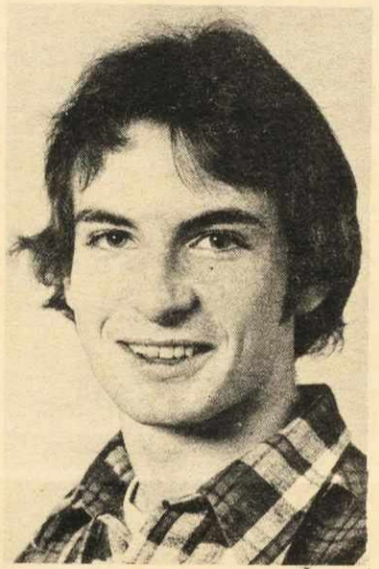
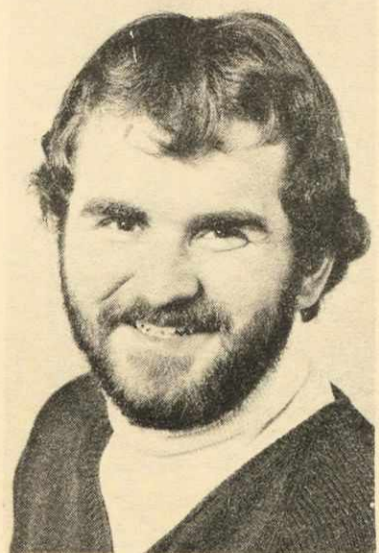
Bert McCann Rod McKenney

Our names are Bert McCann (Presidential candidate) and Rod McKenney (Vice-Presidential candidate). Bert is in the second year of his B.A. with a major in Psychology, while Rod is a second year Biology student. The major reason that we are running in these elections is that considering the \$55 Student Union fee (this amounts to a total of over \$400,000) and considering the scope of the jurisdiction of the Student Council, we feel that this body is not living up to its fullest potential.

Our two major qualifications are that we have a good knowledge of the issues facing council and that we have never been on the Students' Council. We believe that the combination of these two factors would result in a Presidential-Vice-Presidential team which would be well informed, yet fresh and innovative. This team will not be tied down to the maintenance of the status quo, as some current or former members of the Students' Council may tend to be.

The major issue facing both the Students' Council and the student body as a whole, is that of tuition increases. Currently, Nova Scotia has the second highest tuition fees in

the country. We maintain that the opportunity for a university education should not be contingent upon geographic location. Any tuition increases which are in keeping with the rate of inflation will simply maintain this disparity and in fact may even increase it.



Larry Worthen Pat Gardner

Elected representatives have a mandate of service to students. We believe that past councils have not fulfilled this mandate. Therefore we feel that there are some basic areas where effective action is required:

1) The High Cost of Education—Dalhousie University already boasts one of the highest tuition rates in the country. According to the latest MPHEC report, this situation will only deteriorate unless proper action is taken. In addition, a fee increase at Fenwick Towers is planned for next year. Students cannot afford these increases. Effective action is required to inform the Administration of the needs of the students.

2) External Relations—An effective way to keep tuitions down is through active participation in outside organizations such as a unified Students' Union of Nova Scotia. Dalhousie has not been represented at the last two SUNS plenaries where tuition increases were discussed. We believe that Dalhousie should have a leadership role in SUNS. An external affairs position is not necessary as this could be handled by an active president and willing members of Council.

3) Rebate of Residence Fees—Students paid for services they did not receive during the recent strike. As soon as these losses can be estimated, a rebate to residence students is in order.

4) Entertainment—While political issues are important, about half of Council's time should be spent on entertainment and internal concerns. We feel that one of the best ways to foster campus spirit is to put more energy into entertainment. By continuing to hold Discos and Super Subs we will be able to subsidize more diverse entertainment—for example, coffee houses, speakers, etc.

As well, there are three pressing issues which affect campus minorities:

a) Differential Fees—It has been shown that foreign stu-



dents contribute more to the Canadian economy than they take out. As well, our university experience is enriched by their presence.

b) DAGS—We support greater autonomy for the Graduate Students Association in an effort to institutionalize the separateness and uniqueness of the graduate student population.

c) Reduction of Council—We are not convinced that the size of Council necessarily be reduced. Our main concern is that off-campus residences, day students and TYP students have adequate representation.

EACH YEAR YOU PAY \$55 FOR STUDENT UNION FEES WE WANT YOU TO GET YOUR MONEY'S WORTH ON FEB. 14th VOTE LARRY WORTHEN (Pres.) AND PAT GARDNER (V. Pres.)

LARRY WORTHEN is a first year law student from Fredericton, New Brunswick who has experience in Student Council as Arts Representative and who has sat as a member of the Committee on Studies in 1977-78.

PAT GARDNER is a 3rd year Chemistry student from North Sydney.

Hear the candidates

Sunday, February 11, 1979
3:00 p.m.
Study Room, Shirreff Hall

Monday, February 12, 1979
11:30 a.m.
S.U.B. Lobby

Monday, February 12, 1979
7:30 p.m.
Howe Hall, Dining Room

Tuesday February 13
12:00 p.m.

Weldon Law Building, Room 212

