

Campbell, White for V.P.

Kimber, Mitchell will seek presidency

The race for student council president moves into the second preliminary stage. Two teams have declared their candidacy and are now seeking out support for their platforms among students and groups on campus.

Steve Kimber, a former editor of the Gazette and D. A. Campbell, this year's Internal Affairs Secretary, are running on a restructuring and democratization ticket. "Students must make decisions that affect their lives," Kimber told the Gazette.

D. A. said that she and Steve had spent a lot of time discussing the direction they think the union should take in the next year, and what con-

crete steps need to be taken for a better student university.

"We both agree that for example, council members should be given a certain area which is their own, and they are responsible for what goes on campus in their particular field. That way we could have student body meetings on definite issues and have a council member there who knows enough about it to tell the students what is going on and listen to what they have to say."

Their platform calls for regular student body meetings to review and discuss actions of the Council, with final decisions being in the hands of the students. The students could initiate legislation as well.

Their policy also calls for aid to course unions, greater involvement in the community, adherence to the principle of an elected executive with only the Treasurer serving as an appointed post, and rotation of Council meetings to various areas of the campus.

Lee Mitchell a third year Arts student and first year Med student Peter White the other declared candidates for President and Vice President. They are planning a "substantially different style campaign," as Mitchell put it. They are running on a party basis, offering a full slate of candidates on their platform.

"Like most of the candidates this

year, we want to see a more democratically-based student government, Mitchell said.

They visualize course unions being the focus of this new system. These unions could set up councils in their various fields, such as the health professions, and elect Students' Council representatives from them, explained Mitchell. The councils would look after "the localized fears of these councils," he said. Faculties could retain the old method if they wished.

Also on their list of changes is a restructuring of the campus police. Mitchell wants them to expand their services under a student directorate, consisting of a Students' Council member and two students elected by the student body.

Neither Mitchell or White have had experience in student affairs before.

"If I thought it was going to be detrimental to the student body, I wouldn't run," he said. "It really doesn't enter into it."

His organization of supporters and candidates have had some experience working on committees and other student bodies. He feels that they can tell him what he needs to know.

Mitchell does not want the Presidency of the Council jobs to go to anyone but students. "Only if the situation becomes grave, will the Councillors be paid," he said. He sees devolvement of power from the President to the Students' Council for more responsible government.

Other suggestions he has concern student life in general. This includes expanding the SUB programs, student housing and a program to help underprivileged children who could not normally attend university.

Government condemned for inaction on education report

The Francophone Federation of Nova Scotia has condemned the provincial government for inaction in not taking steps to implement the recommendations of the Tribunal on Higher Education in the province.

The federation accused the government of failing to keep its word in the matter and of creating a stagnant situation with regard to the report.

The tribunal report recommended that a bilingual community college be established at

Meteghan, in southwestern Nova Scotia, replacing College Ste. Anne as the centre for post-secondary education.

The Francophone Federation rapped the government for failing to make the educational opportunities outlined in the report available to the Acadian population.

It also suggested that the report be made public immediately, despite the fact that the French version is not yet ready.

Students Agree

The students at College Ste. Anne in Church Point took a similar stand late Wednesday (January 28) when the following communiqué was issued:

"We the students of College Ste. Anne reaffirm our stand in accepting the Tribunal Report on Bilingual Higher Education in Nova Scotia.

We most strongly urge the provincial government to pass immediate legislation toward implementation of this report. This entails that a date must be set immediately for the opening of the bilingual college mentioned in the report. Secondly we urge that this being done, students now attending College Ste. Anne be assured of the possibility of completing their courses there."

A year ago the provincial government saw fit to elect a tribunal composed of Dr. David Monro, Chairman, with assistance of Roger Guindon o.m.c. and Alphonse-Marie Parent, p. ap. The report produced by these people completely and in an unbiased way brought to light the needs for bilingual higher education in Nova Scotia. A failure of the government to accept the tribunal's report can only be seen as a question of the competency of the members composing the tribunal. Also a failure to implement the recommendations outlined by the tribunal would be the denial of the fact that there is an urgent need for bilingual higher education in this province and in particular in south western Nova Scotia.

When the tribunal was appointed, it was presumably understood that the decisions of this tribunal would be final. A tribunal is defined as that which decides or judges. The provincial government has no reason to ask any other opinions on the subject. To ensure justice to all parties involved, the government has then but to follow the recommendation of the tribunal.

Warner first student on Loans Committee

by Peter Harvison

"In the future, post-secondary education will be financed completely by the government," predicts Greg Warner. A first year law student, he has just been appointed as the first student member on the Nova Scotia - Canada Student Loans Committee which advises the provincial cabinet on the student loan program.

Mr. Warner feels the present system is in need of many changes and is also aware of the fact that his appointment may be a form of tokenism.

As far as loans themselves are concerned, he feels that the dependent status should be removed and that "the present loan scales are unreal and should be abolished."

The former President of Acadia University Student Council has already sent out letters to all of Nova Scotia's student council presidents and student newspapers asking for their suggestions and expressing a willingness to meet with them to discuss their proposals.

As Mr. Warner says, "The education of young people is the most important activity of government today, and the only limitation on expenditures should be what the economy can maintain. It's a matter of making sure governments recognize how vital it is."

Favourable student reaction has followed the news of the appointment. John Coulter, third year Commerce student summed up the opinion of most students, "I think it's about time a student got on this committee." What did he hope Mr. Warner would try to do? "A new system of surveying and legitimizing the needs of students should be instituted, one that would be more beneficial to the people who really need it."

Concern was also expressed over the nature of the appointment. As one student said, "It's only a token, but least it's a start. It remains to be seen what Greg Warner can do."

Oxner new commerce rep

Michael Oxner has taken over the post of Commerce rep on Students' Council after a by-election victory January 26.

Oxner defeated the only other candidate, Lois Stevenson, by a 44-37 margin. There were seven spoiled ballots.

The by-election was called to fill the position vacated by Daphne Shedd early in December. A by-election was not held earlier due to a difficulty in raising a quorum at Council sessions to authorize the election.

Officially, Oxner's term of office will last only until regular elections February 18. It is expected, however, that the Commerce Society will ratify Oxner's election for the coming term as well.

Letter... 'make Gazette better than Mail-Star'

TO THE EDITOR

With reference to the article in last week's Gazette on The Mirror, you discussed the fact that many people criticize the Gazette because of its insufficient coverage of such wildly important events as upcoming dances, sports events, and general University gossip.

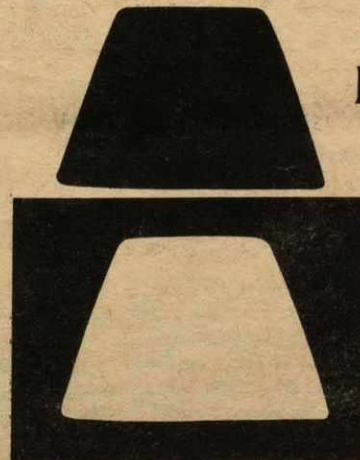
To the contrary, we contend that for a "community of scholars" (and budding scholars) there are much more important news events that can be covered from the young intellectual's point of view, than whether Dal beats UNB in a basketball game.

It is our opinion that those people who wish to contribute to the University life by writing for a newspaper would do better to contribute articles that reflect the purpose and intent of a university education, and what this "higher learning" has taught them about society. Certainly we, as the educated elite of Canada, should have something important, relevant and intelligent to say about the world we observe and live in.

A newspaper that deals more with ideas than with New Year's Eve Balls is more interesting to read than one that makes sure that every interfaculty basketball game has its results in glorious print.

Let's make the Gazette a little better than the Mail-Star.

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