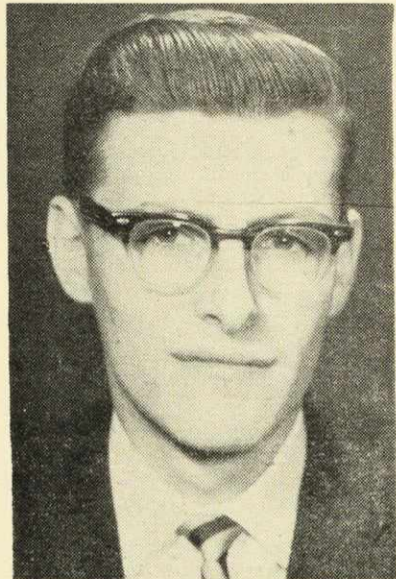


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# THE LIBERALS SAY:



JIM COWAN

## SODALES PLANS FOR INTERFAC DEBATES

Bill Sommerville, Sodales president has announced that plans are underway for inter-faculty debating this term. The debates are open to all entrants, the only qualification being that both members of the two-man team must belong to the same faculty.

In charge of the debates is Reid Morden.

This term will see at least two inter-collegiate debates sponsored by Sodales. Topics and dates for the contests with UNB and St. Mary's are to be announced shortly.

Last week Bill Aton and Charlie Haliburton were selected to debate against UNB while the St. Mary's contestants are Huw Williams and Kent Jobson.

The Dalhousie University Liberal Club presents the following statement of policy for your consideration. At present Canada is in a very critical state, and we believe that these policies will help Canada to overcome her difficulties and once again to move forward along the road to prosperity.

**I. UNEMPLOYMENT:** Unemployment is today Canada's biggest problem, with a gravity unknown since the depression of the 1930's. A new Liberal Government will take effective measures not only to alleviate present unemployment but also to cure the basic causes of unemployment. At present an all-out plan of attack is needed to get Canadians back to work. A new Liberal Government would adopt immediately the following policies:

(a) **Easier credit and lower interest rates:** The resulting cheaper and more easily available loans would stimulate increases in output and employment.

(b) **Personal Tax Cuts:** This would put more money in the pockets of the consumers thus stimulating the demand for most kinds of products and leading industries all across the country to take on more workers.

(c) **Improved Retraining Programs:** A Liberal Government would finance supplementary payments to any unemployed person undertaking a suitable vocational training course to equip himself for another job. The facilities for such training would be greatly expanded.

(d) **Accelerated Depreciation:** This device would help firms that are eager to expand and put in new equipment.

(e) **Winter Work:** A Liberal Government would provide tax incentives for extra activity in the winter. This would increase the level of employment during this period.

(f) **Public Works:** The Liberal Party believes that municipal public works can provide employment far more quickly than can grandiose federal projects. Accordingly, federal contributions to municipal winter work programs would be increased and should vary according to the level of unemployment in the locality.

**II. ATLANTIC PROVINCES:** The Liberal Party will implement measures to encourage the expansion of industry, and employment in the Atlantic Provinces in the following manner:

(a) by the establishment of a **Capital Assistance Fund** to be concerned with basic projects for promoting the overall economic prosperity of the Atlantic Provinces.

(b) by implementing a broad scheme of **tax incentives** to firms which establish new plants and industries in the Atlantic Provinces.

(c) by providing special financial assistance for **trunk highways** in all four Atlantic Provinces for heavy traffic to and from Central Canada and the United States in order to promote trade and the tourist industry.

**III. UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE:** The Liberal Party will conduct a thorough investigation into the administration of the Unemployment Insurance fund which is now at a dangerously low level.

**IV. EDUCATION:** To the end that no young man or woman shall be deprived, from lack of funds, from education that they have the ability and ambition to use to their own and their country's advantage, a Liberal Government will:

(a) establish an extensive scheme of **Canadian Bursaries and Scholarships.** Both need and merit would be recognized in this system, which would provide the appropriate students with awards up to \$1000 per year.

(b) make **Federal Grants** available for expanding and improving Canadian universities.

(c) set up a **Canadian Vocational Training Organization.** The government would encourage and provide an incentive for retraining, particularly the unemployed, by guaranteeing to them an adequate living allowance during the training period.

**V. FEDERAL - PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS:** The importance of negotiations in this field is growing rapidly. Federal grants and payments, at the present time, when combined constitute the second largest figure in the Federal budget. Therefore the Liberal Party advocates the foundation of a **Ministry or Department of Federal-Provincial Affairs** to deal with these relations.

**VI. PENSIONS:** A Liberal Government will develop a nationally co-ordinated and assisted plan to make retirement pensions fully portable.

**VII. HEALTH AND WELFARE:** A new Liberal Government will initiate a **comprehensive medical plan** providing Canadians with drugs, medicines and diagnostic services, improved hospital facilities, and facilities for rehabilitation and the care of mental patients.

N.B. Doctors will, under the Liberal plan, continue to be remunerated on a **fee-for-service basis** by an independent commission according to a mutually acceptable scale of fees.

**VIII. DEFENCE:** Liberal defence policy will end the drifting and confusion existing at present under the Diefenbaker Government.

(a) A Liberal Government would not acquire, manufacture or use **nuclear armaments** either under separate Canadian control or under joint Canadian-U.S. control.

(b) Canada under a Liberal Government would continue to play an important part in NATO. However NATO's objectives and the means of achieving them should be reconsidered in the light of conditions today, rather than those of 12 years ago when NATO was founded.

(c) Under a new Liberal Government Canada will **withdraw from NORAD** insofar as its present interceptor role is concerned.

(d) Canada would contribute appropriately to **continental defence** in co-operation with the U.S.

(e) The Liberal Party advocates the establishment of permanent international **Peace and Police Forces** under the U.N.

(f) A Liberal Government would **stop wasting our resources** on interceptor fighter squadrons, Bomarc missiles and other military equipment which is obsolescent or likely to become so in a short time.

**IX. FOREIGN POLICY:** (a) Canada can and must play, through the medium of the U.N. a vigorous and constructive part in the effort to preserve peace and security and promote freedom.

(b) A Liberal Government would work through NATO to consolidate the Atlantic community for non-military purposes.

(c) A Liberal Government would increase and enlarge the scope of international **aid to the underdeveloped countries** of the world.

### Letters—

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I request other students, who wish to see our campus parliament free of the influences of national political parties, to join me in boycotting this 'election'.

Douglas F. Waller.

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### ...keen eye...

Sir,

You publish a full-length photograph of the Federal Finance Minister, and a full-face portrait of the Sweater Queen. Could you please initiate a crisper line of editing, with a keener eye for relevance? A photograph of, say, the Minister's wallet might be acceptable.

William James.

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### ...money...

Sir,

In last week's *Gazette* report of discussion by Dalhousie's Students' Council concerning Dal-King's relations, it was stated that King's University students participate in Dalhousie activities without paying the Dalhousie Council fee of \$40.00. The account went on to say that the Dalhousie Council hopes to arrive at a "more realistic financial relationship."

This report implies that King's students do not pay Dalhousie for the privilege of participating in its activities; such is not the case. Under an agreement with the Dalhousie Students' Council, each King's student pays \$4.50 to Dalhousie and in return is entitled to privileges on the same basis as Dalhousie students. Prior to this agreement, which expires in September, 1962, each King's student paid Dalhousie \$3.00.

Cliff Shirley,  
Senior Student, King's.

### Class' 61—

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year, as it should have been in other years. The constitution as drawn up in 1946 states:

"The membership of the senior class shall consist of all **undergraduates** in their final year. The executive and administrative powers of the Senior class shall be vested in the Life Executive."

Thus this year the Life Executive will not include anyone who has already received a degree.

The positions to be filled are: Life President, Life Vice-President, Life Secretary, Life Treasurer, Valetorian, and class historian. At the same time three undergraduates will be elected to serve with the Life Executive on the "Convocation Committee".

As these positions are not only important, but are also very much of an honour to those elected, it is hoped that everyone will think of a slate of officers before the meeting rather than have them elected with no forethought.

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Campus organizations are advised that **ALL dances must be attended by chaperones.**

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