

# Anti-AFS campaign misleads

A misleading campaign against the Atlantic Federation of Students appeared on the Dalhousie Campus on Friday. Keith Evans, present Howe Hall rep on council, received money from council for the campaign. Student Council had earlier agreed that if an anti-campaign did come to light, they were entitled to an equal amount of funds as the pro-AFS campaign.

An anti-campaign based on facts would be acceptable. However, this campaign is based on distortion and outright lies.

On the poster distributed throughout campus it states that, "the University of New Brunswick and Universite de Moncton have both voted no...no...no...to AFS. This means that the two largest New Brunswick Universities with over 90,000 students have rejected AFS."

UNB did vote no. After checking with Alex Kibaki, vice-president external at UNB, the **Gazette** discovered that their council threw in a \$10 student fee and falsely tied in the \$1 AFS fee. Basically, their students were not properly informed, as a poor campaign was carried out.

The Universite de Moncton has never held a referendum.

Point two in the anti-campaign states, "that AFS has been in financial troubles since it began and that the Dalhousie Student Union has been keeping it mainly afloat?"

AFS has not had the proper finances with which to operate.

The Dalhousie Student Union has not done its share to support the organization. As one of the largest institutions in the Atlantic Provinces, their contributions both financially and morally have been disappointing and irresponsible.

### Other distortions of the campaign:

National Student Day was not a failure on every campus in Canada, as the poster implies.

NUS is continuing to lobby governments regarding tuition increases.

The poster is true in saying that if it wasn't for NUS, AFS would become history. So what? The National Organization is correct in supporting the efforts of regional organizations since they are working for the same basic goals.

The final point in the anti-campaign says that our student fees will increase by an additional dollar, if you support AFS. The dollar is a separate fee — not included with our student union fees. True, you will be paying an extra dollar by voting yes to AFS, but somehow it does make sense to spend a dollar on an organization that works towards saving students hundreds of dollars in tuition increases.

The **Gazette** is appalled at the low tactics the anti-campaign has used to mis-lead the students of Dalhousie.

The **Gazette** supports both AFS/FEA and NUS/UNE and we urge you to vote yes on the NUS and AFS referenda on Feb. 16.

# Image politics

Due to the number of presidential teams in this year's election, the **Gazette** is not endorsing any one. The staff does not agree as to who should be running the Dalhousie Student Union next year.

Through studying the various platforms, the **Gazette** did come up with some conclusions:

Nightingale and Soulis are having a good time. For a joke campaign it's pretty funny ... they're apt to get the non-support they want.

The remaining teams say they are serious. We wish they were. It is obvious their homework has not been done. The candidates are basing their platforms on image politics. Slogans are not convincing as opposed to substantial reasoning.

The **Gazette** has discovered that the teams do not have a grasp of the major issues relevant to Dalhousie.

There appears to be a definite lack of leadership abilities in many platforms. Detailed research into the main issues at Dalhousie does not seem evident, so we feel that the choices available this year are not up to par with previous elections.

## Pharmacy candidates

Susan Rodgers

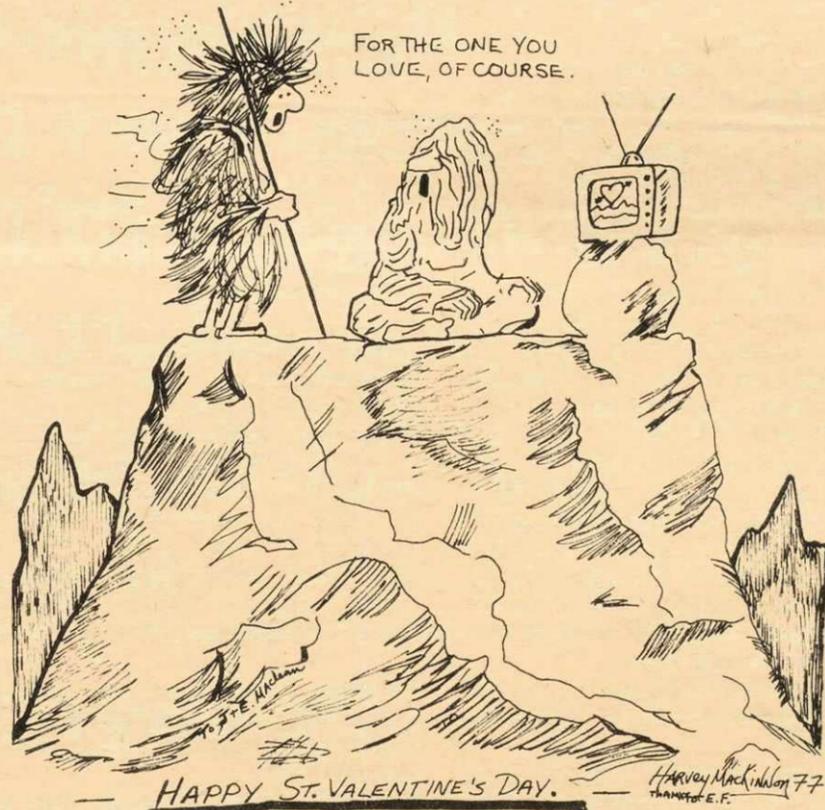
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WISE OLD MAN OF THE MOUNTAIN, WHO SHOULD I CAST MY VOTE FOR?



The following people won their positions by acclamation. After the initial deadline, several candidates declared themselves for the remaining positions.

Janet Cameron--Arts

Mike Powers--Arts

Larry Worthen--Arts

Dan Edgar--Engineering

Keith Evans--Law

Chris Gallant--Science

Andrew Lynk--Science

Carl I. Hall--Senate

Anita M. Lathigee-- Senate

Thomas Mann--Senate

Thomas Oland--Senate

Aifred Dean - Dentistry

David Goldstein - Health Professions

Louise Fullerton - Nursing

**Bonus T. Evans and Basil R. Simmons have withdrawn from the presidential campaign**