

# Give Their Views

## Graham and Gilkinson

Our reasons for running are based on experience of what the student union has been, optimism concerning what it could become, and frustration over what it has not yet achieved.

**GREG GRAHAM:** My qualifications are mainly energy, enthusiasm and concern. In terms of experience, I have served this past year as GradStudies Rep. on council, on the external committee of the Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students, as the Secretary-treasurer of my departmental society, as student representative to the English Department Faculty, and on various University and Student Union Committees. I have actively represented my constituents at plenaries of the Students Union of Nova Scotia (SUNS), the National Union of Students (NUS) and the Association of Student Councils (AOSC). As a science undergraduate I had served on the University Senate and had been involved in societies and residence life.

**MARIE GILKINSON:** Stamina is a strong qualification of mine although experience helps. After four years on an "A" society executive, including a term as president, I now serve as a member of the Dalhousie Student Union Council, and on the council executive. As Chairman of Entertainment, and Vice-Chairman of SUB Operations, I have learned the inner workings of Student Union Administration. Actively involved in sports, academics, and social activities, I have participated in many clubs, societies

and served on both University and Student Union committees.

**GRAHAM:** The president must defend, promote, and encourage the letter, objects and spirits of the Constitution. He/she must represent the student body academically and externally. The president must review University, Provincial and Federal policies as they affect students. Further, the president must provide a strong voice on issues when student interests are in question and must ensure credibility and respected presentation of legitimate student concerns.

**GILKINSON:** The vice-president is responsible for the overall operation of the Student Union Building and the services it provides to students. In addition to this, she/he acts as a liaison between the council and all committees, clubs and organizations within the Union.

We feel the three main issues are Leadership, Communications, and Making Services and Facilities Serve Student Desires and not Administrative Convenience.

We believe in active as opposed to reactive leadership. Inadequate research and preparation by

previous leaders has resulted in an unorganized and ineffective stand on student issues. The unique opportunities of time and resource should enable the DSU president to monitor, review, and research alternatives to administrative, provincial and federal policies as they affect students. The development of credible and comprehensive counter-proposals must rely on prior planning, not reaction after the fact.

Dialogue is the key to improved communications. A healthy rapport with students requires the direct personal involvement of elected representatives at the society level. Attendance at society and residence council meetings, the creation of a communication secretariate, "campus life" bulletins, and informal public forums such as cafeteria "Hot-Seats" and complaint pubs are some of the many ideas we are considering. We are convinced that effective communication will lead to broader student involvement.

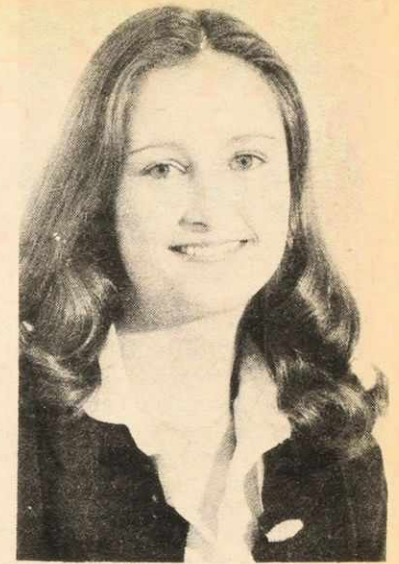
The Student Union Building should act as the living room of the campus, not an administrative center. Marie has studied space



**Greg Graham**

allocation in the building and sees potential for the greatly increased services desired by students. An After-Hours Care and a Students General Store are both useful additions requiring low capitol expenditure. She further notes that office space becoming available should be reallocated to student societies to offset the "bureaucratic atmosphere". The increased use of the SUB will broaden participation in Student Union Activities and enhance campus life.

A bylaw change regarding General Meetings of the Student Union is an absolute necessity. We want a minimum quoracy of 1% (approx. 80 students), a three week notice of the time and place (place need not be restricted to the SUB), followed by a one week notice of all motions to be considered. Further, we propose to create a seat for international



**Marie Gilkinson**

students on council as there is clearly a strong need for representation. We are pledging active participation at society meetings by our executive. This will result in an increase of society input regarding decisions made by the students council.

We have clearly defined the three main issues of this campaign, and all of them reflect on the need to serve and represent the wider body of students. We expect that the Students Council, if it is encouraged rather than accused of apathy, will respond to our leadership.

Anal-retentive Profit causes Inflation! Solution: Exlax on the Health Plan.

Greg Graham  
Candidate for President

Marie Gilkinson  
Candidate for Vice-President

## Kelly and Dunn



**Daniel Kelly**



**Frank Dunn**

1. We aren't running, we're sitting down at the typewriter answering a Gazette questionnaire. We don't even have our running shorts on. To be serious though, our main reason for running is to give the students a direct voice into policy-making of the student union. Our main qualifications are determination, a strong will, and a sense to defend the interests of the students, by providing a strong voice from the students in relations with the administration and government. Our attitude is that we're not in a popularity contest judged by the administration and we will definitely not take a weak-kneed approach in confrontations with administration.

2. The role of president is to act as a representative of the student union in affairs that involve inter-relations with organizations outside the student union. Although the role of vice-president is very limited in some political setups, we feel that the vice-president of the Dalhousie Student Union is actually more important than the president in that he/she is responsible for the organizing and day to day running of the union.

3 and 4. The three major issues of the campaign are: lack of communication between the student union and the students, more direct involvement by the students and leadership.

On the lack of communication and direct involvement by students, we propose to have regularly scheduled forms, hopefully, if interest is great enough, at the Cohn Auditorium. The agenda for the forums will be posted on bulletin boards at the SUB, Howe Hall, and Shirrif Hall which will be constantly updated as to what is going on the student council. We propose to have implemented in the constitution a Referendum Day, to be held every January

(possible semi-annually) for which 3 public debates will be scheduled, prior to voting. If any group of students wants an issue to be put on the referendum, they will be able to bring 100 signatures, supporting the issue, to council and if passed by council it will be included in the referendum. If vetoed by council, they can get 500 signatures plus support of 1 council member, and thereby council will have no veto power and the issue will go on the referendum sheet. If the students want a major constitutional change, they can submit 250 signatures supporting them plus signatures of three council members and the constitutional question will be included in a separate sheet in the referendum. This must be passed by a 2/3 majority but in order to count there must be a 40% turnout of the total student population.

5. These will be the decisions of the students, to be implemented through the channels we have described above. One main interest we do have is in forming an off-campus society, similar to the one they have at St. Mary's, which is highly successful. We feel that students that live in residence have a feeling of comradeship, but off-campus students don't seem to be participating in their academic societies.

6. Again I think we have answered this question — under our platform the students will have a direct voice.

7. Marie Gilkinson, Greg Graham, Lynn Lamont, and Gord Owen are the major causes of inflation in North America. They are further planning to ruin the economy by getting into high offices; however we plan to stop them by getting elected and foiling their plans.

Daniel Kelly, candidate for president  
Frank Dunn, candidate for vice-president



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q. Gazette: Merge the Dal Gazette with In Struggle and then merge them both with Camille's Fish and Chips so they have something to wrap their fish in.

5. Do you support any changes in the operating structure of council, (new positions, changes in the constitution, a new role for societies)? We propose a change in operating, titles from President to His Excellency and from Vice-President to Chief Lackey. The constitution should be repatriated to Britain where it rightfully belongs.

6. What causes inflation and how do you propose to solve it? Inflation is caused by Gord Owen, therefore we propose to bury inflation by putting Gord Owen in a mound.

John and Jim Logan,  
Candidates for president  
and vice-president