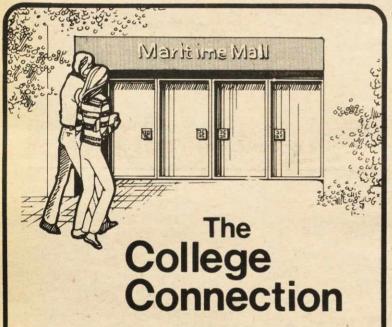


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tuition, cutbacks and the accessibility of post-secondary education, and they did so in the usual manner. Exemplary questions were put forth in consideration of the proper use of the resources of the Student Union. In general, all agreed that an integration with the community would be financially beneficial for the Student Union and enhance the credibility of Dalhousie University. The issue of subsidized bussing for students was handled fairly well by Martin and Warner, but they were not as competent as past performances had led us to expect. Gigeroff and James are the best of all the candidates at thinking on their feet and dealing with any devious questions and they showed this virtuosity in their campaign posters and literature. The other teams prepare well but don't hold up under pressure.

The real ferocity began late in the forum when two teams, MacDonald and Machum and then Gigeroff and James, were asked to reply to allegations of incompetence. Grant Machum answered for his compatriot and professed to know the true interests of the students and

added that his team had "new ideas." It is apparent from this answer that Steve MacDonald is the real mover in his team and possesses more political intuition. However, there was sincerity in Machum's answer, although it seems naive. MacDonald stuck to his beliefs on the issue of Super SUBs and the quality of the talent darkening the doors of Dalhousie, and in so doing showed integrity in opposing the vindictiveness of the past.

Rusty James aggressively took on the impeachment of his team's competence. In retaliation he emphatically stated that he and Alex are very good and in fact are the best candidates. He cited his varied experience on this campus and again brought to attention his invaluable knowledge emanating from working on the Rusty and Dave column. He made it quite clear that his team had stayed in the middle of the road by not attacking the other candidates and engaging in mud-slinging. Alex continued by vehemently saying, "I'm not insular by nature." The problem as he sees it is the danger of becoming separated from the students, of isolating himself by involvement. This team came off very well in answering the above

questions but, as was said before, they are very good at answering the unexpected, devious, backlashing questions.

All teams were emphatic in their belief that they would continue their work in student politics after this short but agonizing two weeks. Geoff and Jim faltered again, but their campaign is still well supported.

The three days, beginning with Wednesday of this week, will not be easy for anyone connected with this campaign. Indeed your faithful reporter of the fear and loathing school of journalism, is typing this article at 4am. No rest for the wicked. The tension will not subside until all the polls have been reported and the final results are known to all. Since all the candidates have expressed their concern about the lack of voter turnout in previous elections I will not make mention of the appalling voter turnout of years gone by.

After all the political discussions, arguments, voodoo economics and general mucking about, the final and lasting decision of who shall represent us lies in the hands of the voting population of this campus. This has been our best effort to keep them informed. Trust us.

Summer employment opportunities slipping

by anonymous

Local Canada Employment Centre for Students (CECS) offices will be opening the first week in April

The benefits of registering at a CECS include being part of an employee bank from which referrals are made to employers, and fulfilling a student aid requirement for bursary applicants who fail to find work during the summer.

The Halifax, Dartmouth and Bedford offices had 8,000 registrants last year, 4,000 of whom were placed. But officials warn that as much as 80 per cent of the summer employment availa-

ble does not come through the CECS offices. That statistic underlines the importance of independent job-hunting. To help students in this Canada Employment Centres offer short courses in Creative Job Search Techniques.

Students returning to school from the work force should be aware that they may be eligible for UIC benefits. The UIC requirements will probably involve about 20 weeks' work.

Two new programs are being offered this summer. The Youth Entrepreneurial Skills Program is co-sponsored by the Nova Scotia Department of Development and

by

the Royal Bank of Canada. It offers a maximum loan of \$2,000, interest-free for the five-month period ending October 1, 1984, to students who wish to plan and operate their own small business.

Environment 2000 is a federal program soliciting ideas for reforestation, park development, environmental cleanups and other conservation activities. Project proposals are welcomed until funds allotted for the program are exhausted.

For more information see your CEC on campus. But hurry, the deadline has already passed for many of the career-oriented job