

DSU Election Results

<u>Presidential/Vice-Presidential Results</u>			<u>Senate Results</u>	
<u>1st Ballot</u>			P. Amyoony	381
Alex Gigeroff	662	43%	S. Birkett	629 elected
Rusty James			C. Blewett	556
Steve MacDonald	261	17%	G. Cooper	544
Grant Machum			B. Kirby	519
Geoff Martin	652	42%	J. Lee	634 elected
Jim Warner			S. Lovold	276
			D. McCann	568 elected
			B. Morrison	667 elected
			D. Pacquet	897 elected
			S. Rowley	455
<u>2nd Ballot</u>			<u>Board of Governors Results</u>	
Alex Gigeroff	783	50.09% elected	R. Dillon	406
Rusty James			G. Hardy	504 elected
Geoff Martin	780	49.91%	C. Rotar	412
Jim Warner				
<u>Results by acclamation</u>			<u>Science Representatives</u>	
<u>Arts Representatives</u>			K. Fung	300 elected
A. Danch			D. Hammill	308 elected
P. Doucette			D. Manuel	204 elected
<u>Administrative Studies Representative</u>			S. Sharma	202
C. Lane			J. Snair	198

New youth employment program same old song...

by Rick Janson
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WOLFVILLE -- Nova Scotia's latest job creation programmes for youth are really just old programmes under a new roof says Dalhousie student union president Tim Hill.

Hill criticized the recent government job creation bill at a meeting of the provincial Tory campus federation March 3 at Acadia University.

The programme commits \$7 million to student job creation spread out in the form of government employment, private sector wage subsidies and interest free loans to student entrepreneurs. The new bill also creates a deputy minister of training and a deputy minister of employment to look at the needs

of prospective employers and to promote and assist personnel training.

Hill said the \$7 million represents an actual decrease in job creation funds for students. In 1979-80 the government allotted \$7.2 million to student summer job creation.

"Considering the minimum wage -- the rate most students are paid at -- has gone up, this means less jobs for students," said Hill.

Hill cited the 1980 Anicet study in Ontario which indicated summer employment is the main source of financial support for students. With less jobs available and an unemployment rate among youth of over 20 per cent in Nova Scotia, students are going to have a hard time making up tuition fees and living

costs next year.

Of particular concern to Hill and participants at the conference is the youth entrepreneurial programme. The programme provides interest free loans to students over the summer to be repaid in September.

"If an individual risks this and fails, they risk their education for the next year," said Hill.

Carol Conrad, director of employment opportunities for the province, said where the programme has already been tried the repayment rate has been "phenomenally high".

Of the four groups that took the gamble in the province's pilot project last summer, three were successful.

"The one that did fail the students felt the business experience

was valuable," she said.

In New Brunswick the programme has a 90 per cent success rate.

"For the 10 per cent that are faced with repayment I admit they are going to have that additional burden," said Conrad.

For those leaving university to enter the job market, Conrad said youth unemployment is going to remain high "for quite some time". She said youth are the last to be employed in the economic recovery, although graduates stand a better chance.

She said government was doing what it can within its resources to combat youth unemployment, however the real solution will only come with economic recovery.

Hill said education is closely linked with that economic recovery.

A study done by the Economic Council of Canada shows a correlation between growth in the gross national product and education spending he said.

"We've all heard of the resources off-shore," said Hill, "but there is a greater resource on the inshore -- people."

Hill said real spending by both the province and the federal government on education is decreasing. "We have to recognize education as a community resource and we need to plan it carefully."

"We can't respond to short-term fiscal problems by just cutting here and there," he said. "We shouldn't let the current problems throw a blanket over us. We have to look ahead."