

Logans break promises -term to be constructive

by Greg Dennis

To say the results of last week's presidential election came as a surprise to most Dalhousie students would be the biggest understatement ever heard in these parts.

After all, no one, not even the candidates themselves, expected a majority of student voters to support a couple of silly guys who hung campaign leaflets upside down in trees and promised to put filth back in the Student Union. Admittedly, they only wanted to inject some humour into the election campaign, an annual event not celebrated for its jocularity, or at least give students the opportunity to protest the philosophical separation some feel exists between the campus and council chambers.

Many felt a third place finish would be the extent of the demonstration, though, a second, maybe. But a win?

For anyone who may have been off the planet for the past seven days, John and Jim Logan have been given the mandate to head the Dalhousie Student Union next year. The Logan Brothers received 1038 votes, 38 more than the runner-up team of Greg Graham and Marie Gilkinson.

people think we're going to do a good job—and it's true. I didn't think anyone would realize it."

The election was won on the issues and priorities of the other candidates, Logan said. Students were "fed up with the same old issues." He said since apathetic students did not vote, the ones who did cared about the election's outcome.

"Assuming it didn't boil down to a personality contest, I think students found the whole thing mundane and needed a break. I don't think they are interested in things like SUNS and NUS. They want to know things like why the SUB lost money this year.

"I think it is worth investing in SUNS and NUS because we've got to have some sort of lobby, but...you have to cater to the masses."

Behind the Logans in the presidential race finished Graham and Gilkinson with 1000 votes, Gord Owen and Lynn Lamont with 568, and Daniel Kelly and Frank Dunn with 203. Umesh Jain, the chief electoral officer, said 37 per cent of the student body turned out to vote, which he said "verged on excellent" compared to the 17 per cent turnout last year.

Jim and John Logan: "It won't be boring"

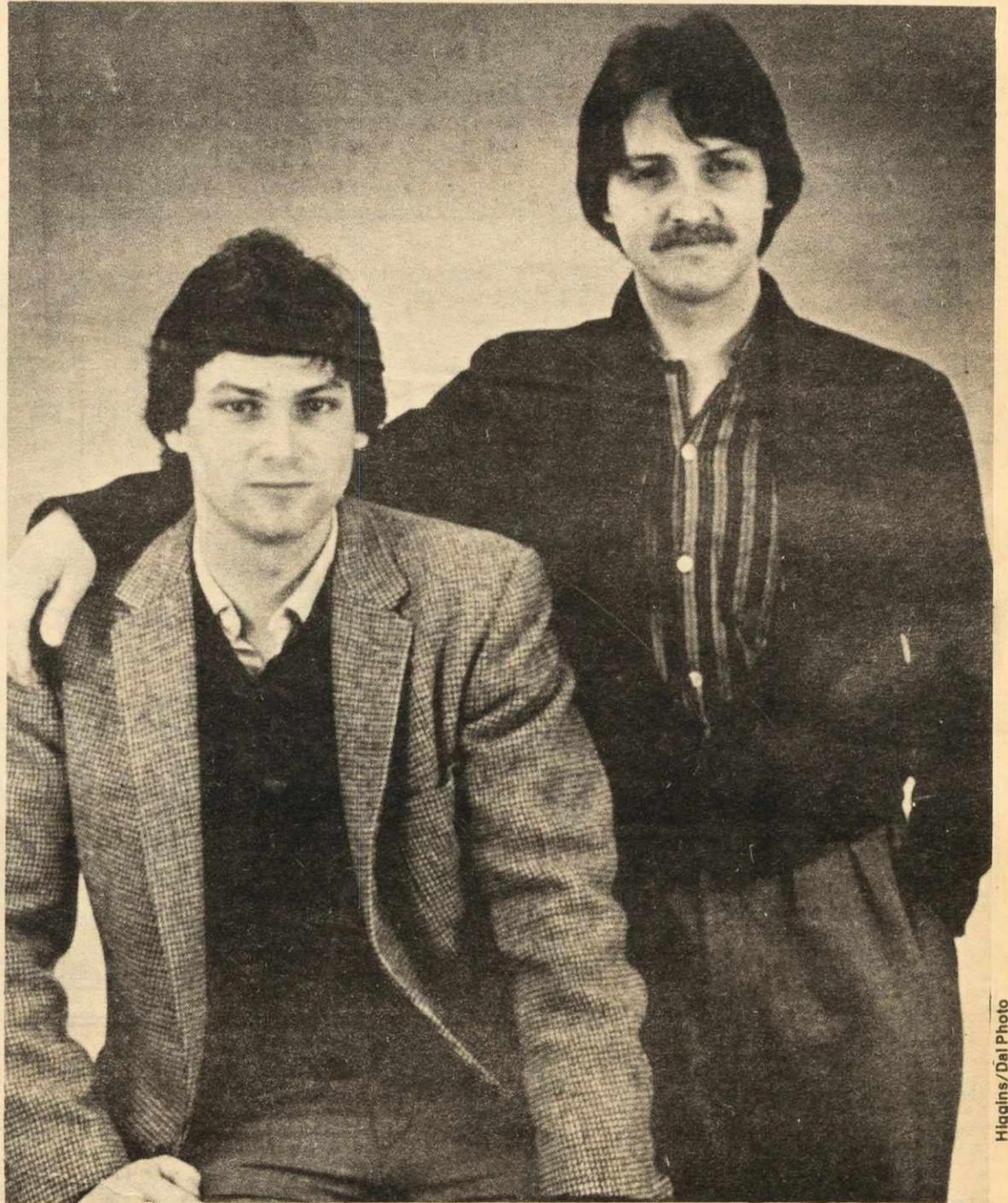
John Logan, the president-elect (or, as proposed in his platform, His Excellency. Chief Lackey is Jim Logan's proposed title.) conceded his victory was unforeseen, but quickly added that he intended to do a credible job. "I didn't think we had a chance at all," said the second-year law student. "We only wanted to inject a little humour; we had no idea.

"Jim did all the campaigning and hung up all the posters. It was six or seven that night (Wednesday, when first day ballots were counted) when Jim came in and told me, that I had the first inkling of an idea that we might win. I almost laughed. But I guess the last laugh was on me.

"Some people on this campus think it's crazy, that we're going to screw things up. But from what I've heard, a lot of

Other election results were as follows: the CKDU-FM referendum lost, 1397 votes against to 888 for; option one of the Health Plan referendum, which leaves the present plan as it is now, garnered far and away more votes than two other options; Reema Duggal, Clare Barry, Pam Barron, Greg Fitzgerald and Martin Baker were elected to Senate; Geoffrey Seymour will sit on the Board of Governors; Greg Shaw is the Engineering Rep; Mary-Lou Hames and Kathy Hagan, the Arts Reps; and Carolyn Zayid, David Rideout and Randall Kelly, the Science Reps.

In a written statement to the *Gazette*, Jim Logan, an Honours student in political science, said he and his brother "will sincerely attempt to represent (students') interests to the best of our



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These are serious times

abilities." Both stated they would need time to acquaint themselves with issues and council operations and, therefore, cannot yet indicate any specific issues that need immediate attention.

"I don't know what we're going to do," said John Logan. "We have until May 1 (inauguration day) so we'll do a lot of thinking before then. I'll read the constitution and talk to (manager of the

Student Union) John Graham and (incumbent vice-president) Jeff Champion."

Most students are assured next year will be an interesting one, at the very least. But, the Logan Brothers may be caught between a puddle and a wet place. On one side will be the campus pressure groups who will be quick to discredit the duo should they in fact screw up. On the other side will be the students who

anticipate something different from their new leaders.

"We've got one thing going for us in that we won't get any flak for breaking promises," said John Logan. "No one will take them seriously. I can promise one thing; (next year) won't be boring. We can't let the people be bored. We want to do something constructive.

"The only thing more ironic than us winning would be for us to do a good job."