

...and the race is on!

Election time is looming once again and the most important question asked every year is 'who is running for president?'

A very preliminary list featured as possible candidates for the Ultimate Position: Dave Stevenson, a Commerce student and present SUB Affairs Secretary; Steve Kimber, third year Arts and former editor of the Gazette; Peter Harvison, a first year Law student; and Robb Jarvis, third year Arts and this year's Winter Carnival Chairman. Of course, the list is by no means complete and possibilities for Mr. Gillis' successor are endless.

The Gazette has learned that Lee Mitchell, a third year Arts student, is definitely running with a Med student, but Mr. Mitchell was unavailable for comment at press time.

I feel the age of heroes is over," said Peter Harvison. "While the President should be able to win the respect of Council, I don't feel he should be regarded as a hero-type figure. He should be respected for what he is rather than for the office he fills."

He condemned the increasing factionalism between President Gillis and members of this year's Students' Council.

"The President should act as a liaison with Council in order to act as an effective organ. If Council fails, the President may have to fill the gap. This year I feel that Gillis attempted to fill a power vacuum."

Most of the comments about Students' Council as an institution became specifically directed toward Gillis's Council. Steve Kimber expressed his disappointments too.

"Personally, I don't mind Bruce Gillis, but on political grounds I think he has failed to provide any leadership for Student Council or for the students on the campus. He has become too involved, much as the Gazette, in the SUB and has lost contact with the student body."

He accused Gillis of trying to avoid political issues. Such problems as housing, tuition fees, the role of the student in the university and in society must be tackled by students.

"Bruce has failed to provide the service role of the Student Union which he originally conceived. He has been a disappointment."

Robb Jarvis thought Council members were as much to blame for any inadequacies of the Council this year.

"There are a lot of dead

wood reps. Some do everything; some do nothing. Councillors should know beforehand that they will have to work on committees as part of their job." He said that the President should appoint people to sit on these committees instead of calling for volunteers. The same people always volunteer, and become too loaded down with work.

Lack of communication between Councillors and the student body was cited as another major problem of the Gillis administration. Jarvis sees the role of reps largely as mouthpieces for the students in their faculty.

Dave Stevenson, present SUB Affairs Secretary, took a different tack.

"Student Council shouldn't

try to please everybody. I think they are unaware that they must be more business-like and realistic in their attitudes and expenditures." Stevenson has since stated that although he likes Students' Council work, he will likely not run this spring.

The question of structure has troubled Council for some months. The present members are convinced that Dalhousie's Students' Council cannot become more relevant to the student body until there are definite changes made in the constitution.

Kimber argued that the constitution should be changed so that the President and members of Council could be removed from office more easily, forcing them to respect the wishes

of their electorates on a continuing basis.

"I would propose that we hold student body meetings on a regular basis and that in these meetings, decisions of the Student Council be explained as fully as possible. Students would be able to force Student Council, and other students as well to consider any issues that they regarded as important. This is designed to put power back into the hands of the student."

All would-be candidates felt that a strong case could be made for making the office of President a full time paying job.

Mr. Gillis has maintained all along that "most people don't realize the work that the President has to do."

CP wants defined powers

by Dorothy Wigmore

Campus Police Chief Dave Bright wants Students' Council to give his force more and better defined powers. They have been up in the air, he feels, since the December lobby incident.

A motion was passed at Tuesday night's council meeting aimed at remedying the situation. It makes the Campus Police "agents of the Student Union," empowered to remove people breaking regulations from the SUB "using any force necessary".

"It's whatever you people want us to do," explained Bright to the

council. "You give us the power. Overnight we're not going to turn into yellow-jacketed thugs."

Questioned later about the motion, Bright said, "It certainly is not adequate. We have the written authority now. There are still things that have to be covered."

Handling of outside students who refuse to leave the SUB, athletic events and Shirreff Hall are the major concerns still not dealt with.

A committee was set up at the last Executive meeting to investi-

gate the campus Police. Bright will present proposals to the committee, who in turn will turn over the revised ideas to Council for ratification.

"I think you need the check from Students' Council," he said. "Through them we hope to establish fairly well defined parameters."

The Campus Police are also responsible to the Vice-President Academic and through him, to the discipline committee.

The job is quite different there. "It's more of a beat thing", he explained. In particular, Bright would like to have a beat between Shirreff Hall and the Library from dusk until the building closes. This would take care of the purse-snatching, the attacks on residents and general problems on that path. At present there is one Pinkerton man doing the job. "I think we can probably do a better job," he stated.

The final proposals will come up before Council in the near future.

County hospital needs volunteers

The rehabilitation department of the Halifax County Hospital has asked for student volunteers to work with patients.

The purpose of the volunteers would be to help re-establish contact between the community and the mental patients.

According to Hospital officials, there are many programs in which student volunteers could help.

In order to return to the community, many patients need to re-learn such fundamental things as shipping, travelling in buses, grooming, and going to movies. All of these things could be taught by student volunteers. Volunteers

could also help with groups in the hospital, such as art and cooking classes, and a dramatic club. On a less regular basis, students could take patients to special events such as the Winter Fair.

The most important thing the volunteers would do would be helping the patients by being their friends, to make the transition from the hospital back to normal community life.

Anyone who is interested in volunteering should contact Mr. D. Flock, the Director of Rehabilitation at the Halifax County Hospital.

Collège Ste. Anne

Tribunal reports

The future of College Ste. Anne at Church Point in south-western Nova Scotia, in doubt for over a year, has finally been settled.

The college's board of directors has agreed to subsume the institution in a new bilingual community college at Meteghan.

A government appointed tribunal on higher education in Nova Scotia recommended that such a college be established, offering two-year post-secondary courses in academic and vocational subjects.

The existing facilities at Church Point would become a centre for manpower training and adult studies.

The directors of College Ste. Anne feel that the college will benefit the whole province, not just the Acadians at whose need the initial effort was directed! They stress that the plan should be implemented without delay, in time for the 1970-71 academic year, and pledge their full support in the cause of higher education in the province.

Controversy has surrounded College Ste. Anne for several years. The French language institution has been in financial difficulty since its founding in 1892, and efforts to rationalize its continued operation ended last year with the government recommendation that a bilingual college be established in Yarmouth, offering the first two years of a liberal arts course.

The matter was subsequently referred to a provincial tribunal charged with reviewing higher education in the province.

The tribunal report, delivered last month, is the basis of the latest proposal.

Newsletter Needed

Richard Rogers is convinced that a campus newsletter would solve the communications problem on the Dalhousie campus.

"Students are paying Student Union fees to subsidize events which they have little chance of knowing about until they are presented, if then," the President of DGDS stated.

"Student Union officials are too wrapped up in their building to consider the entire student body," he added.

Mailing a newsletter to students would change this, and solve the problem of distribution at the same time.

Students can receive the administration newsletter by phoning Mrs. Butters, the editor, and having their names put on the mailing list.

He hopes the fact that students have to read the administration newsletter to find out about upcoming events, will pressure the officials to produce a student newsletter.

Experimental courses

Seven new courses have recently been established through the Experimental Course program. They are open to all Dal students and will contribute half a credit towards a degree in the corresponding faculty.

Classes for most of the subjects listed below are still open.

Course	Contact Name	Sponsoring Prof. and Department
Alternate life styles and social change	D. Elliot (Soc. Dept.)	Dr. D. Elliot (Soc)
The role of social theatre (in developing free speech, public opinion, etc.)	Richard Rogers DGDS office	Shanku Dutta (Psych)
Computer hardware and software	Mark Roberts 466-1174	Dr. Lyons (Math)
Graph theory (elem.)	Mike Kelly 423-4342	Dr. Kirby (Math)
Businessmath (computer language economics, business math and computer simulation of modern business enterprises)	R. Mann 422-4761	
Conversational Hebrew	Bob Brym Bronson House	Dr. D. Levine
Math 208-B		Dr. C. Atherton (Math)

Drug Hearings

The Royal Commission on the Non-Medical Use of Drugs is interested in what students have to say.

The commission, which will be conducting public hearings in the Lord Nelson all day Thursday, January 29 and Friday, January 30 has arranged to spend some time at Dalhousie on Friday January 30.

From 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. students can talk informally to members of the commission in room 115 of the Weldon Law Building.

As the session will be informal no briefs are necessary. The Commission has found that its hearings are informative and valuable when people present have the opportunity to speak without the formal presentation of briefs. Students attending the hearings will be encouraged to contribute as much as they can to the investigations of the Commission.