

The candidates speak

In order to provide the students with some background for the platforms of the candidates the **Gazette** asked them to write a brief summary for the Election supplement. **The Gazette** tried to reach all candidates but some didn't return our calls or forgot to give us their copy.

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Arts

Denise Roberge



The quality of university education in Canada is declining. As the country falls deeper into a severe economic crisis, funding for social services, including education, is being cut back. This is manifested in increased tuition and residence fee increases, fewer course offerings, inadequate faculty and staff wages, differential fees for foreign students, etc.

The Dalhousie students' council in the past has chosen to ignore most of these issues. It is time **now** for students to take a firm stand against further cutbacks.

Because they are affected by cutbacks too, professors and other workers at Dal in many ways face the same enemy that we as students face. Council, however, has refused to recognize this. While students from across the province actively supported the recent CUPE strike, the Dal Students' Council declared themselves detached and "neutral". Unified action against cutbacks is called for. Council can achieve this by forming closer links with the other unions on campus: DFA, DSA, CUPE, and IUOE.

Council should begin now to organize opposition to tuition and residence fee increases, which seem almost a certainty for Dal students next year. Council should seek support for this from faculty and staff.

Coordination and unified opposition to cutbacks is needed by students across the country. The Dal council must take up a more active role in this through NUS and SUNS. Thus far, council has had

virtually no participation in SUNS.

Students at Dalhousie need a students' council that is not merely an administrative body. You need a council that is sensitive to the real problems and concerns of students, and one that is willing to do something about them.

Please feel free to contact me to discuss these or any other issues. I have a mailbox in the council offices, or I can be reached at 422-9278.

Tiree Macgregor

My name is Tiree Macgregor and I am currently in second year English (minor in history). The following is a brief introduction to my views and objectives as a candidate for the position of Arts Rep.

As a potential faculty representative on the Council of Students I see my obligations as being twofold: to represent, to the best of my ability, the views of Arts students and, to use my vote in council responsibly, taking into consideration the best interests



of all Dal students with regards to issues affecting the entire student body. In my past two years at Dal I have not been active in any political sense, but I feel my lack of practical experience thus far may be made up for by ability and interest in student affairs. Next year my course load will be such that I will be able to devote a considerable amount of my time to student politics.

Some of the problems presently facing council will be the same ones to be dealt with in the coming fall term. I feel council must take a stand regarding S.U.N.S. and stick by it. The present "refund system" at the Student Health Services has been ineffective and needs to be dealt with—

either by instituting a new method or by making the present one efficient. Council reform has been an issue looming in the background of student politics this year. Reform may be necessary to develop a more competent and responsible council. And of course, tuition increases is always a student concern.

Apart from the many difficulties involving all Dal students, there are those concerning the members of the Faculty of Arts in particular. We all pay into the Arts society, but few benefits are gained: changes are needed.

There are numerous problems to be dealt with and as Arts Rep I will do my utmost to make my presence in council worthwhile.

Penny Hoover



The main issues concerning students are part of the general cutbacks affecting individuals all across Canada. Tuition and residence fee increases, insufficient bursaries and loans, underpaid staff, faculty and maintenance workers, unemployment and differential fees are all concerns which a student union should focus upon and work to alleviate. The present student government has not been putting enough effort into attempts to deal with these problems and as a result few students are aware that there can be solutions. Working with other students facing the same cutbacks, through organizations such as the Students' Union of Nova Scotia (SUNS) and the National Union of Students, the Dalhousie Student Council can mobilize active student opposition which can be productive.

The present council has not adequately dealt with student affairs beyond an administrative level. Its "neutral" stance during the cleaners' strike, its non-participation in SUNS after its active role in the demise of the Atlantic Federation of Students, its allocation of funds into activities which benefit only a minority of students and its general refusal to deal with the basic interests of its constituents are indicative of a lack of concern on the part of the present council.

This situation doesn't have to exist. Those interested in student affairs, those with an understanding of the factors creating the current economic situation, can effect changes. Student council should take a leadership role in organizing students to unite with workers and faculty at Dal to fight against cutbacks.

Engineering

Mike Book

Let me briefly introduce myself. I am in second year B.Sc. (mathematics) and a diploma in engineering. This is my first year at Dalhousie, after transferring from Mount Allison University. I have held various positions on high school student council and other committees. In any form of election I feel it is impossible to make promises that are beyond my power to keep. I can guarantee that I will work my hardest to represent the Engineer's Society and give them a strong voice on council; subject to the rules and regulations imposed by council. In closing, I feel that the concept of free advertising for the Engineers should be kept alive. Through the right approach I would like to gain some respect for the faculty and the society that it deserves.



Fenwick

no pics available

Donald Ramsay

I am a 2nd year Economics student and have been living in Fenwick for two years. It's possible that this is the last year that there will be a Fenwick Rep. on Council and I feel that the students want some sort of representation as they feel isolated as is. Most of the students at Fenwick have a REPUTATION for excellent spirit in participation, so I'm sure they will get out and vote on Election Day.

Jeff Champion

Fenwick has been "home" for as long as I've been at Dal so I think it's only appropriate

to run for Fenwick Rep. It's good to see that the position is going to be contested this year because really, acclamations are a drag. Students' Council is something more people should be thinking about.

I'm a second year Biochem major at the moment and since last November I've been a Member-at-Large on Council. It's been interesting, and I would like to work on Council again next year. The one thing that both candidates for Fenwick Rep. would like to see is a good turnout of voters on Election Day. Let's go, people.

Law

Mike Lynk



Experience:

—First co-ordinator of Outreach Tutoring at Dalhousie, a literacy and tutoring program involving 200 university students teaching children in Halifax's North End.

—Member-at-large, Dalhousie student council 1973-74.

—First Community Affairs secretary; member of Dalhousie Student Union executive; and Dalhousie representative to National Union of Students conference, Edmonton, 1973-4.

—Awarded Dalhousie Gold "D" from the Student Union 1974.

Issues:

Will work towards:
—Organizing a monthly Law and Society film series at the law school, focusing on contemporary legal-social issues, such as women, environment, labour relations and multinational corporations.

—Organizing a research and publication series involving the law school and the Union; publications would be pamphlet-style, in popular language, on contemporary legal-social issues for campus and community audiences.

—Building a stronger student response to proposed tuition increases at Dalhousie, already among the highest in Canada.

—Supporting stronger regional and national student union bodies, to better defend student interests in this time of economic crisis. In union, there is strength.