

Presidential Teams

Teams for president and vice-president were asked to answer the following seven questions with a limit of 750 words per team. We wish to emphasize that all submissions are unedited.

1. Why are you running (re-running)? What are your qualifications?
2. What does each of you, respectively, consider to be the role of president and vice-president?
3. What do you consider to be the three major issues of the campaign?
4. Where do you stand on these?
5. Do you support any changes in the operating structure of council (new positions, changes in the constitution, a new role for societies)?
6. One of the most frequent criticisms of student council is that it doesn't really represent or serve the interests of the students who elect it. Is this true? If so, what do you pledge to do about it?
7. What causes inflation and how do you propose to solve it?



Gordon Owen



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1. We feel that the continual upgrading of the various services offered by the Student Union requires demonstrated experience with and familiarity of the operations. The continuity which we can provide, to the Student Union, combined with fresh input into council, will allow us to effectively deal with the policies which bear on the social and academic life of students at Dalhousie. We feel that our dedication to the job and our experience in addressing the issues will enable us to carry out the responsibilities of the President and the Vice-President.

Our combined experience has involved us in every aspect of student affairs; at the club level, in societies and residences, Student Union and University government. Our past experience include President of Dalhousie Student (1980-81), President of Shirreff Hall (1980-81), Science, Graduate Studies, and Senate representation on Council; two years on the Student Union executive; DAGS Council and SUB Operations; two years on the Senate and its committees; one year on the Board of Governors and its committees; Chairman of Honorary, Entertainment, and DAGS-DSU Negotiations committees; membership on the SUNS Campus, Academic Affairs, SUB OPS, Communications and Employment Resolutions committees.

2. The responsibilities of the President and the Vice-President are distinct and yet complimentary roles. The President is responsible for the external affairs of

the Student Union, and as such, he is responsible for representing and defending student interests and concerns to the University Administration (Senate and Board of Governors) and at the provincial and national level. The Vice-President is responsible for the liaison between the clubs and societies on campus, and for the day-to-day operations of the Student Union Building. As a team they provide the leadership and direction for the Student Union through the Council of Students.

3 and 4. The current issues on campus affect the general welfare of all students; inadequate government funding to universities, student aid program deficiencies, student representation on government committees dealing with students, and a decrease in educational opportunities available to students. We have worked heavily through SUNS, NUS, and other institutions across the Atlantic in uniting and coordinating our efforts to deal with these issues. This experience will serve us well over the next year. We have a definite framework through which we will continue to address the totally inadequate government policies affecting education. We will provide the mechanism to increase student awareness and for students to accept the responsibility for ensuring the continuance of their education.

The major focus of our Council will be aligning the interests of student government with the average student. This awareness campaign must be coupled with a major internal/external com-

munications network. We are currently conducting a comprehensive review of existing communication efforts on campus and will revise them to reflect our major goals. This will include regular attendance at society meetings, biweekly forums, and an information circular distributed twice weekly.

Another goal of our campaign is to provide increased funding to the societies and clubs, in order that they may further their individual interests and activities.

We will provide a pre-registration service and a student "survival-kit" to all new and International students during Orientation, so that we may assist them in adjusting to campus life.

5. The last few years have seen a significant increase in the responsibilities and duties of council members and the executive. Unfortunately, the operating structure of the Council has not reflected these changes, and in its present form, it contains many areas where the responsibilities are not clearly defined. We will carry out a review of these areas of overlapping responsibilities in an effort to make the Union's executive and Council a more cohesive and efficient body. This review would include the creation of several positions, including a Communications Secretary, Academic Affairs Secretary, and External Affairs Secretary. These positions would be combined with a re-organized Council executive to maximize the resources and activities of the Council.

During this re-structuring process, the

societies would take on a more active role in the Student Union operations. By coordinating society participation, the Union will be better capable of serving the students it represents.

There is a necessity for continuous revision of the Constitution to incorporate these changes and to clarify existing ambiguities.

6. In part, this statement is true due to a problem of communication between the elected representatives and their electorate. This leads to poor participation in union affairs and small voter turnout during elections. Also, the flow of information from the Union media to the students, regarding union affairs, is inadequate and needs major revision.

We intend to orientate all councillors on their responsibilities to Council, their society, and to the students. Initially, this orientation would ensure that the students who elect their representatives are kept informed of all union matters. Furthermore, we would hold bi-weekly forums with students across campus, thus, the student would receive information from both sides. Informing the students will enable them to provide the input for a more effective Council of Students.

7. The cause of inflation is primarily a decrease in the value of currency accompanied by a quick increase in prices. Its cure is the imposition of price controls in all industries which would allow for the currency to regain its lost strength.

Gordon Owen, candidate for president
Lynn Lamont, candidate for vice-president

Logan and Logan

1. We are running because after an evening of drink we thought it was the proper thing to do. Qualifications: very qualified.

2. The role of the president is to be on the vanguard of fashion in the university whereas the vice-president's role is to act as lackey to the president.

3. and 4. We feel quite strongly that there are more than three major issues in this campaign so we will address them briefly. We will also include our stand on them.

a. Gord Owen: keep him out of office.

b. Greg Graham: better to have Gord in than him

c. Danny Kelly: engineers cannot be stylish

d. The growing drug problem on campus: It is becoming increasingly difficult of late to obtain good drugs on campus, which brings us to our next point which is the health plan.

We propose to turn the health plan into a profit making venture by personally administering the

sale of ALL drugs and using the profit realized to finance item 13.

e. CKDU referendum: reduce student fee contribution by five dollars and give them a C.B. channel.

f. SUB staff: replace SUB staff with trained monkeys now residing in the Tupper building. Money saved will be donated to the ongoing medical research being carried out in that facility.

g. Parking: move the campus to the watershed lands where there is ample parking space for cars. This would enable the Atlantic Winter Fair to locate in central Halifax.

h. Build a 5,000 seat arena from the bookstore profits.

i. Green Room: In order to facilitate the continued operation of the Green Room, we propose to employ the rats now residing in the Life Sciences Center to aid in the cleaning when the SUB closes every evening.

j. Medical School: by eliminating the senior librarian staff from the Kellogg Library we

will be able to provide students of medicine with fresh cadavres weekly.

k. Tuition: In order to gain equal status with Ivy League Universities we should raise tuition to \$5,000.00.

l. Degree size: rather than the cumbersome degrees presently issued, students should be issued wallet sized degrees for easy identification of graduates.

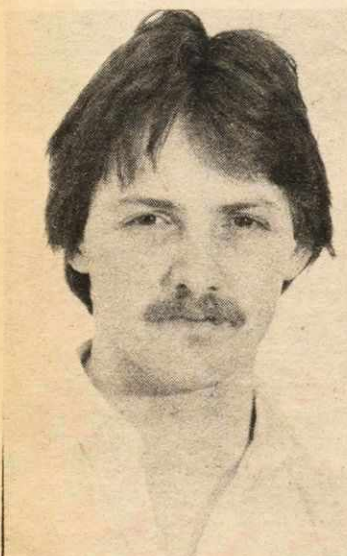
m. Mounds of Campus: At the meagre price of \$10,000.00 students can enjoy attractive useful mounds like the one across the street from the SUB.

n. Office Space for past President: convert what remains of the department of Political Science into his office.

o. Law Students: should receive a lot more Student Union cash (this not being affected by the fact that the presidential candidate is a law student).

p. Women's RITES: more

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John Logan



Jim Logan