

Any recommendations for changing the present structure of student government as well as more concrete issue-oriented positions must be based on a unifying concept derived from the application of a fundamental theory or philosophy.

Only by analyzing the successes and failures of any given philosophy as it is applied can its limitations be determined.

This year we have seen that the representative system as it exists is not workable. The representatives have been isolated from their constituents and the executive has generally been, if anything, twice as far removed.

With this in mind, the Kimber-Campbell team has formulated proposals with a clear understanding of the realities of student government, proposals that can work.

#### HOUSING

Because of over-enrolment in 1969, the predicted housing crisis at this university has already made serious solutions essential. The Student Union must maintain pressure on the administration to give housing a higher priority in its expansion plans. Co-operative housing must be seriously considered as an alternative means of housing students.

On a short term basis, Council and the student body must press the university to utilize existing housing owned by them for student accommodation.

We also propose that an emergency centre be established by the university in the early fall to accommodate out-of-town students while they seek permanent accommodation.

#### PARKING

The Parking Committee has proposed that the fee for parking permits be raised to \$30 next fall in order to provide the money for one hundred additional parking places. We believe that an increase in fees at this time is not in the best interests of students. Because the housing shortage has forced many students to take accommodation in Sproyfield, Dartmouth and so on, it is often necessary



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for students to use cars. We feel that this, coupled with the general financial situation makes it imperative that parking fees be held at their present level.

We propose either that there be no distinction between staff and students in regard to parking areas or that staff be asked to pay more for the privileged parking area.

At the same time, we feel that the Student Union should work toward a lobby to get the university to build a parking garage to handle the increased need for parking space.

#### COMMUNITY RELATIONS

We believe the Student Union should function as a co-ordination for student efforts to become involved in their community on a personal level.

Students have the opportunity to provide the community with the knowledge they have gained at university and the student union should help in this respect.

#### STUDENT UNION ORGANIZATION

Students should be able to exercise greater control over their elected members through general student body meetings. With individual members on Council responsible to Council and to the student body for one aspect of student life, student body meetings on various specific issues, such as housing or registration fees, would give the students a chance to make their views known, and help the representative arrive at the best possible solution.

The essence of successful student government is organization, co-operation and communication. Appreciating this, a Presidential-Vice Presidential team can function efficiently and effectively in carrying out the wishes of the Council.

All problems eventually relate to the needs and desires of Dalhousie students. We are concerned with these needs and desires and intend that they be handled through consideration of the following priorities:

1. that the university concern itself with community affairs - Next year's Student Council must press for a more comprehensive and sympathetic approach to the community's problems. Council and the university should examine the feasibility of:

a) the institution of the "university of the streets" program already adopted by UBC.

b) the expansion of the Killam Lecture Series to enable the university to bring in highly qualified public speakers.

c) the adoption of the Transitional Year program to provide qualified admission to underprivileged members of the community.

2. that an attack on the housing problem with a student, university, and community orientation will result in a viable solution -

During the term of the new student council, the housing situation will reach crisis proportions. "The rock bottom stop-gap requirement for 1970 is 7370 places" according to the Walker Study on Student Housing (Dalhousie).

To meet this, Council must:

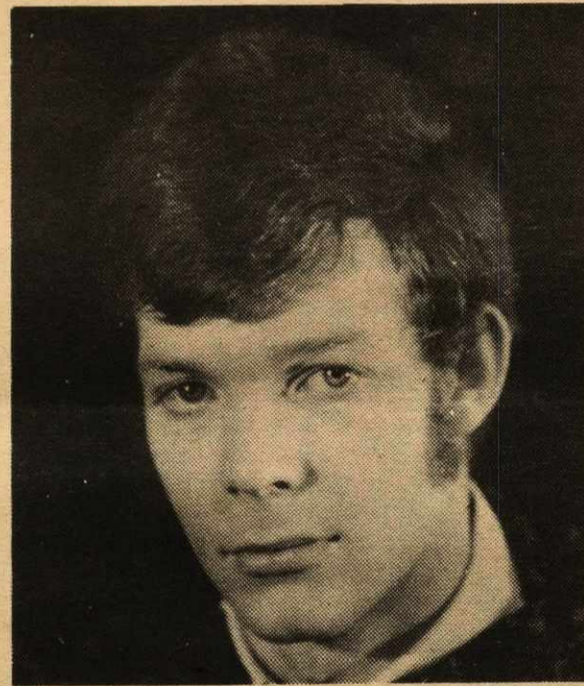
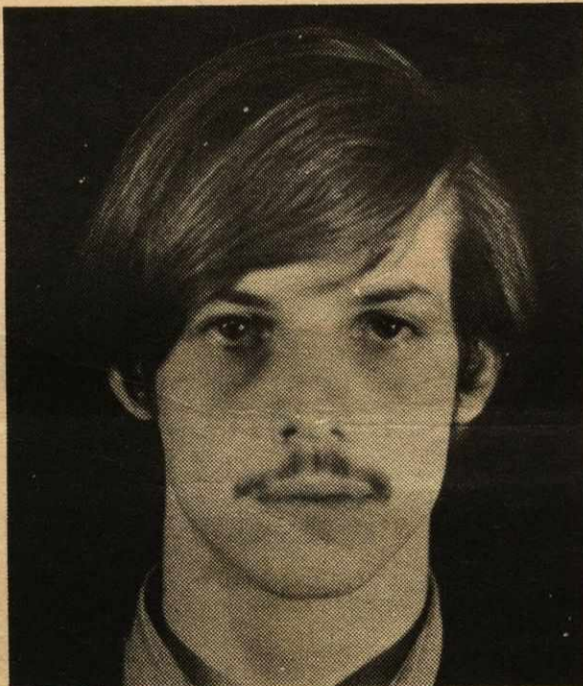
a) urge the university to make available the maximum possible number of mini-residence structures such as now exist on Summer street.

b) encourage the university to sponsor the development of co-operative housing.

c) invite the university and the other institutions of higher learning in Halifax to work towards the development of an effective system of inspection with rent controls.

3. that the present system of student government can, with minor changes, effectively function as a representative body -

Council must recognize that if it is to continue the relationship between executive committee and council, it must be more clearly defined and individual members of Council must be given more to do. It is hoped that the Commission on Student Government will aid this. Council must also recognize the need for priorities being established at the outset of its term. An agenda must be circulated at least two days prior to a meeting and



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at that time all relevant information must be made available to Council members.

4. that Council promote an atmosphere conducive to the establishment of course unions. The unions must be structured to fit the needs of the individual department or faculty.

5. that better use be made of the SUB through an integrated system of job definitions, controls and co-ordination.

6. that with the demand for parking increasing in proportion to the growth of the university, more comprehensive long-range planning now would prevent a crisis in future -

Council's concern with regards to parking must be to "increase the supply" rather than "decrease the demand".

7. that Council must be prepared to address the problems of the lower campus -

Poor communications have accentuated the problem

of growing isolation of the lower campus. To address this problem Council must be prepared to:

a) make financial adjustments in areas such as orientation

b) establish the position of campus co-ordinator

8. that Council establish more effective working relations with student senators.

9. that Council again emphasize the supportive opinion that initially led to the establishment of the Campus Police, and in line with their own wishes define the areas and extent of their powers.

10. that to aid students unfamiliar with university channels, the university establish the full-time post of ombudsman.

11. that Dalhousie University be involved with the establishment of a more desirable form of federal union.

That a co-operative spirit of dialogue be initiated in this campaign, we would invite open debate with any of the candidates at their convenience.