

# Science Representative candidates talk

My name is Kay Fung and I am a candidate for the position of Science Rep. I have encountered, like most, the many problems of being a modern-day student—mainly: tuition, which is over \$400 more expensive than the average Canadian university; increases of 35% of text book costs; and contraction of programs available to science students.

I am extremely concerned of the future we are left to face and as a candidate, my efforts will be to improve our situation.

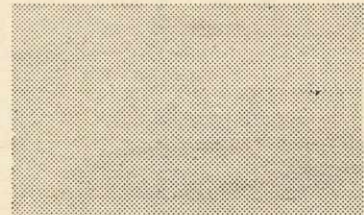
My main objective as a candidate is the improvement of the profile of our faculty. We can only deal with our problems with better communication and increased participation within our faculty. It is the duty of the representative to provide the opportunity for more student input, in which case, I am prepared to help provide these opportunities.

After having attended meet-

ings of both DSU and Science Society, I am aware of the responsibilities and duties performed by the Science Representative.

The roots of our problems have been established. With promotions for improved communication and cooperation, we shall see a better future.

So let's make it a productive year!



My name is Sunil Sharma and I'm running for the position of Science Representative on Council because I believe that I have the ability and the experience to be an effective councillor.

For the past year I have been

the Member-At-Large on the Dalhousie Student Union. As of March 4th I have been appointed to the University Board of Governors. I have served on the security committee, which implemented the Campus Escort Service, and am one of the two Student Union representatives on the committee for Award of Excellence for Teaching.

I feel that the Administration has burdened students with excessive increases in tuition fees which is evident by the fact that

Dal's tuition is 47% higher than the Canadian average and also the highest in Canada. Furthermore, financial strain is being placed on students by the ridiculous cost of textbooks. The DSU has tried to alleviate this problem through the Second Hand Bookstore which was run by volunteers like myself. Other important issues are the over crowding of classrooms and the overloading of the Computer Centre. Therefore, I strongly advocate that the Administration place priority on researching and correcting

the effects of these academic and non-academic program cuts. I also support an increase in the non-space capital fund for Arts and Science, which averages about \$47 per student. This compares unfavourably with other Arts and Science faculties across Canada and even to other faculties within Dalhousie. Dentistry, for example, averages about \$500 per student. Finally I wish to maintain the high profile of the Science Society and represent it in a manner that would continue to bring it honour.

## Atlantic International Students' Conference

by Dora Maria Carbonu

Seventy-five international students from universities in the Atlantic region of Canada held their first annual Atlantic International Students' Conference at Dalhousie from February 24 to 26, 1984.

The theme of the Conference was "International Student Awareness," and the objectives were to promote awareness and sensitivity to international student issues such as differential fees, health, housing, and immigration policies; to promote the welfare and interest of international students; and to promote unity and cooperation among international students in the Atlantic region of Canada.

"International Education and Development: Its Relevance and Reality" was the title of Friday's Key Note Address, which was delivered by Ruth Groberman, Director of Public Participation Programme at CIDA. Many international student concerns regarding international education and its deployment on return to their various countries were addressed. It was resolved that a report be written to the Director of CIDA, Mrs. Carson, to pursue some of these problems from CIDA's point of view as an agency concerned with international development.

Saturday's session was on Immigration with G. Van Kessel of Canada Immigration speaking on Immigration Policies. Some students with pertinent immigration problems won the sympathy of Mr. Van Kessel, who offered to pursue some of the concerns.

Housing was the most depressing issue. Judging from the presentation of the Key speakers, John Graham of Dal and Peter Hotchkiss of St. Mary's University, it seemed that SMU had a better housing system and international student interest than Dal. It was hoped that Dal would reconsider its international student housing

policies in the interest of new students arriving in September every year. Pedro Romero from UNB dealt with student concerns

about the disparity in the health insurance cost between the international students and their

Canadian counterparts. Mrs. Gatian, the Administrative Officer to the Dean of Student Services at Dal tried to explain

the system by which the Dal health insurance policy operates

and "benefits" international students. Mrs. Gatian had to be made aware of the fact that students have been complaining about the plan, a problem that she thought did not exist.

The most heated debate of the day was Differential Fees. The session lasted 2½ hours. The panel members were Alexa McDonough, Leader of the NDP in Nova Scotia, Dr. Peter Butler from the Department of Education, Mr. George Tillman from CBIE, Ottawa, Daizal Samad, a student from UNB, and Yorgos Perdos, the International Student Representative on Council at Dal, and was chaired by Peter Rans of Dal.

Dr. Butler must be commended for managing to survive the whole session in a very "gentlemanly" manner. He must have erred in stating that international students did not have any support from the Canadians in fighting the differential fee issue. Groups such as the NDP, Zonta Club, Royal Commonwealth Club, SUNS, Dal Student Union, and other individuals and groups have protested to that effect. Otherwise, as Alexa McDonough asserted, the Department of Health and, for that matter, the Minister of Education and his PC government are a group of politicians who would only heed concerns of the people if they go on protest marches and demonstrations to plead their case.

The Conference closed with cultural performances and a dance at SUB, McInnes Room. On the whole it was a successful Conference which may become an annual affair.

## Emergency phones

by George Chalmers

Emergency phones were installed at Dal early in February. The phones can be found in the Life Sciences Building by the vending machines and in the air lock at the Tupper Bldg. The phones and installations cost a total of \$68.

The elevator phones at the Dalplex, Dentistry, the Tupper

and the Arts and Administration Building are also direct security lines.

According to Max Keeping, head of Dal Security, the emergency phones have been installed as part of a program initiated to improve campus security. The program also involves increased manpower for Dal Security.



## Dalhousie council in capsule

- Sunil Sharma was ratified as the DSU appointed representative on the Board of Governors. He replaces Janine Saulnier who recently resigned the post, and with it, her seat on council. Sharma will serve the remainder of Saulnier's term, which ends in April.
- Notice of motion was given concerning a proposal to develop a course evaluation questionnaire at Dalhousie. Projected cost of the project has yet to be announced.
- Following the recommendations of its Grants Committee council granted the Economics Society \$400 of a requested \$500 to engage speakers from Toronto and Montreal. The Model United Nations Society was granted \$500 to defray expenses for its 15 members attending a model U.N. in New York.

- The DSU will send \$300 to the David Thompson University Students Society (DTUSS) and urge student unions across Canada to follow its example. The money is being sent in response to a plea

for funds to help defray DTUSS' lobbying costs. The society is fighting the closure of David Thompson University Center by the British Columbian government.

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