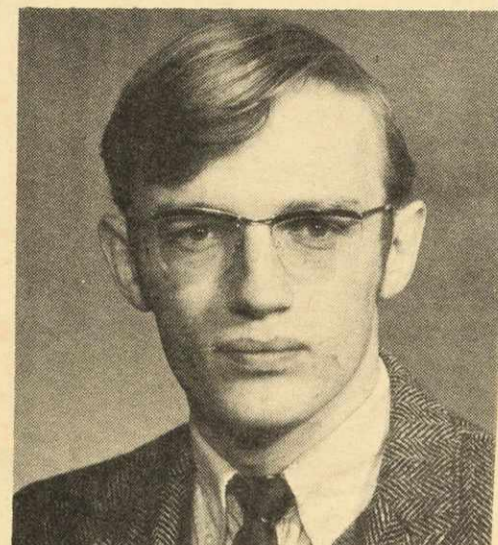
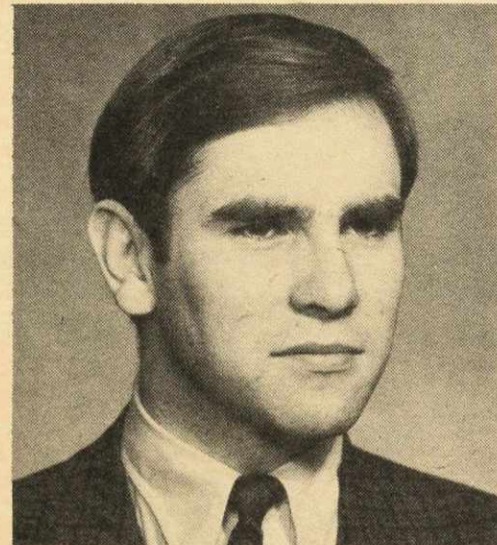


YOUR CHOICE ON FEBRUARY 16:



IVAN BLAKE

CHRIS THURROTT

A consistent, analytical approach to student government is the greatest requirement for any Student Council president. Piecemeal non-controversial issues sterilize council elections.

This is the opinion of Presidential candidate Ivan Blake and his running mate, Chris Thurrott, running for the top executive offices in the Student Council elections February 16.

They said that all student activities should be geared to promoting relevant inter-action of all elements in the University. This includes demanding student representation on all university policy making bodies.

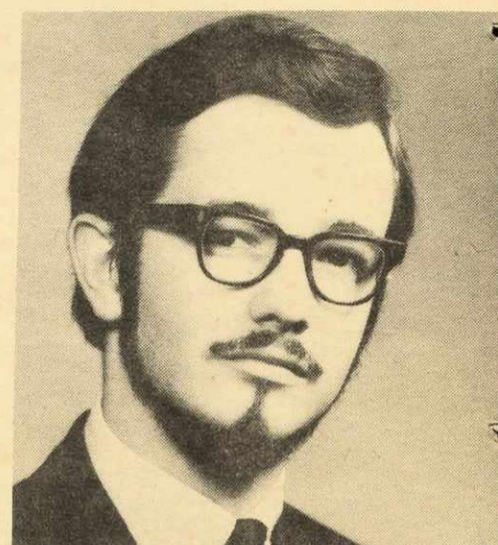
The team's specific proposals include establishing a committee, made up of society executives, to ensure that all societies are run in the interests of the student body; taking a hard line against proposed raises in Residence fees, including calling for a referendum on a student strike if fees are raised; establishing a student-faculty committee to study the financing of the bookstore; and pressing for responsible representation on all University governing bodies.

The University cannot be regarded as an academic ivory tower or a social club for the young elite. It must act as an integral and active part of Society. The Blake-Thurrott team believes this, and believes that much of the futility and irrelevance of student government, of which students complain, results from Council not having any clear goals.

"This is the main thing we offer that no other team has," they told the GAZETTE in a February 11 interview. "No other team has presented an analytical approach to the problems of student government. It is easy to run on a platform favoring university expansion and improved bureaucratic methods in the Student Union; most such platforms are hardly more controversial than Motherhood, and to make such Motherhood issues the cornerstone of your platform is to assume that the students are morons. Other candidates appear to throw together little grievances and some slick politicking, and that's all. They give platforms of unrelated issues." "We are a good alternative to the other two teams of candidates" they continued, "because our platform is based on recognition of the fact that there must be a central theme in all policies."

Blake has participated extensively in dramatics and debating on campus and directed the production of MURDER IN THE CATHEDRAL last year. Thurrott has held executive posts in a number of societies and was NDP Leader in Model Parliament one year. Both candidates are entering the first year of an MA program at Dalhousie next fall, Blake in history and Thurrott in Sociology.

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WADE GARRISON

"We get things done."

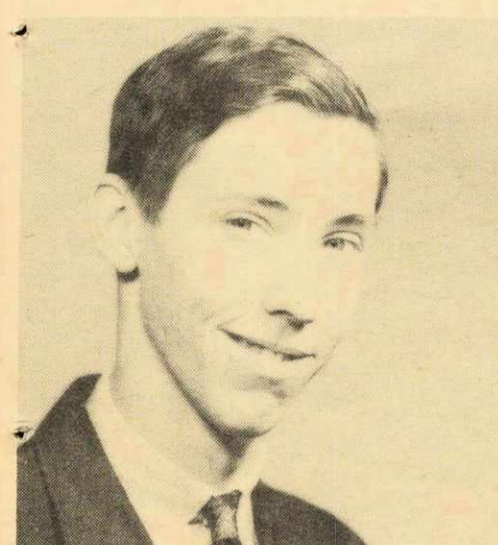
Wade Garrison, presidential candidate in this week's Council elections, continued, "We are for the average Joe student, Mr. D. Smith and I are running because of a strong desire to serve, and an equally strong desire to correct some of the mistakes imposed by the 'establishment' on Dalhousie students."

Speaking as one, the two candidates dealt with some of the campus organizations. The C.U.S. budget (\$4,077) they felt is too big. "C.U.S. does not fulfill any task that would justify its budget. When asked whether they, if elected, would pull Dalhousie out of C.U.S., they replied, "We would have to study the various benefits that C.U.S. offers its member universities, and if these services justify the \$2,600 paid in national fees then of course we would stay in. If not we would seriously consider withdrawing." In their opinion SED, and last Falls student forum were examples of C.U.S. at its best because, "Such programmes fulfill the necessary task of encouraging student involvement in university affairs."

The Dalhousie Gazette, they said is too short and should be a minimum of eight pages. "Following the re-organization of Council finances, and if possible, we shall consider increasing the Gazette's budget. The editor, they believe, should have freedom of determining editorial policy, so long as it is realized that the basic function of a campus newspaper, "is to provide the student body with correct and comprehensive coverage of campus news."

Their feeling is that there is a real lack of communication at Dal., and that the Gazette could play a large role than it has in the past. They advocate the setting up of a committee "to determine broadcasting policy, in order to ensure a variety of programming."

When asked how they felt about student representation on the Senate and, hopefully, on faculty committees, Garrison and Smith replied, "a good deal of our money is spent by these bodies, and we feel that students should have some role in



DAVID SMITH

determining how their money is used. "They are of the opinion that the Senate and the faculty committees are far removed from the student body to be able to consider many issues from the point of view of the students.

They emphasized that they were not running a political campaign. "Personally, we feel, that the Student's Council should restrict itself to matters directly pertaining to present and future students.

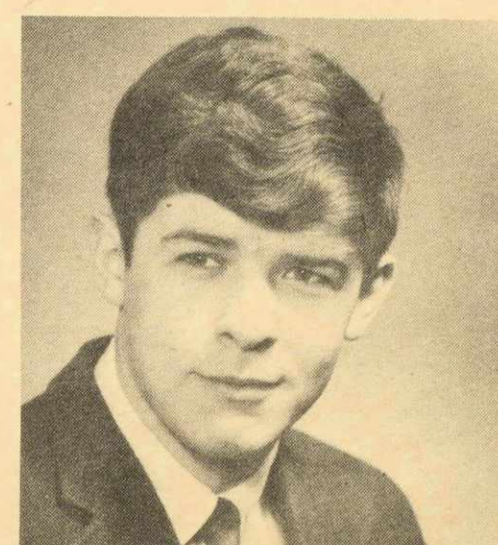
They stated that students are apathetic because "Council is too remote," since the business of Council takes up so much time of the people involved in Council. They would like to arrange it so that Council members and especially the executive can get out among the student body, or that the student body could take more active participation in Council affairs. "Basically it all goes back to a lack of communication." They believe that Council meetings should be better publicized, but that students also have a responsibility of reacting to council initiatives. The fact, they added, is that most people who are elected to Council, do so for prestige reasons and do not fulfill their positions satisfactorily. "It is no fun matter to sit on council, potential candidates - including faculty reps - should realize that their positions will demand a great deal of work. "They suggested that any person who wishes to sit on council should be required to attend at least two meetings prior to taking out nomination papers.

David Smith's final comment was: "I think that the time has come for a change in the 'establishment', and I hope that the student body will support us in our effort to make Council more relevant to the student, and more representative of the student body. Council should not be the baby of an elite."

The presidential candidate, Wade Garrison, concluded by saying: "I am of the opinion that no student has the right to criticize the administration of the Student Union, unless they get out on election day and vote according to the dictates of their conscience."



RANDY SMITH



JIM BARLOW

The main objective of the Randy Smith-Jim Barlow ticket is to promote challenge and change in student government. Smith is out to break the attitudes of establishment surrounding council and some of its organizations; one of the most specific criticisms is the Gazette. "Everything is to be challenged on the basis that S.U.B. affords a unique opportunity for change". Most students don't realize the nature of the Union. "It is not only a political lobby; it is a means to assure students of full participation in the university. We aim for full participation in the university which means both rights and obligations". Smith hopes council members next year represent as well as lead the student body. Barlow assured that he will act "as a sounding board for student opinion and feedback from the student body". Smith emphasized the need for communication: "it would be too easy to sit back in splendid isolation in the executive suite". What is needed is a working council and president. Formal structure was criticised as static that often impedes real growth. Student council elections were criticised: "too often vice-presidential candidates were used to pull votes for the tickets".

"Some councils emphasize the service aspects of student activity while some councils tend towards the philosophical. I aim for a balanced thought and action approach." I would hope that course evaluation approach used this year could be extended; more council and non-council groups working to sponsor programs. Smith said that faculty committee student representation as the logical course to follow on the acceptance of student representation on the senate. Committees are the "working" bodies on key issues such as studies and scholarships. He hopes to persuade the administration to set the priority on the athletics complex. Smith hopes that the new S.U.B. will break the environmental patterns of student activities. "It is a unique opportunity - the name of the game is change."

Smith, M.B.A. student, takes two years council experience into the election. He has served as member-at-large and treasurer of the council. Barlow is going into his last year of arts and has worked in D.G.D.S., Winter Carnival and Orientation Week. They have worked as a team before, when Smith was Producer of L'il Abner.

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