

GAZETTE DSU ELECTION SUPPLEMENT

Pull-out

IN THE INTEREST of keeping the student body informed, the Gazette is once again featuring the candidates running for positions in this year's Dalhousie Student Union elections.

This handy dandy pull-out supplement is just what you need to stuff in your pocket for a quick and easy reference guide to the candidates. Post it on your fridge at home and you'll be in the know and won't raid your roommate's ice cream sandwiches as often. Or keep it rolled up and when you've satisfied your election curiosity, swat those pesky fruit flies that escaped from the biology lab. The possibilities are endless.

The most important thing is that, come next week, you'll be able to mark your ballot with confidence. Whether you're confident that they're all lying or not, is for you to decide.

President/Vice-President External

Qs

1. *What experience makes you the best candidates?*

2. *What motivated you to run for election?*

3. *How would you improve upon the performance of your predecessors?*

4. *If you were elected right now, what would be the first thing you'd do?*

5. *How do you plan to balance the student union's business obligations (Grawood, McInnes Room, etc.) with its role as a student advocate?*

6. *How do you feel the student council can be accountable to students, specifically with regard to in camera meetings and council votes versus referenda.*

7. *Do you think the union has a responsibility to hire students, if possible, for DSU and SUB staff positions?*

8. *How will you use your position to make the DSU useful and valuable to the student body?*

9. *What new ideas do you have in terms of DSU student services?*

As

Christopher Adams - 21
Honours BA International Development Studies and Economics

Bridgette McCaig - 22
BSc Nursing

1. We both have been involved in a wide variety of activities over our academic careers. Currently, Chris is a student representative on the Dalhousie Senate and Bridgette is the Nursing representative on the DSU council. We both sit on numerous DSU committees, as well we were both heavily involved in residence councils. We have also been involved in a number of student activities and events such as Fall Orientation and Shinerama. Bridgette has also been on the Board of Directors for the Gazette and been active with the Dalhousie Women's Center.

2. We have both seen the way that council works and realized that there are a number of areas that could use improvements. We feel the visibility of the DSU should be increased across campus and that the DSU should take a more active stance to promote DSU programming and represent student interests.

3. We would improve upon student staff relations with the DSU executive by creating closer and more open ties. As well, we want to take the DSU in a more pro-active direction, demonstrating new initiatives and dedication.

4. Begin to prepare for an active and eventful year.

5. We believe that the commercial services that the DSU provides are important aspects of the union, none the less, these services should not cut into the ability of the DSU to act as a student advocate. Therefore, these businesses should at least be self-supporting so that they do not have to be subsidized by money that is used to promote student interests.

6. By strictly enforcing the constitution and orienting the DSU council, the council and the executive will already be very accountable to Dal students. We would strongly support weekly Gazette articles on council activities, including meetings, events and daily business. Issues should also be presented more directly to the students through publicized debates and small forums which are rotated around campus to areas such as the Killam atrium. These initiatives would definitely make the student body more aware of the council and therefore make us more accountable.

7. We think that an important role of the DSU is to provide student employment. Especially in today's job market it is important that we use student money to employ students to help them support their university education.

8. By creating new initiatives such as a student university budget, an anti-calendar, which is a student critique of the university calendar, an eight month programming plan and practical SUB renovations, we will be providing even more services, but at the same time we will be promoting student awareness and demonstrating student initiative.

9. We think that it is important that students take a more active role in the issues that affect us. Therefore, by creating a student university budget and an anti-calendar we will be offering even more student services. By creating an eight month programming plan, setting up a day where students can discuss degrees and university programs with other students, and making practical SUB renovations such as more furniture and a spruced up Union Market, we will cater to a wide variety of students. Therefore, these new ideas will increase student services as well as help the DSU more effectively represent student interests.

As

Daniel (Boone) Lee - 22
4th year BA Economics

Cheryl Stewart - 19
2nd year BA Sociology

1. We both have experience within and outside the DSU. We are both presidents of house councils, members of residence councils, have been/are on various committees, and have excellent working relations with administration.

2. There are many reasons why we are running in this election. The main reason is because we believe that the Dalhousie Student Union needs fresh perspectives.

3. Without disrespecting the outgoing DSU president and vice-president executive, we would like to strengthen the relations between the Dalhousie Student Union and students, societies and SUB staff. We would also like to become more accessible to students' comments and concerns.

4. One of the first things we would like to do (if elected) is to make a criteria for the coming year which will allow time to thoroughly research ideas, issues, and concerns. We would like to meet and get to know the people we will be working with throughout the year.

5. We would like to make the McInnes Room more accessible to students and societies. We would also like to see the Grawood as a sound business where students could go and relax. At all times we would like to keep students' desires in mind.

6. We think that because the council of the Dalhousie Student Union is the sole voice of the students, it is accountable to everyone at Dal. We believe that any major policy change should be brought to the students. Pertaining to meetings, it is our hope that when the students vote, to elect their leaders, they trust and believe that decisions will be made for the best of the entire school.

7. Students should definitely be closely considered whenever SUB positions arise. We believe that by having students involved it makes our student union more personal and much stronger.

8. Communication is so essential. We want the students to feel we are approachable. By reaching out to the students on a personal level, we know that we will better serve their needs.

9. One part of our platform is bigger and better advertisement. We hope that we can advertise and promote many more programs such as career information sessions and other educational programs (stress management, how to write essays, etc.).

As

Chris Lydon - 21
Adv. Maj. Social Anthropology

Rose Mengual - 20
Adv. Maj. Microbiology & Immunology

1. Experience is the key to bringing about change within the DSU. Our interaction with the student union comes from different perspectives. Chris is currently the DSU Vice-President Academic/External, and has held the positions of DSU VP Academic and Arts Senate Representative previously. Rose is currently employed as a part-time SUB Staff of the DSU. As well, she is the President of the Shirreff Hall Residence Council, and is also a representative on the Dal Science Society. Rose also sits on the SUB Operations, Campus Safety and Security, Fall Orientation and Community Affairs Committees of the DSU. Together, our diverse individual experiences combine to create a medium by which experienced and effective leadership is possible.

2. We feel that Dalhousie is a great school, and that the DSU is a superb organization, but we also see growth and opportunity in the future of both institutions. It is this, looking to the future, that has given us our motivation. We feel that we can bring together experience with fresh new ideas, and through this bring about specific, and positive change to the DSU.

3. A lot of great initiatives were taken this year, but some specific target areas for improvement would be to place a greater priority on communication between the Part-Time Staff and the Executive of the DSU, and to take a more personal approach with student societies as a whole.

4. The first thing that we would do, would be to develop a strategic plan to ensure the implementation of all of our elected goals and platforms.

5. Many students feel that the DSU has placed too much focus on its business side, and that it has lost touch with its role as a student advocate. We feel that the DSU has a responsibility to better inform students on the issues facing them...and of the Union's priority on such student advocacy issues — within the Board of Governors, Senate, other areas within the University, and amongst the various levels of Government.

6. The DSU is a body made up of representatives from every corner of campus. Often, the reason meetings are moved in camera, is when issues involving DSU staff are being discussed. We feel that as it is the DSU's responsibility to be accountable to its students, it is also our responsibility to respect and protect the right to confidentiality that all employees have.

7. The DSU already has a policy of hiring only Dal students for all Part-Time Staff positions. A goal for us is to create more of these opportunities for students, as most of us are faced with the same financial constraints.

8. We feel that the DSU is the single most valuable resource available to the students of Dalhousie. With a greater focus placed on communicating the available services of the DSU to the campus, and with more interaction with student societies, we feel that the Union will develop the reputation of being an invaluable asset.

9. Our vision for new directions in student service include creating a direct access phone line to Tiger Patrol, a door-to-door style Shuttle Bus service, increasing the capacity of the Grawood Lounge, a DSU Bursary Program, the investigation of bringing a drug store to the SUB, and increasing student employment opportunities within the student union building.

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