

Fifth ballot decision

Sampson and Mancini elected

Robert Sampson and Peter Mancini have been elected President and Vice-President of the Dalhousie Student Union.

Sampson and Mancini tallied 1186 votes to take the victory on the fifth ballot. Their nearest competitors were the team of Peter Greene and Paula Kinley with 930 votes.

Fred Schmidt and Heather MacQuarrie lasted until the fourth ballot with 581 votes.

Sampson and Mancini were early favorites in the race and, as expected, received a large portion of the residence vote.

Greene and Kinley's strength came from the law school.

Heffernan and Rideout finished with 265 votes and Rodgers and Billard had 117. Forty-four votes were given to the team of Nightingale and Soulis.

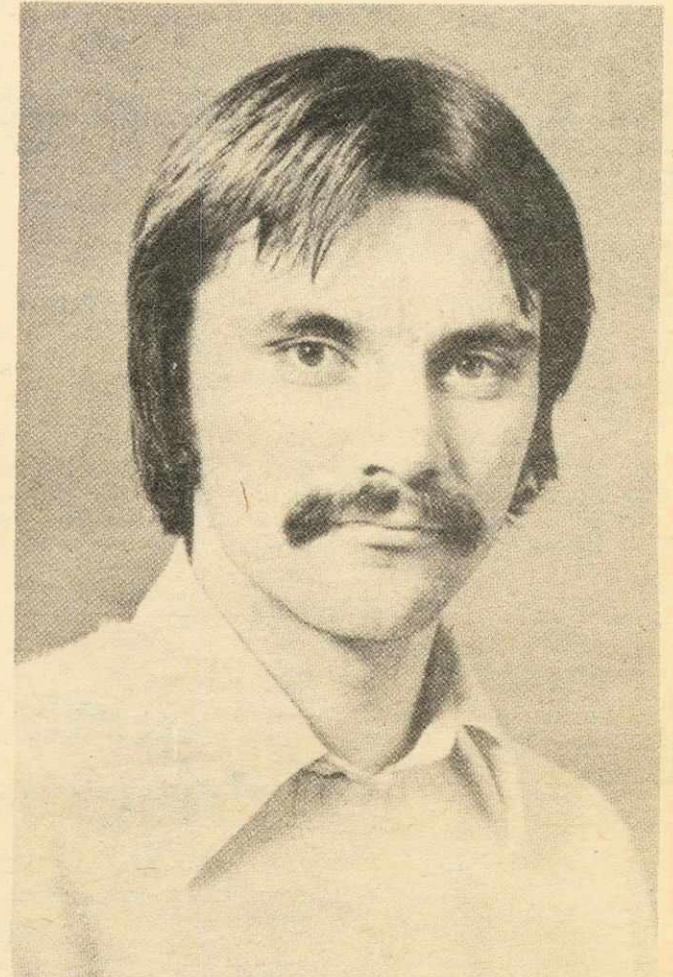
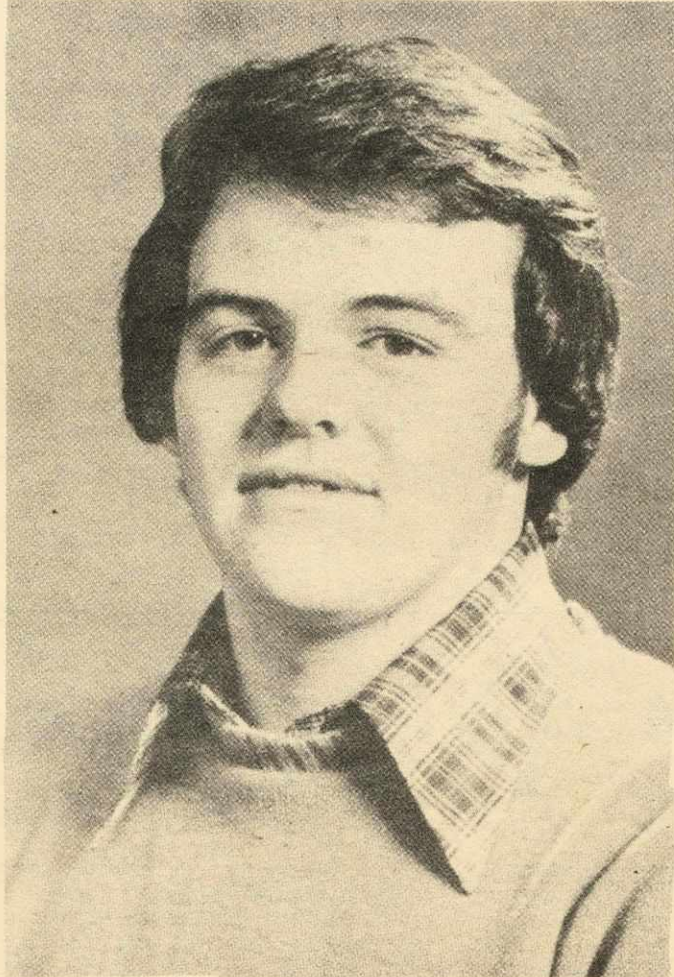
The *Gazette's* team of Ace Bozo and Graham 'Wafer' Dentist proved to be extremely popular by winning nine votes.

Dalhousie students approved membership in both the Atlantic Federation of Students and the National Union of Students. 1318 voted in favour of AFS, while 904 voted against. The NUS vote was 1655 in favour and 560 against.

Last night, both organizations were approved at Mt. St. Vincent University. The NUS vote was 409 for and 107 against, while 408 voted in favour of AFS with 102 against.

Saint Mary's University approved membership in AFS with a vote of 611 to 41. A NUS referendum was not held on that campus.

The Dal elections were not run very smoothly as there now are many rumours circulating throughout campus about poll booths not opening on time and being carelessly handled.



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Two thousand, three hundred, and twenty-one students voted in Wednesday's election, which indicates a definite victory for the apathy team of Nightingale and Soulis.

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Department discriminates

by Tom Regan

Charges of discrimination against female instructors are "totally unfounded" according to Detlev Steffen, Head of the German department.

Investigating the rumour that four women teachers in the German department were being paid considerably less than their male counterparts while doing the same job, the *Gazette* was told that these teachers were being paid from a "supply" fund that enables the department to

poor practice on the departments part", she said. The *Gazette* could not contact the other three instructors at press time.

When interviewed Monday, Steffen told the *Gazette* that he could not talk about the matter since "it was under investigation" and that "reports that had reached the *Gazette* were inaccurate".

Steffen said the problem is a question of money. Each department hires teaching assistants, usually graduate students to aid the department. This is an important source of money for many graduate students. Teaching assistants are paid from a teaching fund and the problem with the fund is how the money should be distributed.

Steffen stated that his department's policy must be kept in line with the university policy and cannot be changed until the university policy and cannot be changed until the university changes their policy.

At the moment a commission is looking into possible changes but recommendations have not as yet been made.

When asked about discrimination Steffen said that this was "totally untrue" and stated that one-third of the staff in the German department are female and they are paid as much as males in the same position.

Steffen seemed surprised that the *Gazette* knew of the problem. He felt it would be "amusing to find out who told the paper as only a few people knew that the problem existed." When questioned,

Stephen conceded that, yes, one of the teachers had complained about practices within the department and that he himself had received a letter accusing him of firing qualified female teachers and hiring unqualified male ones but that these charges were totally unsubstantiated. Steffen said that the policy had been the same since he came there fourteen years ago and "only since" the advent of women's liberation had the policy been questioned.

"For two thousand years woman were happy to bear children but now all that's changing. Women want to be liberated. I don't know what that means but that's the way it is." Stephen pointed out.

A source close to the Commission

on the Status of Women at Dalhousie said that if there was a problem, it was "not unique to either the German department or to females, although females almost always got the shorter end of the stick".

The problem is the "squeezed-orange" policy employed by many departments. The "squeezed orange" policy stems from the problem of having too many Ph D's available for teaching jobs. If departments gave all teachers tenure, they are "afraid the department would become static, producing no new blood." The only time new blood would be introduced is when someone retires or leaves, but this is very infrequently as not many jobs are available anywhere in Canada. "Departments hire graduate students or other people who teach for short terms, then fire them

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pay them less than other professors.

When questioned about the matter, one of the women (who asked to remain anonymous) seemed upset that the *Gazette* had found out about the conflict but she was co-operative. She stated that she hoped there "would be no publicity on the matter" and that "the problem was in the hands of the dean."

The whole affair was the result of

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Due to March Break the Dalhousie Gazette will not be printed next week. The next edition will appear March 3.