

SLOW START IN ELECTION

by Chris Hart

A municipal election will be held in Halifax on Wednesday October 16th. Between the hours of 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. registered electors will go to their respective polls and cast their ballots in the democratic fashion to which we have become conditioned. Each person will vote for the alderperson of their choice from the ward in which they are residents and everyone will also cast a ballot for the mayoralty candidate most akin to their mentality.

Halifax is divided into 10 wards named simply Ward 1, Ward 2, etc. For those of you who live in the area immediately north of Dalhousie, Ward 2 is your constituency, to the south it is Ward 1 and to the east Ward 3. Keeping in mind that nominations have not yet been officially opened much less say closed, it is not possible to announce with any pretense of accuracy the names of those running in the aldermanic elections. Between the dates of September 23 and 27 all persons who wish to have their names appear on the ballot will be officially nominated and will file a \$50 deposit with the City Clerks Office.

Nevertheless number of persons have given an indication that they do intend to contest the election. In the mayoralty race, Alermen

Moir and MacKean and Dr. Terry McGrath have begun recruiting workers and looking for money. Many others are unsure of whether they will stand for mayor or for and aldermanic position. It is fairly safe to say however that at least the above three will definatley be cacandidates along with a few others as yet unannounced.

The Alermanic elections at this point stand as follows: In ward 1 the incumbant alderman Mr Connoly is re-offering, with no competion as of yet.

Ward 2 has already four newcomers to compete for the seat held by Mr. Moir. They are Mr. Clarke, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Siken and Mrs. Shannon.

Ward 3 will be represented by Mr. Fillmore, Mr. Warrington, and Mr. Downy. The moyoralty candidate David MacKean is presently holding this seat.

Ward 4 has only the incumbant Mr. Meagher offering for the position.

In Ward 5 only the incumbant Mr. Sullivan has indicated an intention to run.

Ward 5 has the misfortune of having Alderwoman Margaret Stanbury offering herself with no one to contend her coveted seat.

Ward 7 has numerous contenders hoping to oust the Alderman Wentsell who is re-



Ward 1 Alderman Dennis Connolly



Alderman Lou Moir...The next Mayor of Halifax?

offering his dubious resourses to the public. They are Mrs. Heather Lindsay, Mr. Albert Walker, Mr. Brydon and possibly Mr. Ruffman whose eligiblity is in doubt as he is not a resident of the city.

Ward 7 has only the incumbant Mr. Stappells announcing a decision to re-offer.

Ward 9 has three people in the running so far; Mr. Bell the incumbant will be facing competition from Mr. Charles Campbell and Mr. Moove.

In ward 10, Mr. Crawford is offering with the incumbant, Leo Haugens undecided as of yet.

To determine whether or not you can vote in the election you need only to ask yourself three basic questions. Will I be 18 years old by October 15th 1974? Am I a Canadian citizen or a British Subject? And have I been a resident of Halifax since January 1, 1974? If your answer is yes to all three questions than you are

eligible to vote and you should make sure your name appears on the voters list. If your name was on the provincial voters list it should automatically appear on the municipal list, if it was not and you are eligible you can phone the city clerks office and request that your name should be listed.

Advance polls are scheduled for October 11th and 12th for those persons who will not be in the city on election day.

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DAL AND TECH SOON TO BE WED

by Roger Metcalfe

On the student activities level, the substance of Dal/Tech merger has already been accomplished. At press time, there appears to be almost no chance that this will not take place.

Yesterday the Dalhousie Students' Council was to give final approval to the scheme, and it has already been cleared by N.S.T.C. Student Society officials.

Tech students will not yet become members of the Dalhousie Student Union. As a result their two seats on the Dalhousie Students' Council are not in effect. However, all other parts of the merger as it was negotiated between the student governments is going into effect for the 1974-75 academic year.

The student government merger was agreed and settled in the spring, then government inaction suspended activity relating to the

merger. The Dalhousie Student Union offered to begin the process by making an extra effort to co-operate, starting at once.

Then, in mid-August, the Tech Student Society requested an affiliation which would give them the privileges and rights to be gained in the first year of the merger. In return they will commence payment of fees under the merger agreement in September 1974.

There appears to be no Dalhousie opposition to the Tech offer, and yesterday the executive asked for Council sanction.

Once the Tech students' fees have been received by the D.S.U., the affiliation agreement will take effect.

The most immediate change will be Tech students' participation in the Prescription Drug Service of the Dalhousie Student Union. If finances permit the Dal Radio

carrier current system will include N.S.T.C. from the beginning of operation.

It is expected that better communication will be a third result. Further implementation of co-operation is likely to be on a schedule prepared jointly.

An unknown factor is the date on which the two universities will complete their merger. That will bring into effect the main agreement between the two student organizations. Even if the enabling legislation is passed in the fall, it may well be July 1, 1975 before it is feasible to make the merger take effect. That timetable becomes largely irrelevant to the student organizations at both institutions, now that they are preceeding on their own schedule.

The willingness to work together as soon as possible contrasts to the first few months of negotiation, al-

most a year ago. The Student Society opened talks with a virtual ultimatum, and the Student Union responded with what appeared to be a stonewall.

Four months of non-negotiation were followed by an unexpectedly fast round of talks, followed by agreement.

The next five years will tell whether the merger is feasible on the level of student activities. In January 1979 it will be up to the N.S.T.C. students to continue their special agreement, become standard members of the Dalhousie Student Union or try a new approach.

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