

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

- 1) Why are you running for the position?
- 2) Do you think the DSU has an effective voice at the Board of Governors? How will you improve that voice?
- 3) Do you believe the Board should be dealing with "non-educational" issues such as affirmative action, campus safety, the environment?



Brian Hill

1. I want the Board to hear and respond to student voices on campus. I want Dalhousie University to put the interests of its most important constituency where it belongs, students first!

The Board of Governors has the last word on policy at Dalhousie. I want to represent student interests in this forum and I am committed to reporting all Board of Governor's decisions to the student community through the Gazette.

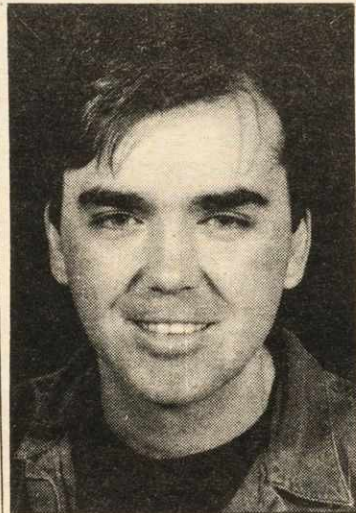
I think I have experience that will help me lobby on behalf of students effectively. I have been active on the Dalhousie campus for several years, completing a B. Ed. in 1988 and I am now in my first year at the Law School. Prior to that I was an Instructor in the Biology Department and in 1989/90 I served as 2nd Vice President of the Faculty Association. I continue to teach in the 1st year Biology class. We have to change this administration's vision. They seem to put Buildings first, people last!

2. No.

On October 16th the Board of Governors gave final approval to 1991/92 student tuition fee hikes. FASS student fees will rise from \$1770 to \$2195, (+\$425); Medical/Dental up from \$2200 to \$2835, (+\$635); Law students' rent will hop from \$2025 to \$2575 (+\$550) and Commerce students' fees will jump from \$1870 to \$2215 (+\$345). In the same issue of the Dal News that reported these increases, President Clark stated parenthetically, "no fees will increase by more than \$500." Anybody home????

3. Yes, I don't think any of these issues are "non-academic". The University has policies in place on affirmative action and accessibility, campus safety is under review by committee and the Senate has introduced new environmental policies. However, these policies are only pieces of paper until they become practice. For example, it is time for the Administration to co-ordinate full tilt campus wide recycling.

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Tom Digby

1. The reason I am running for the BOG can be distinguished on two grounds.

Firstly, having worked with the Dal Student Union for three years, I have a pretty good handle on its political dynamics. The BOG rep must be aware of the crucial political concerns of the DSU such as tuition fees, management of the SUB, and student protection from staff and faculty strikes. I have spent three years working behind the scene with these issues and I think I can effectively represent students at the BOG.

Secondly, as the DSU rep on the Dal Sexual Harassment Committee, I have had considerable exposure to the serious issues of sexism on our campus. As BOG rep I will make sure that the Board does not lose sight of how serious sexism is at Dal.

2. Look, you must not see the BOG as monolithic. It is com-

posed of 53 members with 53 competing agendas. The DSU can only have an effective voice if it presents its own agenda clearly and cohesively. Yes, I think the DSU does have an effective voice at the Board. Getting DSU reps together to plan strategy and discuss ideas is the only way to get the job done. The BOG is not monolithic and we can make it respond to student needs.

3. There is no such thing as non-educational issues. All issues are important to the Dalhousie community, especially the ones you have listed: affirmative action, campus safety and the environment. Admittedly some issues deserve a reduced allotment of time, as for example the price of tea in China which we can do little to influence. The BOG must be concerned with so-called "non-educational issues" but practical considerations should take priority.



Ron O'Brien

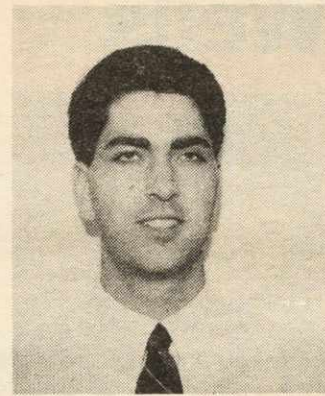
1. I am running for the Board of Governors because I feel I can be effective in shaping the policies that will foster Dalhousie's strong national reputation.

2. The strength of the DSU's voice at the Board of Governors is solely the conscientiousness of the student representatives. In the past their efforts have been poor, primarily due to lack of attendance.

As a student representative it is my obligation to express the opinion of the student body, particularly if it is contrary to current policy. Furthermore, the strength of my mandate at the Board of

Governors is determined by the number of ballots cast.

3. "Non-educational" is perhaps unfortunate terminology, as I see the central problem with these issues is, in fact, the lack of education or awareness. Under the university's statutes, the Board of Governors is responsible for the operation of the university. It should therefore address all issues that affect the operation, whether or not they are deemed "non-educational".



Robert King

1. There is only one valid reason to run for the Board of Governors: The DSU is in need of a representative, a voice, at the top level of university government that is capable of weighing financial decisions and not afraid to stand up to administration on issues that are important to students. I feel that I could be that voice.

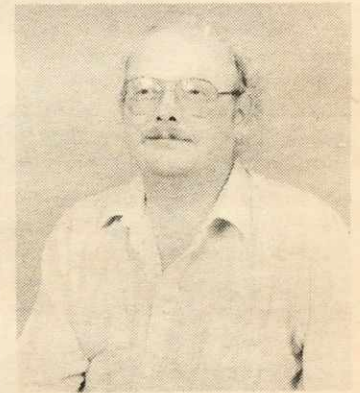
2. In the past at Dalhousie, there has been an apparent misconception on the part of incumbent student BoG representatives that they are just a rubber stamp for administration. Nothing could be further from the truth. The student representatives on the BoG are the voice of the entire student population at Dalhousie, regardless of how many people actually vote in elections. It is the responsibility of the representatives to be present for all meetings, to vote, to lobby, and to keep students informed of any decisions that directly affect them.

3. There is no question that the board should be concerned with some non-educational issues. I would, however, hesitate to call environmental issues "non-educational". It is important for universities to cultivate ideas that are

important for the future of the community and society. The Board can channel funds into the promotion of worthwhile concerns such as the environment.

4. Campus safety should be everybody's concern. It is the responsibility of a committee to make sure that a committee exists within the university government to deal with any concerns or complaints regarding safety on campus.

5. Affirmative action is necessary in cases of gross inequality. It is debatable, however, whether or not it should be a permanent or blanket structure in any hiring policy. Application of affirmative action policy is, however, an issue that should be dealt with by the Board of Governors.



Donald Mason

1) I am running for one reason, the bettering of the student situation at Dalhousie. The student population is the majority on campus and the only group that pays for the "privilege" of being here at Dalhousie. Students should be the major part of any decision at Dalhousie. I wish to continue voicing the students concerns to the Board, in committees and the D.S.U.

2) At times the D.S.U. has been the only voice on the Board of Governors. The D.S.U. has greatly increased their effectiveness over the past year. This culminated in the changes to the student bursary program over the howls of protest from the bureaucrats. To improve our voice we need to continue to provide concrete examples to the Board that there is another side to the stories that they receive from the administrative staff. We must encourage them to join us in questioning "the facts".

3) I question whether the examples given are truly "non-educational". Matters such as equality, safety and the environment are best dealt with in the context of education. The Board (university) must be a leader in these areas. The Board has taken tentative first steps in these areas. It is very important that we build on these first steps. Remember, the first steps are always the hardest.

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