

# And what will you do for Dalhousie students today?

## George Fraser and Steve Curry



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by Bruce Galloway

### President

1. A major concern for all students across Canada is tuition increases and the worries they bring, noted Fraser. However, Curry and Fraser both zeroed in on another issue which they feel is of particular importance: the increase of funding for technical training at the expense of university funding. The threat the job demand created by the recent offshore boom represents to university funding is one that Fraser and Curry are very concerned about. Fraser notes that although offshore gas and oil finds will need technical trainees, they will also need university graduates in almost every field. Fraser is convinced the future is very bright for Nova Scotia and Dalhousie with the offshore boom, coal fields and the expected economic growth.

2. In dealing with communications on campus Fraser feels the important thing is getting people to listen. This comes from such primary communication sources as the Gazette and, more particularly, entertainment. Ideas such as people

going through campus with a P.A. to announce games, or someone in a tiger suit running through the A&A building are examples of ways to increase awareness on campus. Both Fraser and Curry feel that by providing effective leadership at and not above the student level they can reach most students on campus. Through improved communication will come a greater pride in being a Dalhousie student which will get

more people involved.

3. The fate of CKDU will rest with the decision made by Dalhousie students in the upcoming referendum. However, as an alternative to the possibility of a station shut down, Fraser and Curry have been investigating the possibility of incorporating Dal's and Saint Mary's stations into one inter-city FM station. The chances of such a station being at Dal are pretty good given the facilities we have on

campus, said Fraser.

4. Both Fraser and Curry feel that CFS is something that Dalhousie must become a part of. By becoming a member of CFS, Dalhousie can do its part to ensure that the organization is a strong and effective voice. Another plus to joining CFS is that each student will receive a national student identity card, which can be used for a wide range of activities. "We are saying 'yes' to the CFS referendum," said Fraser.

5. Although such issues as disarmament and conditions in South America are very important Fraser feels that organizations such as SUNS and CFS should deal with problems that affect students first. Such problems as summer employment,

high tuition and student aid are things that CFS and SUNS should lobby towards.

6. Students will have to decide themselves in the upcoming referendum what position Student Union should take on the question of strippers in the SUB. Both Fraser and Curry felt it would not be proper to make a personal comment.

7. Both Fraser and Curry are well aware that the positions require a considerable amount of time and are more than prepared to devote what is necessary. Curry is at present applying to medical school but notes he does not think he will have problems arranging his time.

8. Students do not at present have a loud enough voice on the faculty or staff associations, stated Fraser. Both Fraser and Curry have sat on staff/faculty committees this year and

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## Presidential Candidates

### President

1. What kind of national and regional issues should students be concerned about?
2. How will you improve communication between the student council and students?
3. What is your stand on CDKU in general?
4. What is your stand on the CFS referendum?
5. What is your perception of the student movement, SUNS and CFS?
6. What is your stand on the 'strippers in the SUB' referendum?
7. How much time will you have for your positions? What other commitments might you have?
8. How will you improve communication between students and the DSA and DFA?
9. What should be done about Dal's deficit?
10. What is your position on lab fees for science students?
11. How important are the Board of Governors and Senate and how can students be more effective there?
12. School spirit?

### Vice President

1. Is management of the SUB good; do you propose any changes?
2. How will you make societies more visible?
3. How can students be made more aware of student union societies?
4. What is the role of societies in the student union?
5. How can you improve communication and involvement with lower campus and people who don't normally frequent the SUB?
6. Is the campus media fulfilling its mandate?

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inevitable cuts are applied equally to all groups on campus. It is the responsibility of the administration to fight more actively and publicly for better government funding.

"The nasty financial responsibility is passed onto the Deans, who pass it on to the department heads. There are very few ways to save money and students are the only part of the reserve to tax."

10. Lab fees are an insidious form of indirect taxation and should not be tolerated, said Rans. He criticized the new 'envelope budgeting' process. The student union should be aware of Board of Governors' minutes. Although some things must remain private, students should have a general awareness of what issues are coming down.

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by Ken Burke

### President

1. Harvey and Katsepontes see the primary national and regional issues as being the roles of government in education. "They have tremendous financial control over us," claimed Harvey. He noted that often grants get smaller between levels of government - especially between the federal and provincials. They favour innovative strategies of communication not necessarily including placard-carrying. "You have to get the administration sensitised to students," Katsepontes said. "We have to get organized and keep up on issues."

2. One of the main points in the team's platform is increased communication with students through societies. "It's one of the few areas we could have a substantial impact on improving life on campus," said Harvey.

He also stated that the way to improve communication is through the societies, and proposed that more events be co-sponsored to bring societies together. Harvey also pointed out the success of off-campus activities during Winter Carnival, adding, "We've got to get interaction of off-campus people up."

Katsepontes similarly stressed the importance of societies. "It's the grass-roots aspect that's important," he noted. "It's important that first-year students know what this university has to offer."

3. If the students vote 'no' on the CKDU question, the running mates intend to approach one

mean student fees will go up. Funds for the radio station might be taken from somewhere else in the student union budget.

4. Rideout is in favour of CFS and has worked hard for it, he said. Everything about the organization is positive except the cost, but the benefits of an International Student Identity Card will enable students to get the \$4 back easily. Also, if students are going to fight financial cutbacks, etc., a lobbying group at a federal level is needed.

5. We definitely need SUNS, Rideout said. The biggest problem with Dalhousie and Nova Scotia universities in general is that we're getting cheated out of our funds by the provincial government. We need to unify and go down to Province House and demand that funding, he said. We need resources, money and involvement. Rideout would like to see more inter-university cooperation through SUNS.

6. The question of having strippers in the SUB is going to the students for them to decide, and Rideout and Kelly will implement what the students want. "Our personal feelings don't count," said Kelly.

7. Both Rideout and Kelly will take the minimum three courses demanded by the student union constitution. "I have spent a year on Council and I want to

## Bill Harvey and Nick Katsepontes



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or two CKDU staffers about working on a new FM proposal while the station is shut down. Katsepontes was especially enthusiastic about the concept of CKDU-FM. "I can't think of a better way of tying off-campus people in," he said.

4 & 5. Neither Harvey nor Katsepontes would state their stance on CFS. "We have our own views, but they must come secondary (to the referendum

results)," Harvey said. "It's up to Dal students. If they say 'yes', we'll pursue it."

According to Harvey, joining CFS only costs students a few dollars and, with the services you can get back, that's not a bad deal. "We could really have a strong voice throughout the nation," he said.

The team pledged to work through other areas such as SUNS if Dalhousians vote 'no'

on CFS. "If student movements work, they give all students a common voice - that's very important," Harvey said.

6. The team thought students should vote against having strippers on campus, because, as Katsepontes said, "We can't be the perpetrators of alienation between groups on campus. We're not trying to make a moral comment." Harvey added that "We have a certain image to keep up. I can't condone that kind of thing."

7. Harvey spoke for the duo when he stated, "We're taking this very seriously and we'll put in the time required. We'll still be taking some classes, but this is a full-time job during the summer and an extremely hectic part-time job in the fall and winter. We're 100 per cent committed to this job."

8. Better relations, especially with the DFA, is something Harvey and Katsepontes are considering. "Relations with the DFA could work to our advantage. Maybe we should form a committee with them to look for common ground," suggested Katsepontes. Harvey thought

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## Peter Rans and John Russell



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### President

1. External issues such as disarmament and the situation in El Salvador would be taken up by

council depending on student opinion in general. Rans said. These issues should be in addition to, and not a substitute for, essential campus issues.

2. Improved communication

between students and the student council will result from a more visible executive

intends to make visits to societies and Howe and Shirreff Halls once every two to three weeks, and encourage councillors to do the same.

3. The candidates feel there should be a good radio station on campus.

Rans said an independent, extensive study on what is involved in going AM or FM, taking a good look at the equipment and formulating a sound proposal should be done

4 & 5. The only way to resist cutbacks is to work through CFS and SUNS, to fight the federal and provincial governments. Although SUNS has not been totally effective in the past, the team said they must work with them in order to effect improvement.

6. Rans deferred commenting

on the stripper referendum as an issue of morality or sexism. However, Rans said students should vote 'no' to allowing strippers in the SUB in order not to jeopardize students' image in the general public. Students are currently presenting themselves as a responsible, legitimate and serious interest group to the federal and provincial governments.

"I would be very angry if my tuition went up \$300 because of a 'yes' vote (to strippers in the SUB) Rans said.

7. Rans will continue to work on his PhD thesis in English, but will not take on any teaching. "In essence I can devote a full day to being President. I am totally flexible" Russell

has been working full-time as Student Union Building manager for two years. He is confident that along with three courses next year, he will be able to be a full-time Vice President.

8. "Of course" communication is needed between students and the faculty and staff associations (DFA and DSA). The only way to resist cutbacks is to push the university jointly with the DFA and DSA in resisting inadequate government funding.

9. Referring to Dal's accumulating deficit, Rans said "obviously we can't deny it." He said it must be ensured that the

## Dave Rideout and Randy Kelly



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stay involved," Rideout said. "I have the time, the knowledge and the experience to do the job." Kelly said he also is very involved with Council this year, and realizes the time commitment demanded. "It's a year out of your life, and you have to think about it 23 hours a day," he said.

8. Improved communication between students and the DFA is something Rideout will be pushing for next year. "It gets back to the cost of education," he said. "Many Dalhousie students are aware we're paying one of the highest tuition rates in Canada. And when people think of high tuition they think of fighting the Administration. But the fight lies down at Province House. We have to get students more involved, and go to the Administration saying we want to learn, not fight," Rideout said. "We need to get students

more closely associated with the professors, get unified, and go down to Province House as Dalhousie, not just as students.

9. The deficit arose from bad investments made by the Administration eight or ten years ago, Rideout said, and the obvious solution is to bring in more funds. But not from students; they can't afford it. The final solution is to go to Pro-

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