

Student Council nominations now open

by Paul Clark

To quote a yellow sign placed in strategic areas on campus this past weekend, "Nominations for the positions of President & Vice-President, as a team, for the Dalhousie Student Union are Now Open in accordance with BI-LAW XI-Elections.

Nominations open Jan. 14 & close Feb. 4, 1980 at 5 p.m. Nomination forms may be picked up in the student council office rm. 222, SUB.

A ten dollar deposit is req'd which shall be returned one week after the election, subject to forfeiture as a result of

any breaches during the campaign.

Chief Electoral Officer' Gil Whitehouse, the sign's author and chief returning electoral officer, was out of town this week and unavailable for comment, but in a letter to council he said he would attend council's next meeting on Jan. 27 to answer any questions.

Nominations for positions beside president and vice-president on Jan. 28, closing also on Feb. 4. The election will be held on Wed., February 20, he said.

Dick Matthews, Dalhousie's

current student union president, expressed concern that the election campaign would be overshadowed by the federal campaign. He was worried people would be so sick of politics, Matthews said, they would not vote in the council elections which fall only two days after the federal elections.

It is important for people to pay attention and exercise their democratic right to vote, he said.

Matthews said he would not "break tradition" and back any particular candidate.

The "nominations and elec-

tions" regulations in the student union constitution (contained in the Dalhousie Student Handbook) requires candidates for president and vice-president to submit a "nominating paper" containing the signatures of 25 members of the student union along with an indication that the candidate will accept the nomination.

This regulation also stipulates that at least three public forums be held allowing candidates to speak and present their platforms.

Each candidate or team of candidates is limited to ex-

penditures of \$400 for "campaign materials" and they are allowed only one poster, not exceeding 15' x 23', per bulletin board.

The "Election Committee", consisting of the chief returning officer and four deputy returning officers, is mandated to administer the election.

The constitution requires the positions of deputy returning officers be filled by October 1, but Matthews said no one applied for the jobs and the positions are still empty.

They will be filled by the next council meeting, he said.

Wanted: student executives

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Wanted: One Student Union President

Job Description: President of the student union, student council and chief executive of the "whole grand corporation". Student council issues require a lot of attention, but over 50% of time is spent in administrative work.

Student representative on the Board of Governors, Senate and Alumni Board of Directors. Chairperson of the council executive. Member of five or six committees. In charge of external affairs and dealing with the National Union of Students, the Student Union of Nova Scotia and individual student unions across the country.

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Preferably this individual would be acquainted with the student union and the issues surrounding it for at least this year, be skilled as an administrator and possess some experience.

Salary: \$150 a week during the summer and a "whopping" \$265 a month from September to April.

Issues and Challenges:

1. The Senate has a new constitution, resulting in a change in the Senate's struc-

ture and, no doubt, its manner of operation. The new president will have to watch this body very carefully. Since he will sit on both the academic planning committee and the committee on committees, he should be in a position to exert a good deal of influence.

2. As the university's new president, Andrew MacKay will probably effect changes in the administration's mode of operation. The new student president must ensure that student interests are promoted.

3. The National Union of Students will be holding their next annual meeting in Halifax. The new student president should take advantage of the stronger position he or she will have from being on "home ground".

4. The Student Union of Nova Scotia must be dealt with in a more effective manner.

5. She or he will be the first student president to be in office while the Dalhousie's Faculty Association's contract is in operation for an entire year. The contract should be read closely and its effect on students watched with care.

6. Course evaluations should be firmly underway next year.

7. Dalhousie's new student council president must always

be looking out for the interests of the students he represents. This includes fighting increases in tuition, declining government funding to universities and any other issues that directly affect students.

Wanted: One Student Union Vice-President.

Job Description: The vice-president's duties are "almost exclusively administrative in nature". This person is responsible for the overall operations of the Student Union Building. He or she is also responsible for maintaining communications with major societies on campus.

The new vice-president is

chairperson for the SUB-operations committee, the Malcolm honour award committee, the awards committee and the recruitment committee. He or she is a member of the council executive and acts as president during the president's absence at any time.

This individual should like administrative work, like meeting people and be content to let the president occupy the limelight.

Salary: \$150 a week during the summer and \$265 a month from September to April.

Issues and Challenges:

1. Overseeing student representation on student com-

mittees. The constitution doesn't specify this as the responsibility of the vice-president, but the job just be done.

2. Researching past decisions of the SUB-operations committee to pave the way for more consistent policy making.

3. Reevaluating the role and duties of the SUB general manager and the student union directors.

4. Participating in a space allocations review of the SUB.

5. Serving student interests through his or her work with council and the council executive.

Survey on women's campus safety



VANCOUVER (CUP)—Several women's groups at the University of British Columbia are trying to find out if women feel safe on the campus and are urging UBC women to report all incidents of sexual assault or harassment.

The Coalition for a Safe Campus intends to conduct a survey of UBC women to pinpoint danger areas on campus, coalition spokesperson Lynda Erickson said January 9.

"We feel that areas of the campus are not safe for women and we want to know about them.

"Based on the data we collect we'll make recommendations to the UBC administration about how safety on campus could be improved.

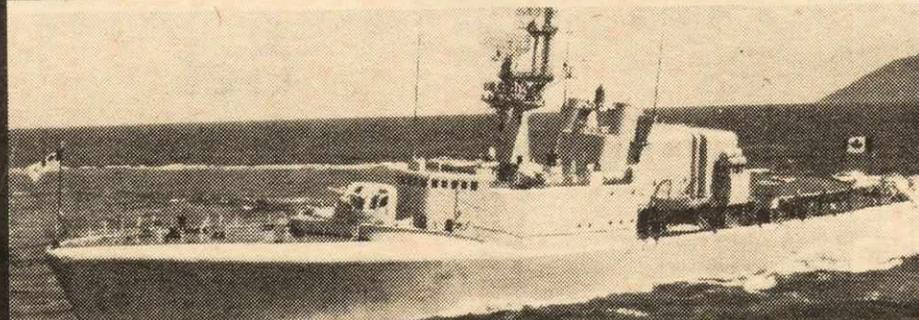
I'm sure they're as concerned about safety on campus as we are."

Erickson said the coalition hopes to initiate the survey by asking questions through the student newspaper, the Ubysses.

Information collected in the survey will be combined with information accumulated from confidential reports of sexual assaults and harassment, she said.

Erickson said the coalition was formed six months ago to investigate the safety of women on campus. "So far we haven't got very far at all," she said. "But we have produced a pamphlet and helped arrange educational sessions at two of the residences."

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