

THE DALHOUSIE GAZETTE ELECTION SUPPLEMENT



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Presidential Teams

Teams for president and vice-president were asked to answer the following seven questions with a limit of 750 words per team. We wish to emphasize that all submissions are unedited.

1. Why are you running (re-running)? What are your qualifications?
2. What does each of you, respectively, consider to be the role of president and vice-president?
3. What do you consider to be the three major issues of the campaign?
4. Where do you stand on these?
5. Do you support any changes in the operating structure of council (new positions, changes in the constitution, a new role for societies)?
6. One of the most frequent criticisms of student council is that it doesn't really represent or serve the interests of the students who elect it. Is this true? If so, what do you pledge to do about it?
7. What causes inflation and how do you propose to solve it?



Gordon Owen



Lynn Lamont

Owen and Lamont

1. We feel that the continual upgrading of the various services offered by the Student Union requires demonstrated experience with and familiarity of the operations. The continuity which we can provide, to the Student Union, combined with fresh input into council, will allow us to effectively deal with the policies which bear on the social and academic life of students at Dalhousie. We feel that our dedication to the job and our experience in addressing the issues will enable us to carry out the responsibilities of the President and the Vice-President.

Our combined experience has involved us in every aspect of student affairs; at the club level, in societies and residences, Student Union and University government. Our past experience include President of Dalhousie Student (1980-81), President of Shirreff Hall (1980-81), Science, Graduate Studies, and Senate representation on Council; two years on the Student Union executive; DAGS Council and SUB Operations; two years on the Senate and its committees; one year on the Board of Governors and its committees; Chairman of Honorarie, Entertainment, and DAGS-DSU Negotiations committees; membership on the SUNS Campus, Academic Affairs, SUB OPS, Communications and Employment Resolutions committees.

2. The responsibilities of the President and the Vice-President are distinct and yet complimentary roles. The President is responsible for the external affairs of

the Student Union, and as such, he is responsible for representing and defending student interests and concerns to the University Administration (Senate and Board of Governors) and at the provincial and national level. The Vice-President is responsible for the liaison between the clubs and societies on campus, and for the day-to-day operations of the Student Union Building. As a team they provide the leadership and direction for the Student Union through the Council of Students.

3 and 4. The current issues on campus affect the general welfare of all students; inadequate government funding to universities, student aid program deficiencies, student representation on government committees dealing with students, and a decrease in educational opportunities available to students. We have worked heavily through SUNS, NUS, and other institutions across the Atlantic in uniting and coordinating our efforts to deal with these issues. This experience will serve us well over the next year. We have a definite framework through which we will continue to address the totally inadequate government policies affecting education. We will provide the mechanism to increase student awareness and for students to accept the responsibility for ensuring the continuance of their education.

The major focus of our Council will be aligning the interests of student government with the average student. This awareness campaign must be coupled with a major internal/external com-

munications network. We are currently conducting a comprehensive review of existing communication efforts on campus and will revise them to reflect our major goals. This will include regular attendance at society meetings, biweekly forums, and an information circular distributed twice weekly.

Another goal of our campaign is to provide increased funding to the societies and clubs, in order that they may further their individual interests and activities.

We will provide a pre-registration service and a student "survival-kit" to all new and International students during Orientation, so that we may assist them in adjusting to campus life.

5. The last few years have seen a significant increase in the responsibilities and duties of council members and the executive. Unfortunately, the operating structure of the Council has not reflected these changes, and in its present form, it contains many areas where the responsibilities are not clearly defined. We will carry out a review of these areas of overlapping responsibilities in an effort to make the Union's executive and Council a more cohesive and efficient body. This review would include the creation of several positions, including a Communications Secretary, Academic Affairs Secretary, and External Affairs Secretary. These positions would be combined with a re-organized Council executive to maximize the resources and activities of the Council.

During this re-structuring process, the

societies would take on a more active role in the Student Union operations. By coordinating society participation, the Union will be better capable of serving the students it represents.

There is a necessity for continuous revision of the Constitution to incorporate these changes and to clarify existing ambiguities.

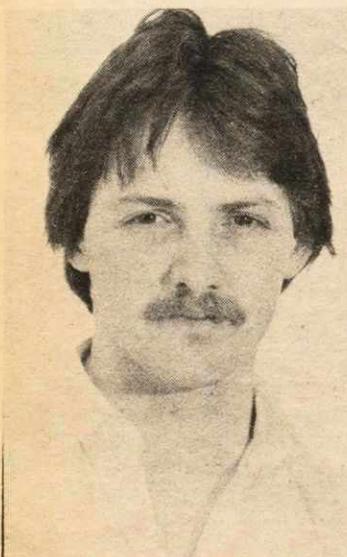
6. In part, this statement is true due to a problem of communication between the elected representatives and their electorate. This leads to poor participation in union affairs and small voter turnout during elections. Also, the flow of information from the Union media to the students, regarding union affairs, is inadequate and needs major revision.

We intend to orientate all councillors on their responsibilities to Council, their society, and to the students. Initially, this orientation would ensure that the students who elect their representatives are kept informed of all union matters. Furthermore, we would hold bi-weekly forums with students across campus, thus, the student would receive information from both sides. Informing the students will enable them to provide the input for a more effective Council of Students.

7. The cause of inflation is primarily a decrease in the value of currency accompanied by a quick increase in prices. Its cure is the imposition of price controls in all industries which would allow for the currency to regain its lost strength.

Gordon Owen, candidate for president
Lynn Lamont, candidate for vice-president

Logan and Logan



John Logan



Jim Logan

1. We are running because after an evening of drink we thought it was the proper thing to do. Qualifications: very qualified.

2. The role of the president is to be on the vanguard of fashion in the university whereas the vice-president's role is to act as lackey to the president.

3. and 4. We feel quite strongly that there are more than three major issues in this campaign so we will address them briefly. We will also include our stand on them.

a. Gord Owen: keep him out of office.

b. Greg Graham: better to have Gord in than him

c. Danny Kelly: engineers cannot be stylish

d. The growing drug problem on campus: It is becoming increasingly difficult of late to obtain good drugs on campus, which brings us to our next point which is the health plan.

We propose to turn the health plan into a profit making venture by personally administering the

sale of ALL drugs and using the profit realized to finance item 13.

e. CKDU referendum: reduce student fee contribution by five dollars and give them a C.B. channel.

f. SUB staff: replace SUB staff with trained monkeys now residing in the Tupper building. Money saved will be donated to the ongoing medical research being carried out in that facility.

g. Parking: move the campus to the watershed lands where there is ample parking space for cars. This would enable the Atlantic Winter Fair to locate in central Halifax.

h. Build a 5,000 seat arena from the bookstore profits.

i. Green Room: In order to facilitate the continued operation of the Green Room, we propose to employ the rats now residing in the Life Sciences Center to aid in the cleaning when the SUB closes every evening.

j. Medical School: by eliminating the senior librarian staff from the Kellogg Library we

will be able to provide students of medicine with fresh cadavres weekly.

k. Tuition: In order to gain equal status with Ivy League Universities we should raise tuition to \$5,000.00.

l. Degree size: rather than the cumbersome degrees presently issued, students should be issued wallet sized degrees for easy identification of graduates.

m. Mounds of Campus: At the meagre price of \$10,000.00 students can enjoy attractive useful mounds like the one across the street from the SUB.

n. Office Space for past President: convert what remains of the department of Political Science into his office.

o. Law Students: should receive a lot more Student Union cash (this not being affected by the fact that the presidential candidate is a law student).

p. Women's RITES: more

Give Their Views

Graham and Gilkinson

Our reasons for running are based on experience of what the student union has been, optimism concerning what it could become, and frustration over what it has not yet achieved.

GREG GRAHAM: My qualifications are mainly energy, enthusiasm and concern. In terms of experience, I have served this past year as GradStudies Rep. on council, on the external committee of the Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students, as the Secretary-treasurer of my departmental society, as student representative to the English Department Faculty, and on various University and Student Union Committees. I have actively represented my constituents at plenaries of the Students Union of Nova Scotia (SUNS), the National Union of Students (NUS) and the Association of Student Councils (AOSC). As a science undergraduate I had served on the University Senate and had been involved in societies and residence life.

MARIE GILKINSON: Stamina is a strong qualification of mine although experience helps. After four years on an "A" society executive, including a term as president, I now serve as a member of the Dalhousie Student Union Council, and on the council executive. As Chairman of Entertainment, and Vice-Chairman of SUB Operations, I have learned the inner workings of Student Union Administration. Actively involved in sports, academics, and social activities, I have participated in many clubs, societies

and served on both University and Student Union committees.

GRAHAM: The president must defend, promote, and encourage the letter, objects and spirits of the Constitution. He/she must represent the student body academically and externally. The president must review University, Provincial and Federal policies as they affect students. Further, the president must provide a strong voice on issues when student interests are in question and must ensure credibility and respected presentation of legitimate student concerns.

GILKINSON: The vice-president is responsible for the overall operation of the Student Union Building and the services it provides to students. In addition to this, she/he acts as a liaison between the council and all committees, clubs and organizations within the Union.

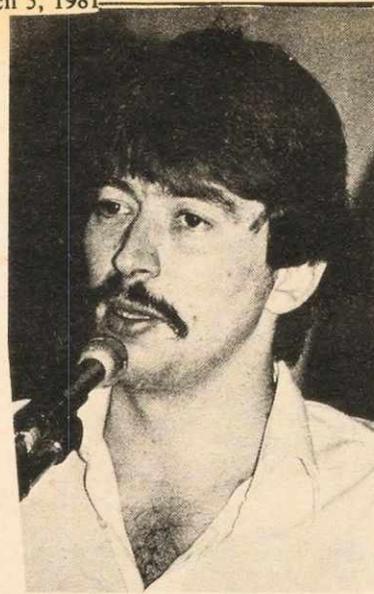
We feel the three main issues are Leadership, Communications, and Making Services and Facilities Serve Student Desires and not Administrative Convenience.

We believe in active as opposed to reactive leadership. Inadequate research and preparation by

previous leaders has resulted in an unorganized and ineffective stand on student issues. The unique opportunities of time and resource should enable the DSU president to monitor, review, and research alternatives to administrative, provincial and federal policies as they affect students. The development of credible and comprehensive counter-proposals must rely on prior planning, not reaction after the fact.

Dialogue is the key to improved communications. A healthy rapport with students requires the direct personal involvement of elected representatives at the society level. Attendance at society and residence council meetings, the creation of a communication secretariate, "campus life" bulletins, and informal public forums such as cafeteria "Hot-Seats" and complaint pubs are some of the many ideas we are considering. We are convinced that effective communication will lead to broader student involvement.

The Student Union Building should act as the living room of the campus, not an administrative center. Marie has studied space



Greg Graham

allocation in the building and sees potential for the greatly increased services desired by students. An After-Hours Care and a Students General Store are both useful additions requiring low capitol expenditure. She further notes that office space becoming available should be reallocated to student societies to offset the "bureaucratic atmosphere". The increased use of the SUB will broaden participation in Student Union Activities and enhance campus life.

A bylaw change regarding General Meetings of the Student Union is an absolute necessity. We want a minimum quorum of 1% (approx. 80 students), a three week notice of the time and place (place need not be restricted to the SUB), followed by a one week notice of all motions to be considered. Further, we propose to create a seat for international



Marie Gilkinson

students on council as there is clearly a strong need for representation. We are pledging active participation at society meetings by our executive. This will result in an increase of society input regarding decisions made by the students council.

We have clearly defined the three main issues of this campaign, and all of them reflect on the need to serve and represent the wider body of students. We expect that the Students Council, if it is encouraged rather than accused of apathy, will respond to our leadership.

Anal-retentive Profit causes Inflation! Solution: Exlax on the Health Plan.

Greg Graham
Candidate for President

Marie Gilkinson
Candidate for Vice-President

Kelly and Dunn



Daniel Kelly



Frank Dunn

1. We aren't running, we're sitting down at the typewriter answering a Gazette questionnaire. We don't even have our running shorts on. To be serious though, our main reason for running is to give the students a direct voice into policy-making of the student union. Our main qualifications are determination, a strong will, and a sense to defend the interests of the students, by providing a strong voice from the students in relations with the administration and government. Our attitude is that we're not in a popularity contest judged by the administration and we will definitely not take a weak-kneed approach in confrontations with administration.

2. The role of president is to act as a representative of the student union in affairs that involve inter-relations with organizations outside the student union. Although the role of vice-president is very limited in some political setups, we feel that the vice-president of the Dalhousie Student Union is actually more important than the president in that he/she is responsible for the organizing and day to day running of the union.

3 and 4. The three major issues of the campaign are: lack of communication between the student union and the students, more direct involvement by the students and leadership.

On the lack of communication and direct involvement by students, we propose to have regularly scheduled forms, hopefully, if interest is great enough, at the Cohn Auditorium. The agenda for the forums will be posted on bulletin boards at the SUB, Howe Hall, and Shirrif Hall which will be constantly updated as to what is going on the student council. We propose to have implemented in the constitution a Referendum Day, to be held every January

(possible semi-annually) for which 3 public debates will be scheduled, prior to voting. If any group of students wants an issue to be put on the referendum, they will be able to bring 100 signatures, supporting the issue, to council and if passed by council it will be included in the referendum. If vetoed by council, they can get 500 signatures plus support of 1 council member, and thereby council will have no veto power and the issue will go on the referendum sheet. If the students want a major constitutional change, they can submit 250 signatures supporting them plus signatures of three council members and the constitutional question will be included in a separate sheet in the referendum. This must be passed by a 2/3 majority but in order to count there must be a 40% turnout of the total student population.

5. These will be the decisions of the students, to be implemented through the channels we have described above. One main interest we do have is in forming an off-campus society, similar to the one they have at St. Mary's, which is highly successful. We feel that students that live in residence have a feeling of comradeship, but off-campus students don't seem to be participating in their academic societies.

6. Again I think we have answered this question — under our platform the students will have a direct voice.

7. Marie Gilkinson, Greg Graham, Lynn Lamont, and Gord Owen are the major causes of inflation in North America. They are further planning to ruin the economy by getting into high offices; however we plan to stop them by getting elected and foiling their plans.

Daniel Kelly, candidate for president
Frank Dunn, candidate for vice-president



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q. Gazette: Merge the Dal Gazette with In Struggle and then merge them both with Camille's Fish and Chips so they have something to wrap their fish in.

5. Do you support any changes in the operating structure of council, (new positions, changes in the constitution, a new role for societies)? We propose a change in operating, titles from President to His Excellency and from Vice-President to Chief Lackey. The constitution should be repatriated to Britain where it rightfully belongs.

6. What causes inflation and how do you propose to solve it? Inflation is caused by Gord Owen, therefore we propose to bury inflation by putting Gord Owen in a mound.

John and Jim Logan,
Candidates for president
and vice-president

Three views on CKDU

Support the fight for CKDU-FM

by Michael Wile, Station Manager of CKDU Radio

The fight for an FM station at Dalhousie has been underway for several years. The desire for an FM station goes back almost as far as the beginnings of student radio in Canada, those beginnings were with CJUS at the University of Saskatchewan in 1964. Before that, Queen's Radio at Queen's University in Kingston, Ont., was the first student radio station in Canada and, in fact, the first actual broadcast station in the country going into operation in 1922. By voting "yes" in the FM referendum, Dal students are continuing the long tradition of "trail blazing" established by those first pioneering students. Before the CBC was even established, (Arnie Patterson of CFDR Radio in Dartmouth says "No other organization has done more to draw the country together than the CBC") student radio developed as a forum for the development of a community's culture and identity. Today in Canada there are 8 student FM stations and many small college and university stations which continue to work for the refinement for their product and a legitimate community broadcast license.

At a conference of campus and community stations in Ottawa last weekend, it became evident to me that student broadcasters have big responsibility to the communities in which they operate and to the people who participate in and fund their operation. Our community is Dalhousie.

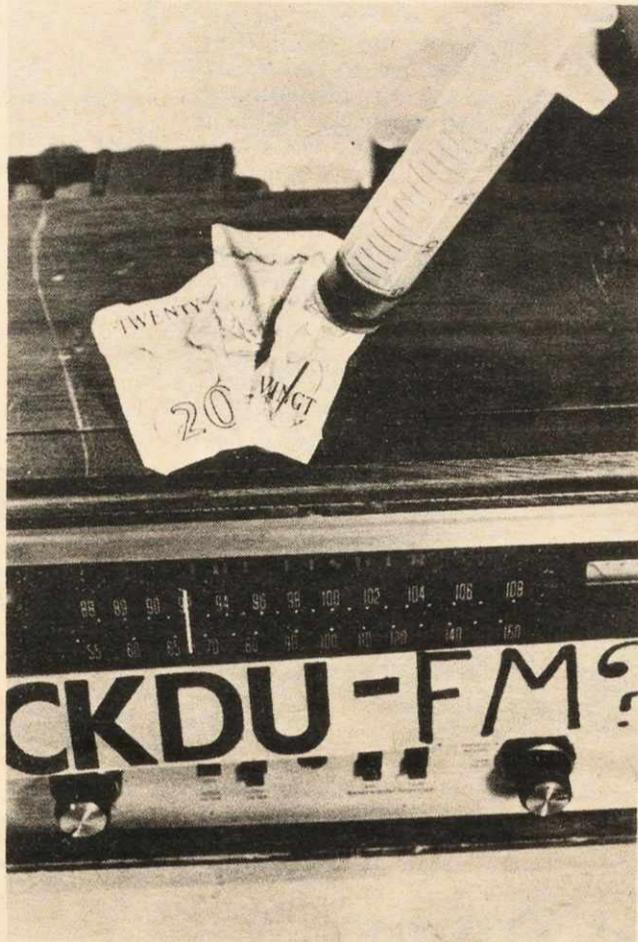
Participation has always been one of CKDU's strong points. We have always waged a strong and successful campaign to recruit members of the community to join the station.

Through a Board of Directors now being established, we hope to provide greater input from our listeners about the kinds of music, entertainment and information they would like to hear on their radio station. The establishment of this board is an extremely important step for CKDU. Not only is it a requirement of the CRTC but we know it will produce a stronger community base for the station.

The CRTC has played an important role in the development of a responsible attitude by campus broadcasters towards student radio. They are also concerned that an alternative exists within the Canadian Broadcasting spectrum for interests and concerns not represented by either commercial broadcasters or the CBC. While CKDU-FM requires a

license from the CRTC, example has shown that they are open to student radio as a true alternative and a

healthy product in the Canadian broadcasting industry. The CRTC does have major concern that student stations be adequately funded so that they carry out their mandate of serving their communities effec-



tively and responsibly. Serving our community has been an important role for CKDU over the past several years of full fledged AM carrier current broadcasting. We have been crippled by ongoing technical difficulties beyond our control which we feel has robbed most students of proper reception of their radio station.

All told hundreds of organizations and individuals have utilized our facilities and resources for publicity, information and entertainment. They have overwhelmingly participated in the operation, and experienced the radio medium. This concern for our

community has gone beyond the Dalhousie campus. As everyone knows, students are affected by a wide range of events and forces in the society in which they live. They are not immune, as the community is not, to the give and take of cultural, political, economic and religious forces that held the university into the city or town in which it is located.

CKDU-FM will act as a bridge between Dalhousie and the community. The new station will produce some interesting exchanges of thought, talent and experience with neither giving more than the other takes. Free air time will continue to be provided to community groups.

A radio station that is funded by its community (such as CKDU) must at least set one of its ideals as being all things to all persons at one time or another. We have always attempted with limited resources to provide a reflection for all interests on campus. This is an important tradition — not only for students for not only will students be the listeners of a new FM station but also people of all ages and tastes. They will be looking to CKDU to communicate their concerns.

Of these hundreds, at least 100 students have been participating in the operation of CKDU. They have been concerned that Dalhousie have an effective radio medium that will influence and entertain their fellow students. In the process, many have developed skills that have become of use to them in radio or related fields. CKDU's doors have never been closed to anyone interested in participating equally in the operations of the station.

What you are being asked to do on March 11 and 12 is to extend our mandate. We are also promising to take a serious look at how we may better serve your interests. With CKDU-FM we will be fully aware that whether you are sitting in your room in Howe Hall, in your flat on Robie Street, or in Dartmouth or Bedford, we will be working more than ever to serve your interests and tastes. We have worked earnestly in the past to do this for the sports enthusiast or lover of soul music; whether you've been interested in third world development or rock 'n roll.

CKDU-FM will mean accessibility to you the listener and you the participant. With the yes vote on March 11 and 12, our work will have begun, work which we sincerely feel we are capable of handling and which we know you want Dalhousie to continue in the long line of the accomplishments of student radio in Canada.

If you have further questions about CKDU or CKDU-FM please call us at 424-2487 or drop by our offices in Room 425 of the SUB. The FM-Yes committee is always ready to answer questions.

Should we keep the Health Plan...

by Anil Sharma

We, the students of Dalhousie, are faced this year with three alternatives regarding our University Health Insurance Plan. These three alternatives are to:

1. Keep present Health Plan provided by Dalhousie Student Union, where fees are automatically included in student union fees.
2. Subscribe to a Health Plan on a voluntary basis where this plan will be provided through Dalhousie Student Union.
3. No Health Plan, therefore relying on provincial program i.e. MSI and personal insurance.

I feel that keeping the present plan is in accord with our best interests. Why?

Most of us are covered by our provincial Health Insurance (MSI, OHIP in Medicare, etc.). Our University Plan is designed to augment the coverage we already receive to include many services that are not covered by provincial insurance. This additional coverage includes the services of a Chiropractor, Podiatrist and Osteopath; services that can be, as we well know, quite expensive. Also covered are ambulance services, wheelchair and crutch rentals, and, importantly, accidental damage to natural teeth.

Without insurance, any expense occurred in these situations would come directly from our own already depleted pockets.

Our present Health Plan (provided by John Ingles and Company of Toronto) has been found, through extensive studies (Health Plan Comm. 1978-79) to provide the most comprehensive coverage for the

minimum cost, valid twenty-four hours a day, anywhere in the world — an impressive combination. It covers all prescription drugs, excluding oral contraceptives, up to \$5,000/year coverage, reimbursing the student for the full cost of the drug, minus a one dollar deterrent fee. Alternatively, for instance, MSI covers prescription drugs only for those 65 years old and over.

The dropping of this Health Plan for a voluntary plan would, in my opinion, not be as satisfactory as keeping our present plan, for it is exactly because the Plan is mandatory that we get a relatively inexpensive Health Insurance. This year, the price for single students was \$11.50. Although this is expected to rise to the \$14-\$15 price range next year, it is still well below the \$20-plus amount that a voluntary Health Plan would cost. Also, the voluntary Plan would most likely be found lacking compared to the extensiveness

of coverage that the Ingles Plan offers.

Presently, although we receive our insurance certificate by the middle of October, we are covered for a period of 12 months, from Sept. 1 of each year to the following Aug. 31. In filing for a voluntary health plan on an individual basis, I suspect there would be a time delay in obtaining coverage, that is, by the time the forms were filled out, sent and verification received from the company, we might be well into October or November, if not later. This would necessarily mean that for that period of time, we would be without any accident and health insurance.

But would this be such a bad position: not having any coverage, or, as option No. 3 states, dropping the Health Plan altogether? Again, if given the choice, I would stay with our present plan. Although none of us come to university to get ill or in an accident, the point is, that these unfortunate occurrences do happen. It is discouraging enough to miss school time through illness without having to bear the additional expenses of paying bills.

It seems to me that the price of the Health Plan is not too much to pay to be sure if anything does happen, the financial aspect will be taken care of. It is to this end I recommend the keeping of the present Health Plan for the year 1981-82.

now it's your choice

CKDU-FM : "The \$200,000 gamble"

An open letter

Dear Student Union Members:

I am writing this letter in an attempt to explain why I suggested that a CKDU referendum be held, and why I think you should exercise your right to vote for the option that you prefer.

The question of converting the present Dalhousie AM radio station to an FM broadcast station is one which began as far back as 1974, when the students were asked through referendum, to provide funds for the transition. The referendum lost. Last years council, in an effort to "test the waters", put forward a plebiscite during the general elections which offered three alternatives: expansion of CKDU service with a possibility of FM broadcast; continuance of the AM station at its present level of operation; and discontinuance of CKDU AM as a union operation. With a voter turnout of 1,136 (17.5%), 66% voted in favour of expansion of CKDU services.

This year's council investigated the feasibility of converting CKDU-AM to an FM broadcast station. We are now in the position of asking the students if they are willing to provide the additional funding necessary for this transition to occur. In order to purchase the necessary capital equipment, and to provide the operating expenses for the new station, a fee increase of between six and eight dollars will be required. If accepted by the students, the Student Union will begin collecting the extra fee in the 1981-82 academic term.

A positive decision in the referendum will allow the communications network of the Student Union to develop in a rather unique way. Alternatively, a negative decision will see the money presently spent on CKDU, redirected into other areas of the Union's budget, in order to provide additional monies to increase the visibility of other media services on campus, and the development of new approaches for the dispersal of information. Some pro and con arguments which you should be aware of, are as follows:

1. FM broadcast would give the Dalhousie Student Union wider exposure to larger audiences for Dalhousie talent, and promoting activities (eg. Cancer Research, Student Union events, and meetings).
2. A awareness — radio is constantly available, and would provide a better line of communication for the Dalhousie Student Union.
3. CKDU-FM would provide a professional training environment for students at Dalhousie and King's.
4. CKDU-FM would be an alternative media source on campus.
5. FM radio would aid in the general education of students and the Halifax community.
6. FM radio would be a step towards a national student radio network.
7. CKDU-FM will reach one-half of the population in the metro area, with a potential for reaching one-third of the population of Nova Scotia.
8. The expenditures will be \$100,000 in capital costs, and an additional \$75,000 per annum in operating expenditures, which will be offset partly by advertising revenue and private donations.
9. CKDU-FM would provide a diverse programming schedule.
10. Student fees will have to be increased by between \$6.00 and \$8.00 to cover the start-up costs and operating deficit.
11. CKDU-FM will require additional space within the SUB, already at a premium.
12. There are, at present, four AM and three FM stations in the Halifax-Dartmouth area.
13. CKDU will discontinue operations as they presently exist, should the conversion to FM not be possible.

The Council of Students, in exercising its fiscal responsibility to the students, is asking you to decide on this issue. The communications media must be reorganized for greater efficiency, and to enable their scope and standards to be permanently improved. A referendum is binding on Council, and therefore, a minority can effectively dictate their wishes to the majority. **THERE IS NO MINIMUM VOTER TURNOUT NECESSARY TO MAKE THE DECISION BINDING ON THE ENTIRE STUDENT BODY.** We urge you to vote, so that at least the results of this election are truly representative. The decision made on March 11 and 12 will almost certainly be as important for the future as the past decisions are important for us today.

Gord Owen,
President,
Dalhousie Student Union

...or should we pull the plug?

by Theresa Reno and Susan MacKinley

Is a mandatory Health Plan Insurance Program really catering to the needs of the students? We don't think so.

We, the students of Dalhousie, are faced, this year, with three alternatives regarding our University Health Insurance Plan. These three alternatives are

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2. Subscribe to a Health Plan on a voluntary basis, where this plan will be provided through Dalhousie student Union.

3. No Health Plan, therefore relying on provincial programs i.e. MSI and personal insurance.

Our choice would be alternative No. 2. We don't feel that a Health Insurance Plan should be forced on us. It should be our choice.

There are a large amount of students already insured under their parents Health Plan — why should they end up paying for a program twice? Throughout High School no one makes you buy a Health Program so why should you have to buy one in University.

University, as we understand it, is a place to obtain a good education and prepare one for the "world out there". Spoon-feeding the students with a Health In-

urance Program that may or may not be needed will not achieve this. We feel a student should be able to make his decision as to whether an insurance policy is necessary for him.

During times, like now, when every penny counts, can we afford to pay \$14.50 for a plan we don't necessarily need? Last year the Health Plan cost \$8.50, this year it costs \$11.50, next year it will be \$14.50. That's a 75% increase in the past 2 years! We must stop and think about where our money is going. What about the students who already have a Health Plan — should they have to pay \$14.50 for nothing?

A voluntary Health Plan would cost just over \$20.00 — but not everyone would have to buy it. It would be your choice.

We are not saying that Health Plans are bad — they are very good and the John Ingles plan is the best one available for the price Dalhousie Students are paying. What we are concerned with is the fact that many students are paying into a plan they don't need.

I would suggest to you, the students of Dalhousie, to seriously think of these points when marking your X in the plebiscite which will be at the polls on March 11th and 12th. With tuition fees increasing wouldn't it be nice to see a decrease in student union fees?

MAKE THIS YOUR CONCERN!!

For the past two years now our student union and in particular CKDU have attempted to address the question of whether a CKDU-FM station could or even should ever become a reality here at Dalhousie. Since that time a great deal of information has come forth and in our opinion, as representatives of the committees for the "no", such a venture by the Dalhousie Student Union is not feasible.

You are being asked to support what we believe to be nothing more than a "\$200,000 gamble". As one may well appreciate, the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), of whom we must apply to for an FM license, has set up very strict criteria in which we must first meet before we ever hope to acquire this FM license. As such, before even making our application, literally thousands of our dollars must be spent on preparations and equipment with no guarantees of ultimate CRTC approval.

But most importantly, the real question to address here is the actual sum of money being asked of you to spend. At a time when our Student Union, like most other businesses, is suffering from high inflation resulting in decreases of both our existing services and operations, should something like going FM be a priority? One need only look to the Student Unions Entertainment and Bar operations this year to find the answer and readily foresee very serious financial problems ahead. To date, these operations alone are down over \$30,000 in revenues. Coupled with declining enrollments and changing entertainment markets within the city itself, our problems have only just begun.

If one were to assess this project in relation to other existing and alternative projects, one can easily see areas within our Student Union that have lagged behind over the years and are in more immediate need of our financial resources than an FM station.

The need for renovations within the student union building, the needs of those individual societies throughout campus, continuing our subsidies on health care, running adequate counselling services, and most importantly, simply trying to maintain the status quo are surely far more important today to Dalhousie students than training King's College students how to speak on radio.

Presently our CKDU operations serves you by carrier current. It operates on a budget of approximately \$14,000 with a net deficit of approximately \$11,000. You're being asked to contribute over the next 3 years, approximately \$6.00 in addition to the \$59.00 you are presently paying. This \$6.00 figure is based on an initial \$100,000 capital investment with \$65,000 operating costs in its first year. Like everything else, these figures will undoubtedly grow and so must our contributions. This annual \$65,000 figure represents outrageously low salaries, minimal yearly operating expenses and a lot of unanswered questions.

In a recently commissioned study by the Student Union on the question of CKDU-FM feasibility, the recommendation made with respect to this venture was no, should it have to be funded by the students themselves. And this in fact is what we're being asked to do. In that report questions such as the need for increased space within the SUB, increased power costs, increased SUB Technical support, decreased Student Union control had all been raised but left unresolved. For one reason or another no one seemed to know or want to answer these costly questions!

Finally, what we would like to emphasize most to you is that our Student Union is not in the position to finance this project nor will it be within the foreseeable future. We believe also that most students are not in the financial position to support this project either and it is primarily for that reason that we ask that you support a "no" vote. It would seem odd for we as students to increase one small aspect of our Student Union 10-fold when in fact every other area of our operations stands threatened with cutbacks.

In conclusion, it's your decision, however let us remind you, "He who calls the tune, must PAY the piper."

Respectfully,
Robert Sampson, Past President (DSU) 77-78
Dick Matthews, Past President (DSU) 79-80
Nancy Tower, Past Treasurer (DSU) 79-80

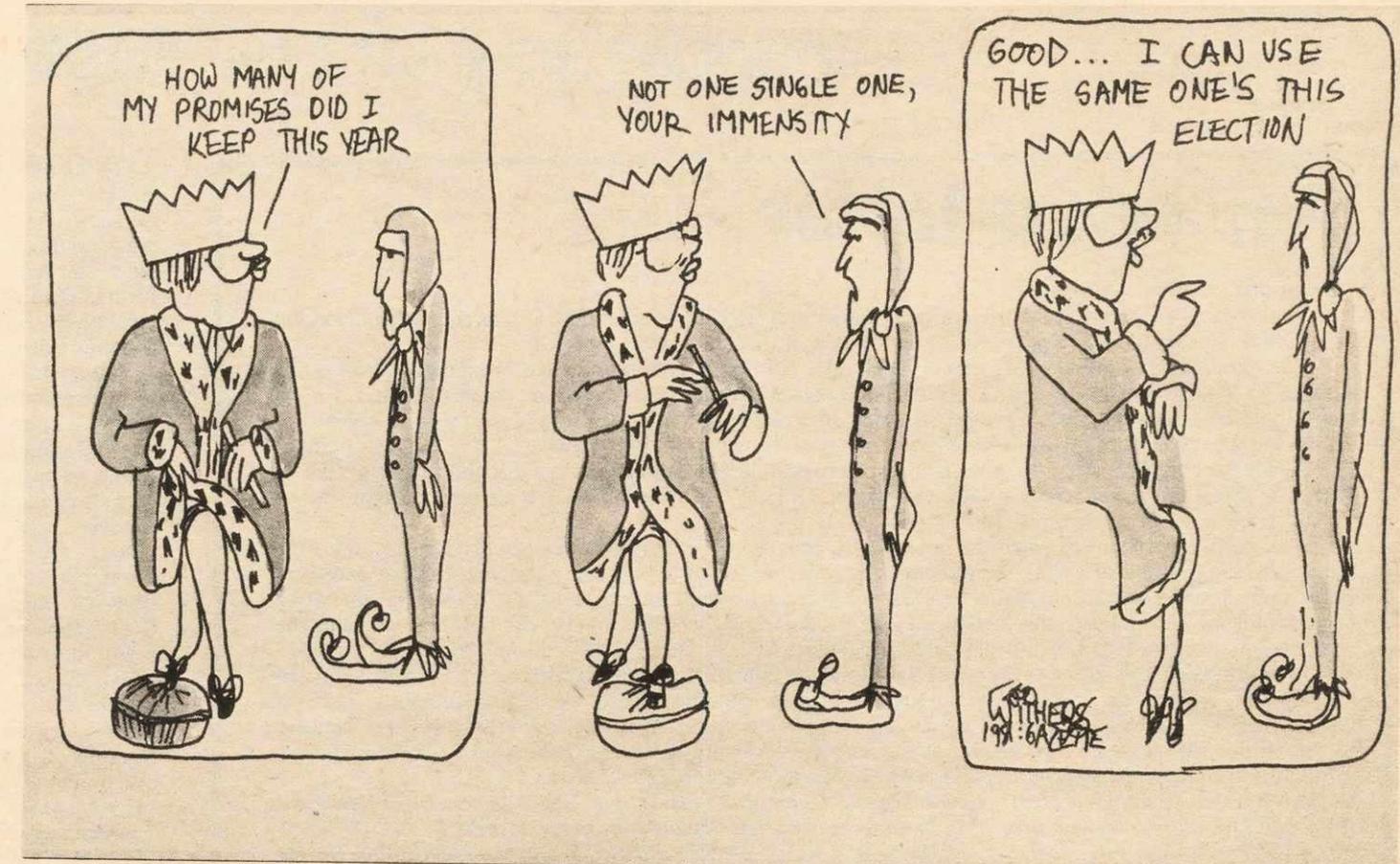
Lots of good ingredients make exciting campaign

This year's student council elections have nearly all the essential ingredients of good political drama: dirt and scandal (no sex, unfortunately), humour, a diverse selection of energetic candidates, greed and lust, and, finally, real issues.

The dirt and scandal was flung out in copious quantities at this week's Howe Hall and SUB election debates. When the air had cleared, practically no candidate (or institution) escaped unscathed. President Owen was put on the ropes for his maneuverings in extending the nomination period for elections. Vice-president candidate Marie Gilkinson was slammed for chairing an entertainment committee which is at least partly responsible for this year's Dalhousie entertainment fiasco. Student councils past and present were roundly condemned for being out of whack with student concerns. Even the *Gazette* came under fire when Howe Hall president Greg Tynski criticized us for rejecting an article about Bronson House stealing Smith House's bathtub. (We actually only demanded that the authors include their real names with the story.)

Humour has been provided by the Logan brothers joke team, gorillas, inadvertently by many of the serious candidates, and, for the sadistic, by some of the savage questioning from the floor at debates. Yes, it does seem like a three-ring circus at times.

As for candidates, we have everything from "Retread Owen" to "Lip Service Lamont" to a "Union Graham" and "Gabby Gilkinson" to a "Come-as-you-may Kelly" and "Dreamer Dunn". Some have experience oozing out their ears; others are soaking wet behind



their ears. Some are brimming with fresh and innovative, if untried, ideas; some lack the imagination to work on an assembly line. Their greed and lust surfaces when they are forced to righteously defend a past mistake or

talk circles around an unanswerable question. These ignominious qualities are also evidenced in some of their campaign tactics: planting innocent

looking questioners and applauders in the crowd; red-baiting; and lobbying on the basis of personalities and not issues. That hungry look in their eyes is of course the truest sign of venality.

Purity of motives aside, candidates are making the effort to address some of the key issues which affect the DSU. These include ever present bread and butter questions like tuition increases and university cut-backs, problems with council communication, lack of student involvement in council affairs, a shoddy entertainment department and discontent with other student union services. So far, however, not one of these crowd pleasers has taken a stand on the CKDU-FM referendum or the Student Health Plan. In what follows the *Gazette* has tried to evaluate each of this year's presidential teams. (We've listed candidates in alphabetic order, not according to rank.)

Greg Graham and Marie Gilkinson.

Graham has devoted a lot of time this year working on internal issues at Dalhousie as well as external issues with the National Union of Students and the Student Unions of Nova Scotia. He is a well-respected candidate with a sound, fair approach to both external and internal affairs. His chief liability appears to be a lack of experience and interest in undergraduate affairs, as he was a rep on council this year from the Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students.

Gilkinson is an articulate, outspoken candidate with a strong sense of justice and injustice. While lacking experience in external affairs (which a vice-president always gets dragged into), she has played major roles in many student union committees this year. A serious weakness in her candidacy, however, is the bankruptcy—both in terms of finances and quality—of Dalhousie entertainment this year, a committee of which she was chairperson.

Dan J. Kelly III and Frank M. Dunn

This team is undoubtedly the most idealistic one, and has the surest sense for the feelings possessed by most students of alienation from student council. They recognize more than anyone the lack of awareness the average student has about council and the lack of participation she or he has in its decision making processes. Their proposal for semi-annual referenda on council business, if feasible, is an excellent one. Both, candidates, however, are deficient in their knowledge of and experience with council affairs. They are, further, big on criticism but a little small on answers. It's easy to shoot from the hip when you have nothing to defend.

John and Jim Logan

See their platform inside this supplement.

Gordon Owen and Lynn Lamont

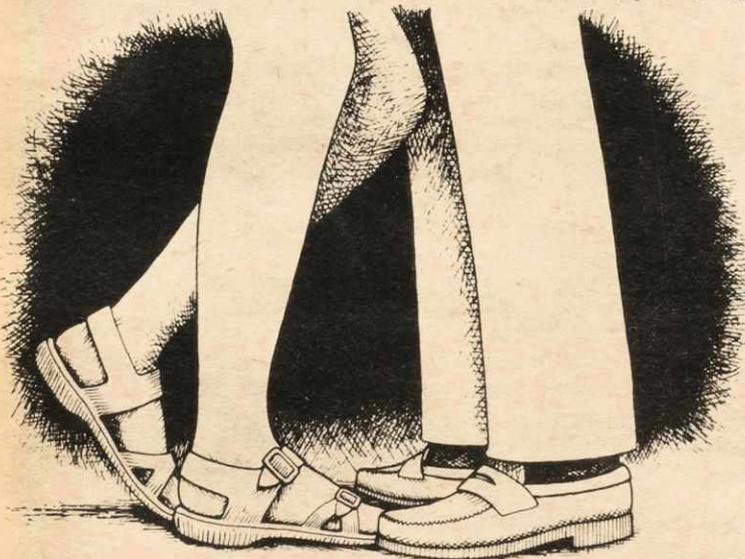
As president of student council this year, Owen has given the Dalhousie Student Union good representation on the National Union of Students and the Student Unions of Nova Scotia. He has worked hard to help establish SUNS in the province as well as integrate it into the national organization. Those who have dealt with him this year are impressed with his fairness and honesty (hard traits for a president to maintain) and his ability to disregard personal interests in his decision making. Some of these qualities have recently come into question, however, following his actions at a General Meeting of the Student Union (see story this issue). As well, he has not effectively improved communication between council and the student body, an important part of last year's platform.

Lynn Lamont, as president of Shirreff Hall this year, has a familiarity with residence issues not possessed by any other candidate. She has a lot of spirit and a commitment to her constituency and societies. On council, however, she has not been able to demonstrate the leadership or effectiveness of Gilkinson. Grad Rep Peter Rans dealt a blow to her credibility as a candidate when he pointed out that, although she has sat on the Senate since November, she has not proposed a single motion therein.

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SENATE

Erskine

My name is Neil Erskine, and I am a third year student of Mathematics and Computing Science. I am running for the position of Senate representative for the Dalhousie Students' Union.

I currently sit on Senate and have done since November, when I was appointed unanimously by the Students' Council. I sit on the Academic Planning Committee of Senate, and on the council Finance Committee, Handbook Committee, CKDU committee, SUNS Campus Committee, and am chairman of the Academic Affairs Committee. Off council I chair the Computer Science Society, and sit as executive for CKDU.

If elected, I will continue to listen to students' concerns and to provide a more forceful students voice to the Senate. I see three specific issues of importance to students:

1) The writing course regulation needs review and revision.

2) A student's class rank should be included on his/her transcript.

3) There is a lack of student feedback on courses and programs. There should be an effective course evaluation supported by the faculty and the administration.

I am currently very involved with SUNS and promise to continue to fight with the students for their legitimate political and social rights.

MacDonald

1) The reason I am running for a position on senate is that I feel the 1981-82 Student Council, under the leadership of Dan Kelly and Frank Dunn will be the best Student Council that Dalhousie has ever seen, and I would like to be a member of this trend-setting and history-making Council. My classification is 'homo sapien'.

2) If elected I plan to go to the Grawood and celebrate. (Hopefully with newly elected presidential team Kelly/Dunn).

3) YES — I will be active in SUNS if elected. The external affairs that particularly interest me are fact-finding juntas to Upper Volta and water bomb campaigns against SMU.

4) I think that the last question on the Gazette's questionnaire is an absolute disgrace and an insult to all candidates and voting students. If the student newspaper cannot even take a serious approach to student elections, how can they expect anyone else to.

Kevin Macdonald

My name is Colin Hames and I am one of the twelve candidates running for senate. I am currently a third year commerce student concentrating in the area of management with honours.

There are a number of questions which I am supposed to address, the first asks why I am running. My motive is simply to represent the students of Dalhousie University to the best of my ability and in the process make sure that decisions are being made with the best interests of the students at heart. It seems to me that there is a need for experience and commitment which I am able to provide.

Now I would like to briefly explain why I am qualified for a position on the Senate.

I am experienced in this type of position and aware of the commitment which I am making. I served as the Commerce Representative to the Academic Studies Committee last year and in addition I also served on the Student Council for two years in high school.

If elected into office there are a number of things I will strive to accomplish. I will make sure that all students will be getting their moneys' worth. For example, I would oppose certain methods of cost cutting if the results would mean a decrease in the quality of education at Dalhousie.

An issue which is of major concern to all is that of tuition increases. Firstly I will concentrate my efforts to avoid these increases altogether, but if they cannot be avoided then I will make sure that they are justified down to the last penny.

A final note is that I will be supportive of the representatives from Dalhousie who will be active in the Student Union of Nova Scotia. These members are not normally chosen from the Senate, but I will pass on my opinion regarding matters of importance.

THE DECISION IS YOURS: If you want capable and responsible representation in the senate, make the right choice, **VOTE HAMES**

Francheville

1) In any large organization like a university there will always be a number of conflicts and situations which one believes are wrong, or at least should be improved upon. Tired of airing complaints to friends or just myself, I decided to check into the situation to see why the affairs of the school are ran the way they are and what can be done to change some of the prevailing problems of the university. In

Candidates for these positions were asked to respond to the following questions in less than 350 words. Candidates whose names are not included below did not submit their answers to the Gazette before 9 p.m. on Tuesday night. We wish to emphasize that all responses are unedited.

1. Why are you running and what are your classifications (sic)?
2. What, specifically, are some things you plan to do if elected?
3. Will you be active in the Student Union of Nova Scotia (SUNS)? What external affairs particularly interest you?
4. Why is the sky blue? Or how many angels can you fit on the head of a pin?

short, I would like to have input in the running of this university, my chief goal as senator being to insure that the student's attitudes and views on topics will be clearly represented in the senate and the Dalhousie Student Union Council.

2) My primary objective on the senate will be to improve student awareness of DSU and Senate affairs. This may be a very common promise, but it is essential that the student is well versed on the issues that affect him if he is to put forward any workable ideas. After all, I am to be elected as their representative, their voice on council, it will be imperative that I get feedback from the students as to what they want accomplished. By the same token, they cannot be expected to make manageable proposals if their representatives in the Senate are not letting them in on the information in Council. This communication can be accomplished through publications like the Gazette or University News. The government of our university is newsworthy material. Certainly if CKDU goes FM, this would be a great opportunity to unite the Dalhousie community. The minutes of Council meetings should be posted in an area where all interested people can read them.

I could give you my opinion on specific issues but I feel it is really quite irrelevant in this context. My opinion is worth no more than that of any other student. As Senator it is not so important how I feel on issues; rather it is my duty to voice the attitudes and views of those students which I represent.

3) The Student Union of Nova Scotia can be developed into a very strong voice if the students are willing to support it. I am in full agreement with their fight against a decreasing level of funding for education and will do all possible to keep government support to a maximum or at least a constant level in real terms. Other SUNS objectives like fighting tuition increases and more government help in job creation are areas which I feel need more review so that clearly defined objectives can be realized.

4) The sky is blue because it always has been.

Although claiming to be no authority on the subject, I would estimate 1500-2000 angels can fit on the tip of a needle.

Henry Francheville

Fitzgerald

1. My name is Gregory Fitzgerald, I'm a Economics/Political major and am presently campaigning for one of five SENATE seats in the upcoming election. I believe that the student representatives elected to the Senate should be entitled to more than token responsibilities. The Senate is the academic focal point of the university. Students opinions in matters pertaining to the continuing academic excellence of our education should be given the utmost consideration if we are to become tomorrow's leaders. I have the dedication needed to be an effective student representative on the Senate. I am just one of numerous students who feel it is time to speak-up on issues that hinder our university's performance.

2. If elected I will attempt (RESULTS not PROMISES) to better communications between the university and the student body. Once we accomplish this, the student body will be more informed of matters of the university. Communications can be bettered by making sure students are aware about issues at hand. INVOLVEMENT IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS.

3. Elected or not, I will be extremely active in areas of concern to the student body. If issues relating to students are to be discussed at a SUNS meeting, I'LL BE THERE.

The most pressing issue at hand is the governments unwillingness to provide grant increases equal to or greater than the current rate of inflation. The government position puts greater financial pressure on ourselves and the administration. We need and deserve effective representation on both the Board

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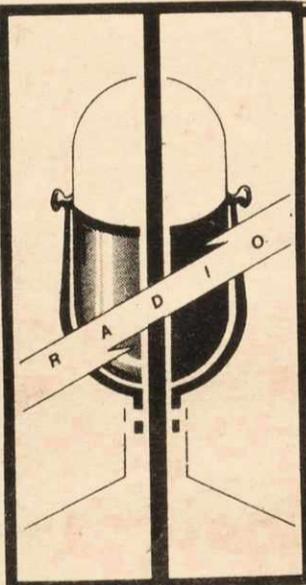
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4. In the space allocated, an indepth analysis is not possible. On the other hand, a quick analysis suggests an infinite number of Angels (?) will fit on the head of a pin.

Barry

CLAIRE BARRY, a second year law student, is a candidate for one of the five-Senate positions contested in this election. Of the qualifications she has to offer, of note here is the experience she acquired as an undergraduate (B.A. '80), on the Senate of Saint Francis Xavier University, and as a member of the Senate Subcommittee on Academic Studies.

At Dalhousie Clare Barry has served as a member of the External Committee of the Law Faculty Council, and is the current President of the International Law Society.

Senate positions demand people who are willing to devote time and energy to the task. For one one who meets these requirements, vote CLARE BARRY.

Duggal

1) I have applied for a position on Senate because I am interested in being an integral part of the system that deals not only with the social and political aspects of serving the students, but also the academic aspects. I feel that effective representation on the University Senate should be very important to students and I feel that I can offer this of myself.

I am a third year commerce student at Dal and have served on the DSU this past year as Women's Residences Rep. I feel that through this position, I have gained considerable insight in the workings of our Student Union. I would like to be given the opportunity now to use the experience and insight I have gained to represent the students on the Dalhousie University Senate.

2) An important issue in this election is that of communication. In order to have effective representation, an improvement in this area is a must. I feel that by co-ordinating efforts with the Faculty Reps.

a more effective communication system can be brought about.

If this can be achieved, the students can become better informed and more involved in academic affairs.

3) I feel that all students should take a closer look at the concerns of SUNS. It seems that the organization that is trying hardest to help the students in keeping down tuition fees, is receiving little support from the students of this campus.

This past year my involvement in SUNS has been limited, but I have tried to convey the concerns of SUNS to the students whom I represent at Residence Council meetings and by distributing the postcards which SUNS have been using in their postcard campaign. I plan on becoming more active in SUNS next year, yet I feel that conveying SUNS concerns to students and getting more students to participate in SUNS effort would prove beneficial also.

The stand the provincial governments are taking concerning funding for post-secondary institutions concerns me. Personally, I feel that it is the students' responsibility to express their concern to the government and to elect governments that will ensure the present calibre of institutions in the future by providing adequate funding and keeping tuition rates affordable.

4) Because the grass is green, or half as many as you can fit on the heads of two pins.

Reema Duggal

Barron

1) My desire to get involved, my interest in student politics and a chance to represent my peers as a member of the senate are a few reasons why I am running for this position. I am currently in my third year of Commerce at Dal. During these three years I have lived on campus and this past year have been involved in the administration of the women's residence in the capacity of a Don. As a student at Dalhousie I have certainly kept up with the happenings of our Student Union, however, my attentions have been centered on residence life. It is time to broaden these attentions to include the university as a whole and more specifically the Senate.

2) I feel the main responsibility of a member of the Senate is to be conscientious. A senator must be available to the students he or she is representing and be willing to devote time to the position. Feedback from the students is imperative. The collection

of this feedback is the responsibility of a senator. Time must be spent talking to the students since many untapped opinions, problems and suggestions are left unheard. It will be my job, if elected senator, to go directly to the students as their representative and not visa versa.

3) The Students Union of Nova Scotia is an organization that is important to every student at Dalhousie. The strength in numbers that this organization provides is necessary if the rights of the Nova Scotian Students are to be protected. It should be stressed to every student the importance of taking an active interest in the Student Union of Nova Scotia and I will certainly make an effort to promote this organization.

I have an avid interest in both politics and current events. The Constitutional debate currently going on in Canada and the different provinces reactions to it have caused me to question my position as to where I stand as a Canadian first or as a member of my own province. This is a question that I feel all Canadians will have to answer if we are to survive as a united country and one which has captured the interest of many Canadians.

4) The number of angels you can fit on the head of a pin is relative to the size of the head of the pen and the size of the angles (fat or skinny).

Pam Barron

Baker

Questionnaire: Martin Baker

1) I am a second-year Arts student majoring in History. My classification is that I am a student at Dalhousie University. I share this classification with the rest of the student body. Unlike the majority of students, I have managed to find out what the Student does — that the Senate is vital, that it makes decisions greatly affecting all of us. Having this information should not make one part of a minority. The fact remains that it does. I'm running because I would be a representative that communicates.

2) If elected I plan to open up the channels of communication. There are many forms of communication available. Senate reps have had little or no communication with the Gazette. I plan to inform the Gazette of issues that are important to the student body. If C.K.D.U. goes F.M. it will provide an ideal forum for discussion of Senate and Council

matters. I plan to work closely with the Society representatives. If a matter comes up on Senate that affects a particular society, I will gladly discuss it at a meeting of that Society. I will encourage discussion of Senate and Council matters at general meetings of the DSU (Dalhousie Student Union). I will look into the feasibility of making funds available for the printing up of the bi-weekly Senate reps report. This report could then be distributed with the DSU council minutes. Senate reps also have a vote on council, and I intend to utilize my vote.

3) Yes. SUNS makes sense. I wish to see more students support SUNS. I think we have to establish better ties with the municipal community. I endorse the upcoming Dalhousie open house. I also encourage the continued sponsoring of guest lecturers. We need to promote the value of higher education in Nova Scotia.

4) The more important question remains: How do they get the caramilk inside the Caramilk Bar? or...

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ARTS REP

Hames

My name is Mary-Lou Hames and I am running for the position of arts representative for the term 1980-81. I am currently in second year arts majoring in english.

My reason for running in this election is straightforward. I feel that arts students need a strong representative voice on council and I can devote the time necessary to do just that.

Next, instead of making a lot of promises that I would not be able to substantiate after election. I would rather make a few solid ones which I am able to stand behind.

First, if you fellow arts students take the time to vote for me on March 11th and 12th, and if elected, I will do my best to represent you on council. Through my membership in the arts society and subsequent contact with the problems of arts students I will be able to accomplish this.

Second, aside from representing you as arts students, I will also be representing your interests as students here at Dalhousie. Essentially these are issues that concern the faculty of arts and the whole student body. A few of such issues are the proposed increases in tuition scheduled for next fall as well as the deficit resulting from entertainment in the SUB.

Thirdly, if elected as arts rep., I would be willing to participate in the Student Union of Nova Scotia (SUNS). If other members of council were selected, they would receive my full support as well.

Finally, what it comes down to, is that the choice for arts rep. lies with YOU. Unlike other years, this years rep. will be voted in. Make the right choice, put your "X" by the name that is going to bring changes, MARY-LOU HAMES.

Hagen

Kathy Ann Hagen, Arts Rep.

As a first year student, the greatest adjustment I had to make upon coming to Dalhousie was to realize that its size prohibits any immediate one on one contact. Direct involvement in the Dalhousie Student Union, through the position of Arts Representative will bring me in contact with other Arts students — students who share the same interests as me, as well as students in other faculties who have yet to introduce me to new interests and ideas.

My real concern lies in the need for someone strong to deal with the conflicts which arise whenever there are people revolving together in an association like Dalhousie. I feel I am that strong someone who can represent the needs, the impressions, and the perceptions of all Arts students at Dalhousie University.

My qualifications include four years service in high school as a class representative on the students council. During my final year I served on a number of committees, most notably as a member of the Graduation Committee, and as co-chairperson of the Queens Pageant Committee for our Winter Carnival. The Pageant itself was a huge success due to the co-operation my fellow chairperson and I were able to generate, as well as the personal initiative each of us displayed.

The most important criterion for any type of student representative is an interest in the students themselves and through the position of Arts Representative I will make the concerns of Arts students known. The fact that I am willing to take on the responsibility of representing over one thousand students shows my willingness to initiate legislative action on behalf of all students in the Faculty of Arts.

Should I be elected my first task will be to dispel the rumor of the '80's — that Arts students are a dying breed. To the utmost of my ability I will represent, on council, the views of Arts students on current issues. It is important to me to make the demands of those I represent heard.

With respect to being involved in the Students Union of Nova Scotia, I plan to act as I feel any

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Student's interests at the Board level can only be expressed with competent representation. This requires a student who can relate well to other members of the Board, and who can express himself clearly, cogently, and persuasively.

GEOFF SEYMOUR has the qualifications and the experience to meet these requirements. A second-year Law student, he has returned to university after four years as an accountant with a large Canadian corporation. As an undergraduate in Business Administration, he served a two year term on the Board of Governors (Wilfrid Laurier University). The financial and administrative skills necessary to the work of the Board are not foreign to him.

You need effective representation — Geoff Seymour will fulfill this need. Vote GEOFF SEYMOUR.

1) Student Council has been one of my greatest obsessions. Since high school, where I was actively involved on Council, and further on in the Dalhousie Student Council as Science Representative, an endless opportunity has arose to meet the student populis. Last year was a truly enjoyable experience on Council and, as one usually does, I aspired to greater heights in the service to students by declaring my candidacy for the Board of Governors. It is an important goal of mine to be a more effective intermediary between the Board and the students, and to fully inform the students, possibly through a newsletter, of important Board Decisions.

QUALIFICATIONS:

In the year 1980-81:

- Member of Student Union Council
- Member of S.U.B. Operations Committee
- Member of Science Society Council
- Science Representative
- Winter Carnival Liason for Science

2) A few of my goals have already been stated in the initial question of my running for the Board. Once elected I shall persue an active role on the Student Union Council by becoming involved on a few Committees, possibly continuing on with the S.U.B. Operations committee, and foresee the installation of a six-foot giant screen in the Grawood lounge, completing the Grawood movies project which I initiated. The main objective is to make the S.U.B. a more interesting place for the students and bring up the quality of entertainment.

3) Since Government funding is the essential backbone of this University's education, it is important to get some effective voice on SUNS, so that students can appeal decisions on cutbacks by government I feel, that time allowing, I would certainly become involved with SUNS, with an aim to deal specifically with the issues of Government funding, cutbacks, and consequential fee increases.

4) A total illusion of the mind. The sky is not blue, its grey (on a cloudy day). As many as it takes to prick the Devil's tail.

Sunil Ummat

I, as a candidate running for the Board of Governors, am genuinely interested in the administrative affairs of this university, and the role of the student body in those affairs. The student member on the Board of Governors is basically a puppet of the students of Dalhousie — one who must be able to communicate effectively with both the Board members and the students, and who will be an efficacious liaison between the two groups. By electing me, the students of Dalhousie will have strong representation in a position where the student's voice is often missed.

Don Stewart

Chris Tilley

1. The Board of Governors is the supreme governing body of Dalhousie University. It can veto all types of legislation dealing with the Universities charter passed at all levels. The Board will give final approval to next years tuition increase. I feel I can use my experience within the Student Union as a former Co-Chairman of the 1980 Winter Carnival, past candidate for Student Union Treasurer, and

SUB employee to the benefit of the University.

2. If elected, I plan to participate on all Council matters and especially those dealing with the internal organization and structure of the Student Union Building. Also I plan to sit on as many Board subcommittees as possible. This is where necessary arguments are made as well as the crucial decision affecting you and I.

If Dalhousie is to remain the institution it is today many things must be changed to increase the students satisfaction with school. These changed may occur in the curriculum with degree programs becoming more specialized and possibly even shorter or they may occur through a more professional approach, so that the services offered students will be run more effectively with proper managers.

3. I do plan to cooperate fully with SUNS but will tend to place more emphasis on Dalhousie itself, for it I feel has more potential than all neighboring Universities within the Atlantic region.

I hope to gain some insight into just what it takes to run a large university like Dalhousie. The experience should aid me in my future endeavours of admission to the bar and the practice of law. Classifications: I was a member of the student council in high school. This year I was a member of Law Faculty Finance Committee. My previous eight years were spent in the RCMP in Ottawa, Newfoundland and Nova Scotia doing regular police duties, criminal investigation, government security enquiries and RCMP applicants. I have a BA (hist. & soc.) from Dal which I received in 1973. If elected I plan TO ATTEND BOARD MEETINGS. I Will not be active in SUNS. The constitution and offshore ownership interest me after golf and jogging, of course!

Who said the sky is blue? (If elected I will vote to abolish these assinine questions and take more typing lessons).

Art Theuerkauf

1) There are two reasons why I decided to run as student representative on the Board of Governors. The first reason being that there has been a lack of awareness on the part of the student body of the affairs of the Board. The student body is that body principally affected by the Board's decisions, and I would make it my business to keep our student body informed as to their decisions and activities. It is the day to day business of the Board, not the single sensational event (fee increase?), that is of importance to us all.

Coupled with this, I would play an active role in reflecting student opinion in the daily decisions of the Board. Secondly, it is my personal interest in the matters of the University that I put myself up as a candidate.

I received a B.A. in 1976 from the University of Manitoba with a major in Philosophy, and went on to finish an M.A. in 1978 from the same university. After graduation I entered the Canadian Navy as an officer in supply and administration. Here I had a solid training in administration. Because of this training I was later offered a position in the Manager's Development Programme with the Toronto-Dominion Bank in Vancouver. At present I am a Law student.

2) With the creation of a number of new committees there will be the need for more student involvement in the Board of Governors. It would push for this goal by submitting that there be more student-elected positions on the Board.

Tuition fees at Dalhousie are already amongst the highest in the country. I stand against any further increases in fees that would in turn limit the accessibility of a University education. The solution is not to put the burden on the student but to lobby the federal and provincial governments for more funding.

3) If events arise which call for a provincially-united student voice 'SUNS' would be an alternative that should be seriously considered by the student representative on the Board. As a Law student there has not been much time to get involved in external affairs, however in the past I have had two. I hope to get involved in more in the future.

4) The sky does not look blue to an angel sitting on the head of a pin while wearing red sun glasses, or rumour has it that the Board of Governors only sees green.

Gordon P. Hook

currently involved in an executive position for Zeta Psi fraternity. I have decided to run for a seat on student's council because I feel I have something to offer the students of this university.

If elected I will do my part to improve the feeling of community at Dalhousie University. It is obvious to me that there is a definite lack of school spirit at this university. This is partly the fault of a council that is not doing all that it should to involve all groups and societies in university activities.

This need not be the case. One only has to look at other schools, both smaller (Acadia) and larger (Queens and Western) to see that spirit does and can exist.

To me Dalhousie has to come first. There is a definite need for organizations like S.U.N.S., and by concentrating on our own university first, and raising the level of participation by students, S.U.N.S. cannot help but gain.

So, on March 11 and 12 I ask for your support.

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responsible student at Dalhousie should. We must get together and form a pressure group strong enough to resist such things as increases in the cost of post-secondary education and federal cutbacks in student aid, as these are matters which involve all students.

Why is the sky blue? How's this —
I don't know why the sky is blue,
And I don't know why roses are red,
But people who ask pointless questions like
yours
I know for sure are simple in the head.

Kathy Ann Hagen

Mitchell

My name is Randy Mitchell and I am a third year economics student from New Glasgow, N.S. I am

SCIENCE REP

Kelly

More effective interaction should be initiated between the Students Council and the students that council members represent. Societies possess a large resource of interested and capable students who should be encouraged to participate in Student Union Affairs. Council representatives should encourage these students by making themselves available to their constituents as well as openly and actively trying to involve these interested students.

As far as qualifications go, I have had the fortune to be elected as my class President for Yarmouth Memorial High School's senior graduating class of 1978. I also sat on the Yarmouth Sports Council as the student representative that year. I am actively involved in the Sigma Chi Fraternity taking part in their various projects. As well I am completing my term as Inter-Fraternity Council President for 1980-81.

Specifically I can not say what I will do if elected, however, my interests deal with the areas of a more informative cooperation between the students at Dalhousie and their elected Council representatives. I would like to be initiated into the inner workings of the apparently ineffective Student Council Committees and assist in their reorganization, so that their mysteries may be revealed to the students of Dalhousie.

My interests direct me to pursue an active term in the redevelopment of this Student Council which has somehow managed to ostracize societies and Students at Dalhousie. After some semblance of interest has been aroused amongst the students concerning their campus; activities, government, and privileges, then I will consider my responsibilities towards SUNS. The question that confuses me is; What is the point of trying to represent students who don't even know what the function of SUNS is and even more important who is representing them and how are their elected representatives representing their constituents.

Why is the sky blue? Well it has to do with the wave length of the light blue? Well it has to do with the wave length of the light filtered by the gaseous composition of the atmosphere and by copying the information we have received from our professors we can say the chemical composition affecting these electromagnetic waves from our sun.....

Randy Kelly

Melvin

My name is Paul Melvin and I am a first year student in the B.Sc. programme with the intention of specializing in Computer Science. I am interested in participating in Student Affairs because a well-rounded education includes, not only my academics, but also involvement with the student council. Broadly speaking, I am interested in (a) improving the flow of communication between the Student Council and the members of the Student Union, (b) establishing a new entertainment policy which would promote joint-sponsorship of events between the societies and the student union and also to help promote the major entertainment events of the various International groups, and, (c) finding some solution to the never ending problem of continuous tuition increases.

After attending Mr. Donahoe's talk on the MPHEC funding for higher education and realizing that not enough pressure is being applied to the Provincial Government, I am going to place the highest priority on attempting to resolve the problem of these tuition increases. I have numerous ideas on how to apply some pressure on the Provincial Government. As such, I hope to be very active in the Student Unions of Nova Scotia, as this would be the ideal place for me to present my views. Initially, I would like to limit my involvement in External Affairs to SUNS; however, later I would like to become involved in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) after they have held their first formal meeting in the fall of 1981.

Should I be elected to the position of Science Representative on the Student Council, I shall serve in the position with the dedication of a student who is vitally concerned with all matters relating to students.

Is the sky blue? Actually, it is only a massive amount of dust particles.

Thank You,
Paul Melvin

tween the two and to make the students more aware of "what's going on." While my largest interests are here at home, participation in the Student Union of Nova Scotia could give rise to new ideas already in practice at other universities and suitable for use here at Dalhousie. Although I do not have interest in any specific area of external affairs, I believe it is imperative that Dalhousie attains a good understanding of other university proceedings in order for her to maintain a high standing in the Canadian educational system.

I am not exactly sure why the sky is blue. I do know that it is beautiful just the way it is and I think we should make a greater effort to keep it that way.

Representatively yours,
David T. Rideout

Sharma

Hello, my name is Atul Sharma:

In the past year, I have had the opportunity to serve on Council as both a Science rep and the Council's representative on the Board of Governors of the University. In addition, I have served on a number of Student Union and University Committees, including the Curriculum Committee, the Scholarship Committee, the Dalhousie Science Society Council, the D.S.S. Finance Committee, and S.U.N.S. to name a few. My experience with D.S.S. has provided me with both an insight into the working of the Science Society and an awareness of

sistently dismissed student interests as unimportant, and the provincial government, which seems unwilling to recognize how vital post-secondary education is to a developing region.

The student movement must become more outward looking and more aware of its role in a larger community. This year, on this campus, S.U.N.S. embarked on an attempt to solicit support from a number of community organizations. It is my firm belief that such an approach should be continued. This year, however, it must begin much earlier, in September if possible, and it must be coupled with an effective demonstration of the fact that there are 10,000 eligible voters on this campus. If rumors that an election year are imminent are well-founded, the student movement is at last in a position to both demand and obtain adequate levels of funding. Experience and effective representation are needed if the future of post-secondary education in this province is to be protected.

So, on March eleventh and twelfth, vote Sharma for Science Rep.

Atul Sharma

Zayid

My name is Caroline Zayid and I'm running for the position of Science representative on Council because I believe that I have the ability and experience to be an effective councillor.

As a member of the D.S.S. council for the past 2 years I have been active in the affairs of the science society and have been aware of the issues that are confronting science students in general. As a result I feel I can represent the views of science students on council.

However, having been a member of Council for the past two years and a member of the Student Union Executive, I am aware that there are very few issues which come before council that divide societies. Rather, every councillor must judge the issue so as to bring about what he perceives to be in the best interests of all students on the campus. I have tried, and I believe succeeded, to do that. I will continue to do so.

For next year, I plan to be actively involved in the continuing campaign to force the provincial government to place a higher priority on the funding of university education.

Every year, the provincial government knowingly underfunds this university, forcing the administration to raise tuition fees. This is unacceptable to me and all responsible student leaders. In this province, tuition fees are the highest in the country while government has made sure the minimum wage, and student wages in general, are the lowest in Canada and Student Aid has proven to be ineffective in meeting the real needs of students.

In January, with Atul Sharma, I proposed a carefully thought out plan of action to be coordinated with S.U.N.S. in an attempt to reverse the situation we see developing in our post-secondary institutions. Most of the groundwork I proposed at that time has been undertaken by myself and other members of the S.U.N.S. Campus Committee: postcards are being widely distributed, the Minister of Education has been publicly confronted, and community groups and the D.F.A. have been contracted to being dialogue.

All this work will mean that students next year have a strong base to begin the pressure which must be applied to make the government change its course. I believe I can contribute in the fight to prevent further erosion of the quality of our education and to freeze our tuition fees.

So, I am asking for your vote on March eleventh and twelfth.



Melvin, Kelly, Zayid, Rideout, Sharma

Rideout

A Science Representative has the duty of expressing the opinion of the majority of the Science students to the student council. He or she represents the largest proportion of the students at Dalhousie thus a highly qualified individual is essential. While in High School, I served as president of the French and Math Clubs and was also an active member of the Varsity Club. Presently at Dalhousie I am associated with the Chemical Institute of Canada (CIC) and a member of the executive committee of The Dalhousie Association of Biology Students (DABS). I am running for Science Representative because I would like to see an expansion of the interaction between the students and their government. I feel students know too little about the governing body and the people representing them. My main objective is to open new channels of communication be-

the needs of science students on this campus.

As for Council, my involvement with the Board and S.U.N.S. provides me with a unique perspective on the problems which we as students must face if our voices and concerns are to be effectively communicated to both the university administration and the provincial government. At present, funding of post-secondary education in this province is significantly less than the Canadian average, tuitions are among the highest in the nation, and Student Aid is inadequate and desperately in need of revision. In short, education continues to decline as a priority in the eyes of the provincial government. Unless we as students can effectively demonstrate our opposition, both the quality of an accessibility to post-secondary education will continue to suffer.

As in the past year, I intend to press for much needed action in this sphere. Past Councils have been unwilling to exert the necessary pressure on both the university administration, which has con-



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