

PICARO ASKED THE CANDIDATES

1. Why are you running for (position) ?
2. How do you feel you could initiate greater participation on the part of the student body?
3. What, in your view, is the purpose of the Union ?
4. What innovations would you bring to the office of (position) ?

GINNY TURNER

1. I think mostly I'm offering what I have, my experience, and the betterment of the Student Council for representation. I do not believe that the Student Council Executive, or the Student Council in general, is a corporation body of business. The Student Council is to represent students. I don't think it has been done in the past, and representation should play a major role in Student Union government; Student Union government is not a business to make money; it is merely a body to represent the students that have elected them, and fill any need they may have.

2. I don't feel that the students on this campus are unintellectual, stupid, apathetic idiots, as they have been accused of being, because I have seen in the past that students will come forward and work if there is something to work for. But they won't come forward to work their ass off for something that doesn't mean anything; it's just a power trip for some people. I have seen in the past that students will come forward, and I will try to promote programs and things that would interest them, as I said before, in better representation of the students, not merely just the money-making organization.

3. The Student Union is a representing body of students, a student government on campus. It's there to represent students, to make their views known, to go to bat at committees for students who have problems, or any policies that have to be made. It's not just an organization where you bring a problem to someone and someone says, 'Yeah, well I'll take care of it' and it's never taken care of, and you never hear of it again. If I say, 'Yes, I'll bring it up at the next committee and it's not brought up, I think this is wrong.

4. Well I'm not here to make promises or threats or any type of thing like that. I'm merely saying that I'm offering my best and honest policy of work to bring people forward, working together for a common goal with unity, not just everybody going their own direction, everybody fighting with each other. They have to bring forward policies that are acceptable to the students, and if it means not getting on with administration, that's fine also.



Candidate for PRESIDENT



Candidate for PRESIDENT

LOIS HARTNETT

1. Because I think I can do the job, and because I think we need a change.

2. I think you have to start asking yourself what students want and not make arbitrary decisions on their behalf. If you start doing things that you think the students really want, then you can get them reacting to that; but as long as you continue to do things without asking them what they want, then they're either going to ignore them, or the people who like it are going to get involved and the ones who don't like it are just going to ignore it. You've got to have a little something for everyone, and I think too, you've got to point out that they're paying \$32.75 and they've got a right to tell you what they want, which they haven't been doing in the past simply because nobody asks them. I think you've got to ask them.

3. The Student Union should, first of all, because the students are paying members, provide service to the students. The second thing it should do is to act as the students' representative with faculty, with administration, within the university and also externally with other universities, and so forth, with people like the Department of Education, the Student Loan people, and things like that. If the Student Union doesn't do those things, then it's an entertainment committee and it's not worth \$32.75 per student, because it's not really providing anything by way of information or service, and I see it more as a service organization, rather than a profit-oriented money thing.

4. The first thing I'd do is change our system of spending money. First of all, I wouldn't spend so much of it. Secondly, I'd be more inclined to spend money on things that would be of service to students. I think I would be very much inclined to work the budgetary system so that money wouldn't be going helter-skelter all over the place without anybody knowing who's doing what with it. Another one of the things is what I said originally; it's that I think the President of the Student Union should to certain extent decide what some of the policies of the Union should be, and once that's been agreed on by the Executive of the Student Council, you can have some definite policy, some sense of

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direction which the Student Union doesn't seem to have now. You know, to operate from day to day, and that's one of the problems to get into; if you operate from day to day, things sort of happen, and you don't know what to do, what comes next, what you do now. Well, you just sort of play it by ear, and I don't think you can do that and be successful. You've got to look at the whole year and you've got to look at the wants and needs of students - financial, academic, social.

But I think the thing that concerns me most is what happens to the money, because, as a member of this Executive (and I think it's true not just of myself as a member of Executive, but of the Executive in general), that we don't know anything about budget for the simple reason that nobody knows where the money goes. You know, and I don't think that you can blame that on any one person; it just goes because there's no control. There's too much room for major error, financially, which we can't afford.

Another thing is, I think that we should renegotiate our agreement with Dal; I think we pay them too much money for what we get. Those would be my major areas of concern.

Candidate for EXECUTIVE VP



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1. First of all, I was interested in student council because I'm interested in seeing a lot of changes on the campus... I was looking at the positions that were open and I have very little experience in student council, actually nil; I've never been involved in anything like this before, but I want to get involved, I thought of Executive VP: co-ordination, getting things organized. I would like to help organize.

2. I think that's really very important... Well, there are things like orientation committee and winter carnival-all these different committees that arise-I don't think that student council executives or reps should necessarily be the ones that head these committees; I think other students in the student body should do that;

3. I suppose it's just a name that means we're all a part of something, really. They call it a Student Union, and so we're all here together. Maybe we all must have some common interest if we all come to university. ...I can't think of where I'd like to categorize it, but there's the academic side and all the other things too. That's what the student union is, just the whole kit and kaboodle, the whole works. Well, if we didn't have a Student Union, maybe kids would get together and do things anyway; maybe they would. Maybe you would have a lot of societies, just a bunch of people, deciding, OK, let's do things. But then

when really big things come up, I don't know, maybe the student union helps to take in everybody, and not just particular societies...

You have someone who can go and talk to administration about a lot of things. If we're all just students here together, there would be a certain union, but it would not be an organized thing and I think it has to be.

4. Well, in order to say innovations, I would have to know what there was. It seems from what I've observed in the past that this position has been very diverse at times; it depends always on the different people that have been in it; some people have run around and done a lot of things, [such that] I would never have thought, that's the Executive VP doing that. There are certain duties to find for each position, but we do all have to work together... For now, I can't say too much else about that question. I have to wait till I get in there,

Candidate for ACADEMIC VP

1. Well, I think the Academic VP situation can be improved. The course outlines should be changed somewhat; things can be better. More experiments could be used... on different ways of teaching and different things: courses students can relate to. I think there should be something more concrete that students can get their hand on more or less, for future purposes and educational benefits, not for just this university, but other universities as well.

2. Very simple really. I'd phone the students; get to know them; not stay away or apart from them; let them know this is their university as well as [administration's]; inform them via a news media or what have you about the goings on; and get them to participate more within the school system.

3. Well, at the moment, their purpose is to try and get money; but student union should have more control over the student council, seeing that things are being done for the students as well as for the university, because council has too much control-seemingly.

You see, in the past they've had too much control over say-so's, whereas the student union is more (inclined) to sit back and take note. This is my impression, and I could be wrong. They sit back and let things go.



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4. First, I don't know what the Academic VP is, well, in terms of the course re-evaluation, I mean that sort of thing, compared to what they are now, they're not too good; they're not working too well... The students are not participating, say, in class; they're not growing. This

is almost similar to the first question that you asked. [Students] are not involved. It's not working out too well, so now we should try something else.

Candidate for INTERNAL VP



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1. I want very much to get onto student council, first of all because I think this year especially it's become a rather disjointed body, just a monstrosity like a business co-operation or whatever you'd like to call it. I chose to run for Internal VP, because I'm very interested with the happenings on campus and with getting many more students involved in things.

2. Well, that's a very difficult question to answer. I think first of all, the Student Council itself has to be a working body. As I said before, people who really want to work together... give an atmosphere or a feeling of community - if you want to call it that - so that students first of all, aren't afraid of it. Then students don't feel that it's something abstract, but just students working in a little different capacity than they are... but still very much students. I think, to begin with, that is one of the greater assets. I haven't been on the Student Council before, I have very strong feelings about the way a student council should operate...

3. I think it's very difficult and it's difficult for me as one person to say what I think. Each person in such a large body should say what their purpose should be, because some people like to be very involved with things on campus... and other students have their own lives somewhere else... I would like to see a Student Council that wants to begin things on their own or to take up things that people or Student Council begin. We're going to have to see that we as students can enjoy, can work together, and not only in a social and entertainment field, but also social action and in the field of academics...

4. I thought about running for Internal VP for a while... and I've talked to people who have been in that position before, who have been involved in activities on campus. I have been involved in activities on campus... but it's very difficult when you're on the outside of that situation, to say well, I see this, this, and this. I have ideas about things, but they're ideas I want to exchange with the other people I'm going to be working with on Council...

Candidate for EXTERNAL VP

1. External VP is the position I want to run for because you get in connection with outside universities. I feel that I can inform the MSVU

Do you want them on your council?

students of what goes on in other universities, helping and maybe bettering our standards as a Student Council

2. I think my main interest has to be developed with Dalhousie. I feel that as External VP, maybe I can get our relationship with Dal, get what we want and what we should have out of Dal, and get better student participation in Dal [events].

3. Well, I think the Student Union should be for the students and should not be combined with any academic affairs; it was established to represent the students. This is its main interest, representing the students at the university.

4. Well, I had said before, getting the students more involved in external activities such as Outreach Tutoring and the AOSC, things like that. Getting the students really interested in that type of work.



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Candidate for ARTS REP

1. I'd like to become very involved with the university. I feel badly that I haven't become more involved this year, so next year I'd like to make sure that I have a way of contributing, a way of getting into what is going on. I think I have, everybody has, something to contribute. I'd like to see what I can do

2. I think the students feel that they would prefer to have a council that is right on their level, a group of people whom they can relate to and react with and be very much a part of, instead of being apathetic. I think if council gets more on the level of the students, not above the students, on the level and more approachable than they are, I think the students will feel freer to come and discuss what their hassels are. If the students feel that they can come and do this, I think this would be good.



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3. The Student Union is something that everybody in the university, who pays their union fees, is a part of. It's common to everybody; everybody is the same under that union so to speak; it's something that every one of the students can relate to. They're all part of it. Nobody is exempt from it. It's like a community and through this community you get the good and the benefits.

4. I'm really not too sure; I don't

know exactly what the office of Arts Rep involves, I have a lot to learn, and I'm willing to learn and I'm looking forward to learning the ins and outs of it; but I think since the Arts faculty is the largest, population wise in the university, I think it would be good if we could all sort of get together and do something as a group, get more kids involved.

Candidate for ARTS REP

1. I am running because I feel I can give the Arts faculty really good representation. I have ideas pertaining to the major areas in the Arts faculty, such as course evaluation, and arts weekend; I have thought of things that can be done for these particular aspects, and I am willing to go to the students and ask what they want.

2. I feel I can do this by going to the student, and not just putting posters on the wall, saying that there is a meeting as such and such a place, because they never go. I would go to them and have what I would call "mouth participation". By this I mean, seek them out, ask them questions about the pertinent problems, get their answers and then consolidate what they say, and present this on the council. Furthermore, I hope to stimulate as a representative, personally, a greater awareness of what Student Council is and can do for the student body, making them forget what the past Student Councils have done.



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3. It's to be a governing body of the student body. Now, it's well and good to say you're governing, but you have to have some kick-back from your students-not just bitching and saying that this is wrong and that is wrong-you have to have some support-and positive support-not just the negative knock-downs. I feel the Student Union, as it is set up, its outline of duty, is good and I don't knock that. I just feel, and I hope, and I think, the people who will get in this time, the candidates that are running, anyway, will be good people, and Student Council will pick itself off the ground and really get into the throw of things.

4. I don't feel it needs any innovations because it wasn't the office duties per se that were not getting anywhere, it was the way the elections were held. I feel that it was a poor set up and the way the elections are being set up this time, there is greater organization behind it, and more awareness on the part of the student body and of the election. I feel that the office of Arts Rep itself will function much better, and I do not feel the innovations are really necessary.

Candidate for SCIENCE REP

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1. We were trying to get a Science club together and we went to get some funds from the Student Union. We found that what was allotted to the Science department was very limited. Because we had a Science rep that isn't in the Science department any longer, I was approached by the seniors. they said there was nobody running, so I said, 'OK, I'll try!'

2. Well, in the Science department the students are not very well informed at all. Since we're very small, only 50 students, being small, one person would get to 50 much easier than in the other departments. I think that through meetings we can get together, also with the Science Club that's forming for next year.

3. I think it is to inform the students of what is going on. I think they're not informed very well, at the moment, because we didn't know anything at all about the budget (which was our fault I suppose). It seems to me [a problem of] circulation.

4. Well, since we really don't have one at the moment, that's really an open question. First of all we want a science rep - period - and I guess just moving around a little more. Right now the students don't know anything at all, so I think just setting up a weekly meeting.

Candidate for SCIENCE REP

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1. Maybe because we need one; we haven't had one this year that I know of and I'd like to see a few things get done in Science Society.

2. The Science body as a whole isn't very large anyway, and I think if we could just get together as a group and talk things over, it would help. We need somebody to meet everybody and get them together as a whole.

3. Well, the Student Union is to help the students. It should be to bring to everybody's attention things that should be brought to their attention, to help them if they come into difficulties anywhere, things like that. I don't know for sure other than that.

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4. I really haven't thought about it much yet. I haven't any innovations as such, because I don't really know yet what the whole thing would entail. I'd just try to get the students together, find out what they need and any difficulties they have that I could help them with.

Candidate for SCIENCE REP



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1. Well, I feel that the science department is always considered lower than all the rest of the departments. I feel that it's time for it to come up to the standards of the rest of the departments.

2. Well, I feel that if people know you, and know that you are willing to work for them, they would be more willing to come and give you their ideas on what should be done for the department.

3. To listen to the desires of the rest of the student body, to try to co-operate with them as much as possible in what they want and to decide if it's best for the university.

4. I'd like to see the start of a Science Club and possibly the addition of some more courses in the Science department giving you a better choice in obtaining your degree.

1. The Home Ec faculty is an important faculty in the union and last year we didn't have a rep as I understand and we had no representation in the council and I think this is wrong, that somebody has to run. I'm running.

2. Somehow develop a feeling of belonging for the day hops. I think the day hops come here, they feel they don't belong, that they don't know what's going on and they don't care. I think that if somebody from the day hops who they know was in the council that somehow a better liason would be developed. Right now the day hops don't know what's going on and they don't really care; and I think in Home Ec a lot of the students are day hops and they need somebody like themselves as a representative.



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3. To run the government of the university, to help it so that it's not an aristocracy that's running the university; and it is the students because it is the students the university is for and they should have a say in their own government which right now they hardly have.

4. I think maybe it might be a bigger representation for the Home Ec students, to bring the needs of the Home Ec students to the council.

1. I was approached by a number of students the other day, and they mentioned to me that perhaps I'd be the one that would be able to represent the Home Ec faculty on Student Council next year. I have given it some thought since then and I feel that the Home Ec Club does need a lot of support. They need somebody that they can get in there and get things going together. It's kind of a nothing club right now; I guess it could be something in the future.

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2. I think that the Mount really has to centralize its activities more on campus instead of allowing the girls to take the initiative themselves

3. I think the Student Union is perhaps the organization through which the students can find themselves and express themselves better within the student body. They can get things done if they want.

4. Well, I really am not too sure of the responsibilities that are entailed in it. I guess what I am supposed to do is work closely with the rest of the students and directly with the Home Ec Club body. What I'll have to do is work as a liason officer.

POLLING STATIONS

will be located in:

VINCENT HALL - for residents

EVARISTUS HALL - for residents,
townhouse res., science students

ASSISI HALL - for residents

SAC - non-residents, Marilac res.

VOTE AT THE POLLING STATION INDICATED

Candidate Question Periods

Executive - Feb. 15 - SAC D

General Council - Feb. 14 - SAC A

11:30 ~ 1:00

Meet the candidates evening

Feb. 19 - 6:30 - Coffee

ADVANCE POLL

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Feb. 19



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