

# ELECTION CANDIDATES IN REVIEW

## CAMPAIGN SPEECHES

By Richard Webber and Marsha Gaudet

Now that the Student Union elections are over and the new Executive has been chosen, these two reporters thought it might be of some interest to some people to go back a few nights and review the campaign promises the candidates made. What will the new Executive have to live up to? What would we have faced had a different Executive been voted in?

As was demonstrated in Monday night's campaign speeches this year's elections dealt with very low key topics. There were only three Executive positions contested; Dave Connaughton and John Neville received there positions of Vice - President and Treasurer, respectively, by acclamation. This was also true for the Arts representatives: Susan Boyd, Linda Dunning, Ivan MacArthur, Heather Ronalds, & Alan Smith; and the Education representative, Betty MacDonald.

The four candidates for position of Senator: Jerry Stewart, Jim MacDonald, James Richard, and Emmanuel Amobi had little chance to express their platforms. Neither were Science reps.: Robert Coles, Darlene MacNevin, and Laurie Tierney given the chance to voice their views. Perhaps these candidates had little to say, anyway, as out of the 7 running only Emmanuel Amobi, James Richard, and Laurie Tierney bothered to show up for introductions.

Maurice Rodgeron, the assistant Electoral Officer, chaired the meeting under the auspices of Chief Electoral Officer, Sue Hornby. John Neville opened the speeches. In his state-

ment he was quick to point out that he never takes a negative position when looking at things. His return to office of Treasurer by acclamation was, he felt, a vote of confidence from



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the students that he'll do the job next year as well as last year. Neville congratulated this year's Council and committees for doing an excellent job.

The first candidates to speak for a contested position were those running for Communications Officer. Dave "Soupy" Campbell said that the main reasons he was running were: that he wanted to get more involved in student affairs and that he has the necessary qualities. (for leadership) If elected for Communications Officer, he promised to improve relations between the students and their Union, the students and the external community, and the students and the faculty.

Maria Driscoll maintained that the position is an important one and that it should be filled by someone with experience in the media and on Council. She

said that her experience as a regular SUN staff member and as Freshman Class President would enable her to do a good job and to quickly complete, with little problem, next year's student directory.

Derek MacEwen said that the main function of the Communications Officer is that of providing a liaison between the SUN & CIMN and the Student Council. With his experience, he said, in radios stations and in public relations he felt he could expand the position into that of a Public Relations Officer to distribute information to the campus and to other Island media.

All three candidates supported the purchase of the Broadcast News system.

Mike Kennedy and Mati Kolga were running for



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Comptroller position. Kennedy stressed that although he enjoyed his year as Comp. in 77-78, he realized that he made a number of mistakes. He hoped to get re-elected and hoped that he could help maintain the upward swing in the popularity of Barn activities that began in 76-77.

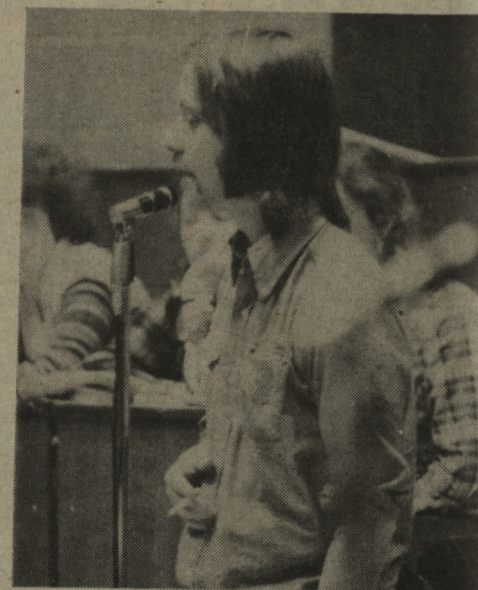
Mati Kolga outlined his background in bartending and intramural work. He felt the responsibility of the Comptroller should be to take a more professional approach to the handling of assets and to offer positive input into the Carnival.

The two candidates differed in their approach to renovations to the Barn. Kennedy felt that large scale renovations are out of the question as the building is not going to last for very long. He felt that a new S.U. building was the only thing to aim

for. Kolga maintained that with the S.U. debt of \$22,000 a new building is out of the question. A new sports complex, he said, and its location on campus will be considered first. He said a realistic aim might be to clear 2nd floor in the Barn so that dances could be held in the Barn instead of in the gym.

On the question of hirings and firings of CP's and bartenders, Kennedy stated that the Student Council would hire Mickey Mouse on the advice of the Personnel Board. Kolga said that the Comptroller could best maintain a quality Barn staff if he were to attend the Personnel Board meetings.

The final candidates to speak were those vying for the office of President of the Student Council, Kevin Gauthier and Alan Hilton. Gauthier promised that his prime objective would be to be a conscientious representative of the students to the Council and to the University Administration. He would give his undivided attention in settling the Landlord Tenant Act, a project of his year as Vice President. He says that if the Student Union is reasonable and forceful in its requests to the University, it can be very effective in obtaining the Students' wants. Gauthier said that the Student



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Union must strengthen its position with AFS or drop out and create a lobbying voice of its own. Kevin said it will be very important for the Student Union President to develop a down to earth relationship with the new Presi-

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