

# THE GAUNTLET'S SU Election Reviews



## The Supplement

Over reading week, eight *Gauntlet* writers gave up our beloved Saturday and worked on the annual *Gauntlet* Students' Union election supplement. We spent the day in the *Gauntlet* office, interviewing all but one of the 13 candidates about why they wanted to run for office and who the hell they thought they were.

The interviews consisted of the candidates pitching their platform for the first five minutes, followed by a 10 minute question and answer period. Once our day of interviews had finished, we discussed the candidates amongst ourselves, formed some consensus of opinion and then split up to write about the respective candidates.

Student elections can be drag, especially when you know nothing about the candidates or their

positions and you just want to get through your semester with a GPA that will keep you off the streets. But as students' strongest voice on campus, the SU is important and taking some time to inform yourself on the candidates and their platforms is well worth it.

It is our mission, with this supplement, to make that process as painless as possible. Inside are the candidate's platforms, our impressions of them from their interviews and a list of our endorsements for each position. We hope this will give bewildered students the necessary insights needed to make their vote count and their voices heard.

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## The Panel

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# President

*The president is the leader of the Students' Union who maintains relations with the university administration, chairs many committees and has a vote on the Board of Governors. The president oversees the work of the SU executives and the Student Legislative Council.*



There are a lot of reasons I feel it's important to come back.

Hardave Birk is confident about his achievements as current SU president, but he wants to go for a second term to finish his ongoing projects.

His platform focuses on the MacHall lease renegotiation that will take place in the next 18 months, a point almost identical to his platform when he successfully ran for president last year. Birk fears the renegotiation will lead to the loss of student-run initiatives and businesses and said he wants to fight to keep these under the control of the SU. He has developed a strategy for the renegotiation and feels he is the strongest candidate because he can bypass the transition period a new president would face.

"There are a lot of things I care about and, in

a lot of ways, I think the future of the SU is up for grabs in the next 12-18 months," said Birk.

The president will also have to deal with the MacHall Master Plan, something Birk said he wants to continue consulting students about.

Another of Birk's platform points is to continue efforts to raise school spirit around Dinos athletics by including beer gardens at Dinos games.

Birk stressed issues with the administration and the Board of Governors, such as unnecessary tuition hikes and a lack of communication with the SU. Birk said a possible budget cut at the U of C may have the administration taking away revenue streams from the SU. He will work to keep tuition and non-instructional fees low and continue the on-going battle

## Hardave Birk

against market modifiers.

Birk has been criticized for being ineffective in communicating with students on a more personal level. He places an emphasis on large-scale negotiations, but ignores short-term issues that affect students, such as study space or simply talking to students. Although Birk has tough competition, he has experience and knows how to accomplish his goals.

### Selected Qualifications:

2012-13 SU President  
2010-11 SU VP External  
2010-11 Chair of CAUS  
2011 Fall Orientation Leader



You want to have pride in the institution you go to.

Raphael Jacob is passionate about serving students and has a record of accomplishments. Though, he did not stress the upcoming MacHall lease renegotiation, only the renovations under the MacEwan Hall Master Plan. However, Jacob mentioned that the renegotiation is part of the president's job and therefore is unnecessary as a platform point.

Students need someone who understands the renegotiation and can be a strong voice. We have faith Jacob can handle it, but we would like to be a bit more confident.

His four platform points are concrete and well researched. The first is study space. Jacob wants to have an SU audit of study space to examine what the university might currently overlook. He plans to do this by creating a

website that lists available study space on campus.

He mentioned that peer roamers and staff at the TFDL have to do head counts throughout the day. He suggested putting that information online where students can see it.

"We need to make information really well known and accessible to students," said Jacob.

Jacob's second platform point is lobbying to keep tuition and fees low. As last year's Council of Alberta University Students' chair, Jacob has experience lobbying for reasonable tuition.

Third, he wants more initiatives for mental health, though the only idea he gave was pushing for a full fall reading week.

His fourth platform point is ensuring the MacHall Master Plan renovations run smooth-

## Raphael Jacob

ly. This is important and it will be a project for many years and many presidents. Jacob knows the power of student consultation, and he doesn't want consultation to stop.

Jacob has tough competition from current SU president Hardave Birk, and he shouldn't underestimate Stefana Pancic either. He plans to connect with students and to be more effective at reaching out to the community than Birk has been.

### Selected Qualifications:

2012-13 SU VP External  
2012-13 Chair of CAUS  
2013 U of C Class Ambassador  
2011-12 Faculty of Arts Representative



I think there's a clear divide right now between the executives and the other elected officials.

Stefana Pancic's platform incorporates a number of new and old ideas.

One thing she stressed is the lack of effective communication between the SU and the student body. She pointed out that most students know very little about the projects the SU is pursuing. She plans to solve this by creating a reward system for students who are trying to make positive changes on campus. She didn't specify what these rewards would be, but the idea is that by offering some type of incentive, students would be more willing to engage the SU with the types of changes they want to see. This would bridge the gap between the SU and students.

She talked about continuing lobbying efforts for secondary suites and controlling non-instructional fees. These are important issues,

and Pancic seemed confident and capable when discussing them. However, she had few new insights.

One thing that stuck out about Pancic's platform was her approach to the MacHall lease renegotiation.

"For the renegotiation, I think it's really important to have somebody at the table that isn't necessarily too aggressive, who really thinks a lot before they speak and really can build those relationships," said Pancic.

In addition to this point, she was critical of current SU president Hardave Birk's work with VP facilities management and development Bob Ellard, who has been working with the SU over the MacHall Master Plan.

"The difficulties that we had with the administration because of our communication skills

was very damaging," said Pancic. "I know the relationship is being rebuilt at the moment, but that was something that was very concerning."

Pancic also said there is a lack of communication between current executives and the rest of the SU. This is something she plans on changing.

Pancic is the only presidential candidate who does not have any executive experience and her goals could suit another executive position. For the most part, her platform was solid and she would do well as president.

### Selected Qualifications:

2012-13 Faculty of Medicine Representative  
2013 U of C Class Ambassador  
2012-13 Biology Students' Association VP  
2012 Biology Teaching Assistant in Ethiopia

## Stefana Pancic

*The VP academic is responsible for all relevant academic matters, including liaising with faculty representatives, promoting undergraduate research and increasing the quality of education and teaching.*

# VP Academic

## Hana Kadri

Hana Kadri was outspoken, confident and to the point. She has SU experience and has the potential to be an asset to next year's executive.

Kadri has three main platform points. She was able to communicate her points concisely, something that almost no other candidate could do. Firstly, she wants to continue efforts to bring Arabic classes to the U of C. Funding is the main problem at the moment. Kadri plans to solve this by connecting with donors. There is also a possibility of receiving funds from Quality Money for the program. Getting Arabic classes to the U of C is a slow process, but it will be good if Kadri is there to help it continue.

Kadri's second platform point is to implement a scholarship to reward leaders within class-

rooms who, for example, create study groups, share notes or remind others about events. By doing this, she hopes to "create and nurture a community in each classroom."

She has looked into funding for this, citing donors or Quality Money as possibilities. However, it's unclear whether the necessary level of interest from students or proper funding will be available for the award.

Kadri's last goal is to continue creating information packages to educate professors about course material affordability, yet she didn't have any of her own ideas for forwarding this initiative. Affordability is important to students, and if Kadri is serious about pursuing this goal, she must prove that she can find practical solutions.

Kadri didn't have any plans for dealing with

study space, an issue all other VP academic candidates mentioned. However, she was involved in the creation of the Arts Lounge as a faculty of arts representative.

For VP academic, strengthening the quality of teaching is an important part of the job. Kadri has shown her commitment to this through her talks with U of C vice-provost teaching and learning Lynn Taylor regarding the Institute for Teaching and Learning.

### Selected Qualifications:

2012-13 Faculty of arts representative  
Teaching Excellence Awards committee  
Co-led implementation of Arabic Studies  
Former ACSA club president and VP external



I have confidence in myself, my goals and where I'm headed.

## Emily Macphail

Emily Macphail's platform for VP academic is committed and practical.

When asked about improving study space, she posited improving the functionality of our online room-finding tools as well as pushing to have spaces built with an increased number of power outlets.

She said she would push for a Bound and Copied online database. Macphail plans to work with faculty staff to improve other databanks, such as scholarship and research portals, which will also streamline the student experience.

To combat the disorientation of transitioning to university, she proposed the publication of a survival guide, a tome of tips and methods for enlisting our on-campus resources. Macphail hopes to further de-stress

initiatives like the de-stress packs introduced this year.

She said she will work with professors to make more course outlines available before the beginning of the semester, as well as choosing textbooks for their relevance and affordability, although both will be difficult to enforce. Implementing mid-term professor and TA evaluations are also in Macphail's platform.

Macphail also wants to implement "rational exam scheduling" by working with the registrar.

Macphail is informed and confident regarding the school's breadth of issues, such as the proposed Arabic studies program, the Institutional Teaching and Learning Plan and concerns about the Eyes High emphasis on

research. She has relevant campus and volunteer experience.

Throughout her interview she avoided buzzwords and vague aspirations common to other candidates.

Macphail's platform was organized, precise and demonstrated a pragmatic knowledge of the position's responsibilities and relationships with other SU representatives. She would make a good VP academic, although she faces fierce competition.

### Selected Qualifications:

Teaching Excellence Awards Committee member  
Undergraduate Research Symposium Committee  
Biomedical Science committee faculty Liaison  
VP Finance, Health Science Students Association



My platform is based on accessibility, empowerment and quality.

## Tynan Wenarchuk

Tynan Wenarchuk has a passion for academics and research. If elected VP academic, Wenarchuk hopes to give back to the community.

While Wenarchuk has no SU experience, he touts his research background as a foundation for success in the VP academic position. Many of his key platform points revolve around research opportunities for undergraduate students.

Wenarchuk is particularly concerned with fostering interdisciplinary research initiatives. He hopes to create an online database where students can seek help from those in other faculties.

Wenarchuk noted how difficult it is for students to find research opportunities. If elected, he would work with the Centre for

International Students and Study Abroad to create more international opportunities for practicums and research.

Wenarchuk expressed concern with the limited study space on campus and wants to extend the TFDL's weekend hours. He also would like to establish mid-term professor evaluations, bringing up the possibility of hiring external assessors to give professors advice.

Unfortunately, Wenarchuk was not as strong as other candidates when speaking on non-research issues. While his platform is ambitious, it is hard to tell if it's feasible to create more research opportunities abroad, or the necessity of an interdisciplinary database.

Wenarchuk would more than adequately represent the interests of research-oriented

students as VP academic. However, he doesn't have as much to offer to the rest of the undergraduate population who already suffer from a university that too often prioritizes research at the cost of instruction quality. When asked, he said he would make quality of instruction and classroom learning one of his priorities.

### Selected Qualifications:

2013 Planning Committee, Kinesiology Games  
2012 Cohort of the U of C Scholars Academy  
Co-founder of PEER Cancer Program  
Senior Residence Community Advisor



My platform is based on my slogan, which is to foster a community of unconventional and enriched learning.

# VP External

*The VP external is the SU's representative to federal, provincial and municipal governments. The VP external represents students at lobby groups, community committees, campaigns and sits on many internal committees such as Quality Money.*



Students need to know they are getting a bang for their buck.

Connor Brown acclaims the VP external position. Unfortunately, his platform and goals reflect this fact.

With the municipal elections coming up this fall, Brown's main platform points fall in this realm. Brown is focused on the municipal elections forum and getting students involved in the election process. He hopes to engage students in this by allowing candidates to set up tables in MacEwan Student Centre, however, candidates already have the opportunity to do this, making this point null.

Brown is correct in saying that a big issue that will come up in this election will be secondary suites, especially since Mayor Naheed Nenshi ran on this point in the 2010 and previous VP externals have lobbied hard to legal-

ize secondary suites. However, Brown has no concrete goals about how to further lobby this issue.

The second point of his platform is student fees. He said students need to have an input on where their fees are going, but he makes a lot of assumptions when he says students would rather make cuts to student resources than pay more for classes. Brown gave no plan to get students involved in the process other than talking with current VP external Raphael Jacob.

His third point is grants and scholarships. Brown said students should have less debt and fewer obstacles when pursuing post-secondary education. He said there should be more grants for rural and aboriginal students, but admits that this point was "more of a hope" and he

could not rectify how a decrease in student fees will allow for more grants.

Brown is lucky that he is not running against anyone because his platform seemed poorly planned — perhaps some competition would have motivated him to come up with more concrete, attainable goals. He should do his research and spend more time with Jacob if he wants to be successful.

## Selected Qualifications:

Third-year political science student  
2011-12 Residence Students Association rep  
Teaching Excellence Awards committee  
2004-11 Challenger baseball coach

## Connor Brown

# VP Operations & Finance

*The VP operations and finance chairs the operations and finance committee, sustainability board and refugee student board, reports on the SU's financial position, and interacts with university administration regarding capital planning and development.*



Students do have a voice, and they are not afraid to use it.

Eric Termuende acclaims the position of VP Operations and finance, but he has a long way to go and a lot of research to do if he wants to be successful in the position.

Termuende wants to continue projects started by current VP operations and finance Scott Weir. He wants to continue efforts to make MacEwan Student Centre sustainable, ensure that space is used efficiently and increase parking effectiveness.

"I don't by any means want to start fresh, I want to start where [Weir] left off and build off of what he has been working on," said Termuende.

However, Termuende seemed unaware of the many mandates and tasks required by his position, such as the Student Refugee Program or

increasing the effectiveness of transportation and transit to the U of C. Termuende was honest and said that he has not spent enough time with Weir to fully understand the entirety of what the position entails.

"I know what I want to get out of it, I know what [Weir] wants me to get out of it — so I think in that sense, I'm ready for the job," said Termuende.

Termuende believes that student engagement between students and the SU needs improvement. He wants the U of C's operations to be sound enough to foster more engagement on campus and increase communication efforts between the SU and students. He wants to increase social media and create an online compliments page where students can give feedback.

The VP operations and finance has to sit on many committees and boards to determine effective spending. Termuende said he is fully committed to this, as he has business experience, time management skills and is a homeowner. These qualifications, however, do not make up for his lack of understanding of what VP operations and finance entails.

Termuende needs to watch Weir like a hawk over the next two months if he wants to be successful.

## Selected Qualifications:

Mining analyst for an investment company  
VP Marketing for AMIO at U of C  
JDC West Delegate  
Homeowner

## Eric Termuende

# Election Quips

*What changes would you like the SU to make?*



"I want more places to study."

– Nargiz Megarab Samedy,  
second-year anthropology



"More availability for studying, and lower tuition — what every student wants."

– Beshouy Abdelmessih,  
second-year engineering



"I don't like how there's a lot of useless renovation going on. More parking."

– Ashley Shannon,  
third-year biology



"More opportunities to get involved on campus."

– Carsten Krueger,  
second-year health sciences

The VP student life is responsible for getting students engaged and informed. The VP student life chairs the clubs committee and represent the SU at the Senate, campus recreation, Orientation Week and other events.

# VP Student Life

## Ben Cannon

Ben Cannon wants to use his experiences in many facets of student life to enhance the student experience. Cannon said VP student life has mostly been seen as a party planning position in the past, however, he hopes to expand that — he looks at the student life portfolio to be everything beyond the classroom.

“Less VP party, more VP happy is how I like to see it,” he says. “I want to make students as happy as possible at the U of C.”

Cannon’s main platform point is study space on campus. As an arts representative, he helped ensure there were enough resources available to create the Arts Lounge, which opened in January. As VP student life, he would have more resources and time to continue the efforts for more study space. Cannon said that this would not necessarily involve creating new space, but

using the current space to its full advantage. He has concrete goals about how to make this happen, which would include an audit of space on campus.

“We talk about other solutions, like waiting for West Campus development. I mean, that’s 5–10 years down the road — we need solutions now,” he said.

Cannon’s second platform goal is to lengthen the fall reading week to a full week — a common promise of candidates — but he is realistic in understanding that this goal will be a few years down the road.

Cannon’s last platform goal is to continue efforts to help students deal with stress, including the creation of a puppy room — something other universities across Canada have implemented. He also wants to push for dry alternatives to

BSD and has talked with the Disability Resource Centre about how to make the U of C more accessible, but did not elaborate on either point.

He has clear and attainable goals, but was unable to articulate how he would fight to combat apathy and poor school spirit, which are huge problems with student life at the U of C. However, Cannon is the most experienced candidate and has the will and enthusiasm to do the job well.

### Selected Qualifications:

2012–13 SU Programs Assistant  
2011–12 Faculty of Arts Representative  
Out of Office award winner  
U of C Comedy Club President



I believe students need as much study space as possible.

## Richard “Dick” Gariepy

What made Richard “Dick” Gariepy stand out from the other candidates were his original ideas.

He was excited about clubs and had several ideas about how to get them “amped up.” His ideas centred around creating stable revenue sources for clubs, giving them the independence they need to improve student life on campus.

“What I really want to do is make the membership in clubs a lot more valuable to students,” said Gariepy. “I’m not for giving clubs more money. I want to provide clubs with an opportunity to do better and bigger fundraising.”

He offered a few suggestions for accomplishing this, like popcorn sales at Dinos games and

permanent locations for bake sales on campus.

Gariepy talked about finding new ways to make the U of C more inclusive to different student groups. One way he plans on doing this is by increasing the safe space program on campus, which is currently quite limited. He also proposed “educating instructors on how to make their classrooms safer” through new education initiatives.

On the event side of things, he had some interesting ideas on how to get the U of C’s many apathetic students more involved on campus. His strategy revolves around creating events that students can easily participate in. This includes creating a found theatre program and more mass participation events like flash mobs and the recent “Harlem Shake” video shoot.

One challenge Gariepy faces is his limited credibility as a candidate. He has no experience in the SU, and several times during his interview seemed unaware of everything that is required of the VP student life position.

Overall, his ideas were big and refreshing after the many by-the-script campaign promises other candidates delivered. The question is whether he’s qualified to manage the many responsibilities of VP student life.

### Selected Qualifications:

U of C Residence Community Advisor  
Q Centre Volunteer  
Rosebud School of Arts Employee  
Former President of Rockyford 4-H Club



What I’m good at is being engaged on campus and having fun.

## Mallory Lupick

It is clear that Mallory Lupick is both sincere and enthusiastic about the possibility of becoming the next VP student life. The problem is that Lupick’s ambitious platform lacks specificity. Lupick states that she wants to establish “new and easier means of communication and feedback” between students and the SU but didn’t elaborate. Lupick said that she wants to make student clubs more “engaged” but didn’t specify how.

Drawing on her experience working with the Residence Students’ Association, Lupick rightly attributes the commuter student demographic to student apathy campus-wide and said that she wants to make the U of C more of a home for students.

Something that Lupick is passionate about is mental health, mentioning that she would implement a week similar to sex week, focused on raising awareness for mental health. While this issue is absolutely valid and deserving of students’ attention, a week like this already exists at the U of C.

“I really want to focus on implementing programs that are available as de-stressing outlets,” said Lupick

Lupick’s last platform goal is to bring back “Red Fridays” as a means of generating buzz for Dinos games heading into the weekend and building a more familial atmosphere on campus. Lupick also believes that Dinos games are not well advertised around campus, con-

tributing to their poor attendance. These are valid points but are merely surface-level solutions.

Overall, Lupick is energetic and outgoing but her ideas are simply not substantive enough. Lupick’s strength is speaking on issues related to university residence but seems out of her depth when attempting to articulate her plans for the wider university community.

### Selected Qualifications:

2012–13 RSA VP Traditional Residences  
VP Finance U of C Snowboard Club  
Safewalk volunteer  
Residence Dining Advisory committee member



It’s important we continue working on partnerships between residence and the SU.

# Board of Governors

*The Board of Governors is the corporate entity of the U of C. All land titles, agreements and leases are held in trust by the governors. The student-at-large representative voices student concerns.*

## Sam Adegabayike



While the Board of Governors representative has many responsibilities, few are as important as regularly attending meetings. Sam Adegabayike has proven his inability to handle

this relatively simple responsibility by failing to show up for not one, but two scheduled interviews for the SU supplement, without even the common courtesy to call. He wasted our time

and demonstrated his poor time management skills and lack of communicative abilities. We believe he would be a very poor fit for this position.

## Michael Smith



Michael Smith has a straight-forward attitude that he wants to bring to the position of Board of Governors representative.

Smith understands funding and tuition are the primary issues of students and wants to bring them to the attention of the BOG. Smith is well-aware of the impending provincial deficit and has considered its consequences.

Education is often the first target for government cuts but Smith believes that by taking a look at some of the structural inefficiencies in the university's administrative structure, the BOG can make cuts without placing new

burdens on students.

Smith has a resumé of public service that he said gives him the experience to know there is waste in the school's bureaucracy. He said the U of C can go ahead with Eyes High and retain tuition rates, provided the appropriate trimming is done. He mentioned that, while a proponent for growth, some of the construction and other spending expansions have been unnecessary.

Smith mentioned the Doug Black scandal and promised that he will propose more stringent examination of senior employee spend-

ing. Since the scandal, the U of C has posted expense records online, but Smith said more can be done to ensure the U of C stays transparent.

Smith understands the role of BOG representative well — he referred to himself as a “conduit” between the BOG and the SU. He has government communications training and has worked with budgets as a business consultant. “I don't care who you vote for, as long as you vote,” Smith said as a message to students. Smith has experience, charisma and would do a fantastic job as BOG representative.

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# Gauntlet Endorsements

*As a rather intimidating panel, we sat down with the candidates to ask them the hard questions. Some rose to the occasion and clearly defined what they were going to do while others stumbled over their weakly articulated goals. Here are our recommendations and insights. Take what you will.*



**Erin Shumlich**

Editor-in-Chief

**President: Raphael Jacob**

All three candidates would do well, but Birk already had a shot, and I wish Pancic would have ran for vp external. Jacob is engaging, articulate and the cutest candidate.

**VP Academic: Abstain**

**VP Student Life: Ben Cannon**

Gariepy had fantastic ideas about an inclusive campus, but his platform lacked breadth. Cannon had well-rounded, attainable, puppy-filled, ideas.

**BOG Rep: Michael Smith**

If you want someone who will advocate for students in every way, vote Smith — he is far and away the better candidate.



**Sean Willett**

Entertainment Editor

**President: Raphael Jacob**

My brain says Birk, but my heart says Jacob. His mental health plans won me over, and I want to see someone new in this position.

**VP Academic: Abstain**

**VP Student Life: Ben Cannon**

Cannon's experience and attitude are great, but what cinched it for him was the puppy room. Who doesn't want a puppy room?

**BOG Rep: Michael Smith**

Smith is essentially overqualified for this position, and Adegabayike shot himself in the foot by not showing up. The choice is laughably simple.



**Susan Anderson**

Features Editor

**President: Raphael Jacob**

It's a tight race, but Jacob will offer a fresh perspective. I also wouldn't underestimate Pancic, who seems quite determined.

**VP Academic: Hana Kadri**

Macphail would do great as well, but Kadri got me with her personal story. Wenarchuk needs to offer more concrete ideas.

**VP Student Life: Richard "Dick" Gariepy**

Gariepy is looking at different issues, and has the passion for the job. Plus he was in 4-H.

**BOG Rep: Michael Smith**

He has great experience, and Adegabayike doesn't seem to care.



**Riley Hill**

Supplement Editor

**President: Raphael Jacob**

Go with Jacob. He's well spoken and has lots of experience in the su. Let's let Birk finally graduate.

**VP Academic: Emily Macphail**

Kadri had some great ideas, but Macphail takes it by a hair's breadth. Wenarchuk is clearly out-classed by the other two.

**VP Student Life: Richard "Dick" Gariepy**

While not the most qualified, Gariepy had the best ideas and deserves a shot. He should steal Cannon's puppy room idea though.

**BOG Rep: Michael Smith**

Smith is knowledgeable, well spoken and really impressed everyone with his interview.



**Taylor McKee**

Sports Editor

**President: Flip a coin**

Birk provided the most substantive platform while Jacob provided the clearest vision for his presidency. Both candidates are exceedingly qualified and are deserving of votes.

**VP Academic: Abstain**

**VP Student Life: Richard "Dick" Gariepy**

Gariepy is certainly an unconventional candidate but I believe he deserves the job after a strong presentation. Gariepy has several new ideas to enhance the student experience on campus.

**BOG Rep: Michael Smith**

Both communicative and professional during his interview, Smith was extremely impressive and students should be delighted to have him representing them on the BOG.



**Curtis Wolff**

Gauntlet Contributor

**President: Raphael Jacob**

Jacob will be tested on MacHall lease negotiations, but he is perfectly suited to pick up where Birk left off.

**VP Academic: Hana Kadri**

Kadri was confident in her interview and has the experience needed for this important and challenging position.

**VP Student Life: Ben Cannon**

All three candidates had their merits, but Cannon's platform was just that much stronger than the rest.

**BOG Rep: Michael Smith**

Smith merely had to show up to get the nod, but blew away the panel nonetheless with his professionalism and knowledge.



**Tobias Ma**

Gauntlet Contributor

**President: Raphael Jacob**

Jacob and Birk were better aware of job specifics. Jacob's vision for the school is more imaginative and inclusive.

**VP Academic: Flip a coin**

Both Kadri and Macphail are informed, serious and realistic about what they can accomplish. Flip a coin, you can't go wrong with either.

**VP Student Life: Richard "Dick" Gariepy**

Gariepy had the most interesting platform, which was unique to the other candidates and clearly propelled by passion.

**BOG Rep: Michael Smith**

Smith has a background in the public sector that should put him at ease in the BOG conference room.



**Michael Grondin**

Supplement Editor

**President: Raphael Jacob**

This is a tough one. Pancic is very capable for the position, and Birk would be effective the second time around. Jacob, though, has fresh insight and a plan to bring the su forward.

**VP Academic: Abstain**

**VP Student Life: Ben Cannon**

Who doesn't like puppies? Cannon has su experience and tangible goals to solve issues that students actually care about. I did like Gariepy's inventiveness though.

**BOG Rep: Michael Smith**

Smith has drive, determination and he actually knows what being a BOG rep is all about. Adegabayike, why didn't you show up? You could have been somebody, man.

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