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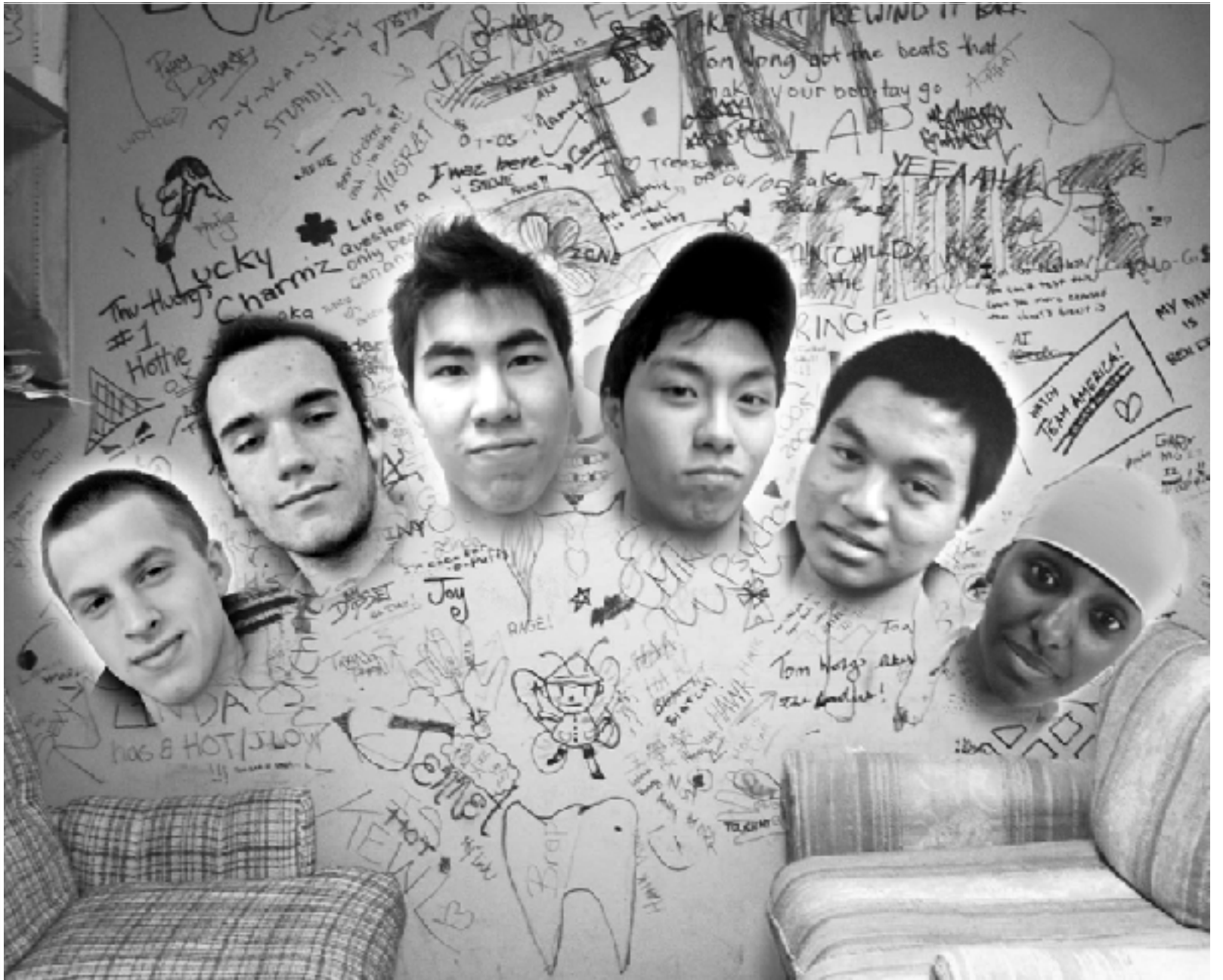
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ELECTION ISSUE



FROM VISION TO REALITY

The real challenge for a successful student government *by Giorgio Traini*

Ah, election season: a time of high hopes, flaring tempers, impossible promises, cheesy slogans and, of course, ridiculously meaningless posters. The candidates spell out their dreams for Jarvis and what a wonderful change they will make to the school next year. They promise to make it the best school year ever and sometimes they even tell you why, but this isn't what truly drives a great Student Council. A great council has a group of students who can take a vision and have the dedication to turn that vision into reality. It's not just promises, but dedication that makes a great candidate.

Whoever is elected will realize that their job takes up huge amounts of time and they must be willing to sacrifice many of their other commitments to be a success. This doesn't mean that members shouldn't have other interests—it's important they do, so they connect with the students—but if elected they'll be doing something for the student body almost every day and that must take precedence. Whether it is planning an event, calling for sponsors, begging teachers, or selling tickets, they are always doing something. This is the most important part of being a representative of Jarvis and the hardest. People can make huge promises,

or amazing plans, but without the grunt work it's impossible to fulfill them and that's what takes up the most time.

I make this point because I want both candidates and voters to understand that plans are not enough. Student Council members must have the dedication to follow through with those plans and put them into action. This is what created the Jarvis-Riverdale joint dance this year. It started as a really unlikely idea that we had at one of our early Wednesday morning meetings, but our President (Bond Tam) and Vice-President (Michael Yang) followed through and contacted Riverdale. This was only the beginning, though, and it took countless hours of work from both schools' councils to set up the event. This ranged from haggling with staff, and managing our budget for the event to selling tickets every lunch and after school. This effort was what made the landmark event the first successful joint dance in years, in downtown Toronto.

This isn't to say that Student Council is always this prepared. Often time gets ahead of preparations and an event must be saved by everyone, from President to Secretary, throwing themselves into the last minute activities. This hap-

pened with Valentine's Day. We had hundreds of greetings to give out and were only able to package and deliver all of them by meeting in the wee hours of the morning they were supposed to be given out, and working our hands to the bone packaging Hershey's kisses. The same is true of almost every other event. No matter how much planning goes into an activity something will come out at the last moment which changes everything. For those who remember last year's Spring Fest, the lack of a generator is a good example, but definitely not the only one.

Now amid all of the dances, chocolates and generators there is a lesson that comes from this: the Student Council takes planning and a huge amount of time and energy, but when it comes down to those last moments of every event it's the dedication of every member that makes a success. So, if a candidate doesn't seem like he or she would be willing to stay up late, wake up early, miss class and cancel any other plans, then this candidate might not be one to vote for. A person may have vision on how to improve the school, but it's putting that vision into reality that makes a Student Council great.

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LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

May is here and with it approaches the completion of all that Jarvis students have been diligently working on for the past 7 months. ISUs are being handed in, culminating activities are being assigned, exams are being studied for, and all around, various Jarvis teams and clubs are coming to a halt. However, like the end of any era, this is not only a time for conclusion, but one for a new beginning. And as the school year comes to a close, Jarvis students are confronted with a choice that will shape the proceeding year: who will represent them in their Student Council?

Good student government is an essential part of a good school year. And since, contrary to the beliefs of many Jarvisites, a lot of hard work goes into planning even the bare minimum work a Student Council is responsible for—that being a couple assemblies, a dance, a spirit week or spirit days, and a festival such as Spring or Fall Fest—it is of the utmost importance that the councilors members students elect be reliable, committed individuals, who are willing to invest much of their time and energy into school affairs. This is, of course, assuming students want a Student Council that will push to do as much as it can for the students, regardless of restrictions created by the Council's limited power.

For many people, a vote for the right candidate may mean a vote against an acquaintance or friend running for a position. A choice like that is always a difficult one to make, but students should remember that this group of 6 students is our voice; it is our best means of communicating with school administration, and our most effective way of orchestrating school-wide change. So before voting, please think to yourself, Do I just want a dance and a couple mildly amusing assemblies or do I want my voice to be heard?



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DON'T GET CAUGHT SPEECHLESS

Advice for Student Council hopefuls *by Elizabeth de Vries*

The platform blurbs have been published, and the posters have been posted, so now Student Council candidates, it is time for you to turn your thoughts to the most important aspect of your campaign: the speech.

The brief time that you have for your speech is the best time to present yourself and your ideas to the student body as a whole. It is also the best opportunity that

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the student body will have to assess your leadership abilities directly. A quality speech is critical to your success.

In order to connect with the Jarvis electorate you must know yourself, know your audience, and know which aspects of you will appeal to them given the position you are running for. You must be clear and concise in your speech; say what you mean, and mean what you say.

Confidence and sincerity are key

to building credibility, and credibility is key to being elected. It is because of this that you should avoid the following two credibility-killers: false promises, and placing blame. Anybody can “promise” easier exams, less homework, nicer teachers, free muffins in the cafeteria, the return of recess, and twenty dollars to every student who shows up on Monday mornings, but nobody is going to believe that these are promises likely to be fulfilled under your direction and guidance. In your speech, focusing on practical and realistic platforms is the best way to go.

It is important that you also avoid wasting the small amount of time that you have to present your speech by talking about people other than yourself.

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Suppress the urge to prattle on about the non-successes of past Student Councils, and the flaws of the other candidates. Voters are already aware of these things where they exist.

However, this does not mean

that there is no room for creativity. In fact, in the past it has been the more

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creative speeches that have been the most successful. Injecting a speech with humour is a good idea, if you can do so while still clearly presenting your platform. Yet, you should remember to refrain from getting too creative; it is a platform speech, not a song and dance recital. Be aware that excessive showmanship will result in penalties.

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The six individuals elected to the Student Council will have a difficult task in front of them. It will be largely their efforts that will determine the atmosphere at Jarvis Collegiate next year. If you want to be one of those six individuals, your speech will have to prove that you can accomplish the work required of your desired position, and

that you can do it with more consistency, accuracy, and style than anyone else. You have the opportunity candidates. Dazzle us.

To ensure a quality speech, the best strategy is to practice. Recite your speech to your mirror, your teachers, your friends, your pets, your parents, your hand, or your collection of stuffed animals. Being prepared will help you



PRESIDENT

BOND TAM

The Master of Bondage

Dear fellow comrades and candidates,

Other current executives will probably choose to submit a livelier, more light-hearted article than mine, but I personally want to get to the heart of things. I will try not to make this an essay.

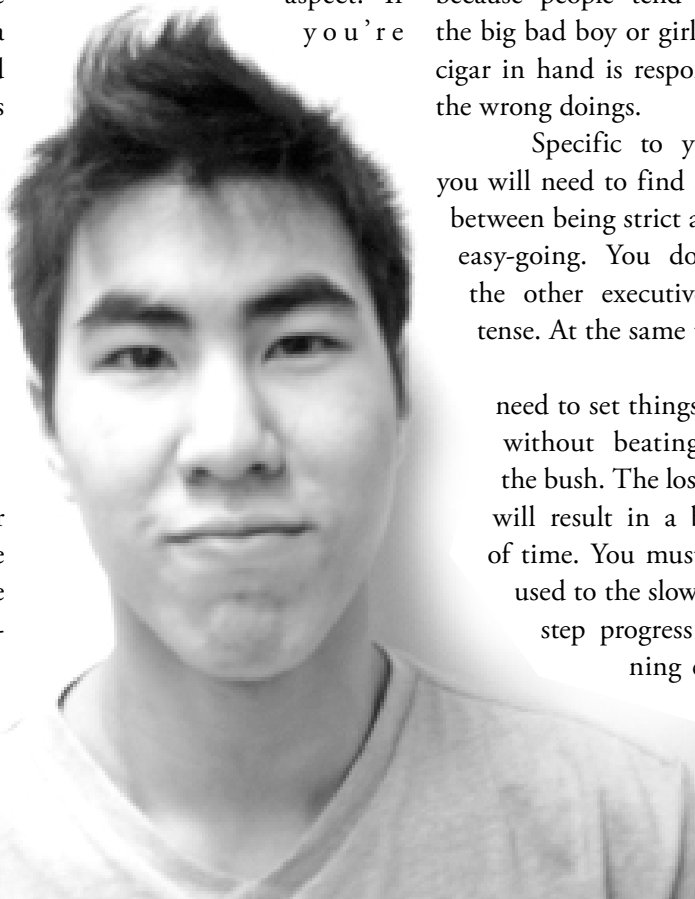
Student Council is not a child's game. It is a reality check with your regards to your abilities and character traits. It will test your people skills, your organizational and time management skills and your ability to persevere through many major pains. If you are unprepared, it will hit you hard. Fortunately, it'll be a genuine learning experience.

People always ask me, "How much work goes into it?" I usually respond by saying, "Depends on how much you want to do." I like to think the Student Council's vision has no boundaries so long as the goal is

a positive one. However, there are the basic things a Student Council is expected to do each year – run a dance, run a couple of assemblies, put together a spirit week or spirit days, and some kind of festival, such as Spring Fest. The basics alone will put an unmistakable strain on your academic performance and your involvement in other activities. It will, or rather, it should be one of your top priorities, after academics of course.

Now on to the role of the President. He or she is the big boss responsible for organizing and managing the team, which is crucial because one person alone can't do everything. He or she is expected to conduct regular meetings. As well, he or she is the main link between administration and the

Student Council. The roles are not rigid, however, so you may find your hands in almost every aspect. If you're



running for president, you can expect to be criticized on behalf of the whole Student Council because people tend to think the big bad boy or girl with the cigar in hand is responsible for the wrong doings.

Specific to your role, you will need to find a balance between being strict and being easy-going. You don't want the other executives to be tense. At the same time, you

need to set things straight, without beating around the bush. The loss of focus will result in a big waste of time. You must also get used to the slow, step-by-step progress of planning events, as

a lot of time is spent getting things

event checked over and approved by the administration.

In general for all executives, you might feel disheartened because, although you might have put a lot of effort into an event, the results might not satisfy you. What others may not know is the amount of work that goes behind the scenes, causing you to be even more discouraged. The important part is not to be affected by the poor results but to move on and keep the flaws in mind for the future events.

Voters, these candidates are people who are trying to enrich your experience at school. Do not simply vote for the most dead-serious or most entertaining person, or your friend. Instead, open your eyes to the people who really deserve the position and can do the job well. Disprove that popularity is the key to success.

THE NEXT GENERATION:

OSOB MOHAMUD



My name is Osob Mohamud. I'm currently in Grade 11 and I'm running for Student Council President. In my three years attending Jarvis, I have been an active member of the Multicultural Students Association (MSA) helping organize such events as the annual Iftar dinner. I have watched many a Student Council go by—well okay maybe only three—but I've witnessed their successes and failures and I wish

to use that knowledge in order to create a much more triumphant Student Council for next year.

The activities performed by the Student Council this year and the past year were fine but I envision many more activities and festivals that will get students out of the class rooms for a while and indulging in a little school spirit. I am ambitious and will excel in whatever areas that pique your collective inter-

est. I whole-heartedly believe that I can help make next year's Student Council a magnificent one.

When I look at Jarvis I don't see it as the academically-challenging and, at times, boring school that outsiders might see it as. I see all that it could be and that includes fun. I really hope to keep this school on its toes and having an enjoyable year. So when you see Osob Mohamud on the ballot form

remember the promises I made and remember as well that I fully intend to keep all of my promises and whatever other ideas that pop into my head between now and next year. Also keep in mind that next year is my last year of high school (I hope!) and I intend to make it the funniest, coolest, most kickass year Jarvis has ever seen.

MERRICK ANDERSON



What's up Jarvisites! My name is Merrick Anderson and I am running for President of the Student Council. I have been deeply involved with this year's Student Council as one of their Senior Senators. I initiated our claim for improved wash-room and lunchtime facilities and have had great success in convincing our ward to bump up Jarvis on the waiting list to have our facilities renewed. I've been dedicated to many other school activities

including a multitude of sports teams, awards, the fashion show, the talent show, concert choir, the Boys' Athletic Association, while working hard to keep myself on the Honour Roll.

What's really important, however, is what I think I can bring to you, the students of JCI. I am running for President because I want next year to be an adventure; I want to renew a sense of school pride for all the students in our prestigious school. More than that, however, I want to get everyone having fun and involved in more things. I don't care what it takes but I will devote my time

and energy to getting you guys informed and enthusiastic about your school. If it means coming around to your classes, I'll do it. If it means finding and funding new school events, I'll do it. Even if I have to streak down the hallways and sing show tunes, I will do it! There is nothing I won't do to get you all interested and involved because that is the only way you will truly enjoy your time at high school and be enriched by it as well.

I think high school can be the best years of our lives and that's why next year I want to use the skills and knowledge I have to work with our adminis-

tration and make it an exciting and eventful year for everyone. I want all of you to meet new people, try new things and come out of high school better people. But above all else I want you to enjoy your time here and I will work as hard as I have to in order to make that wish come true. Just remember, when you students are happy and involved, and when you students tell me, your future President, what you want the school to become, then there are no limits to what we might, together, achieve.

CAITLYN NGU



Hey Jarvisites!!! My name is Caitlyn Ngu and I am running for Student Council President for the upcoming school year. One thing I know is that as a Jarvis student, I expect the Student Council to precisely reflect the dedication and effort that I see in every individual attending this brilliant school.

If elected, I will make sure the Student Council is doing what it is supposed to do: reflect and represent the ideas and opinions of student body.

I've made a several contributions to the school and some of you may remember me from certain events,

groups or clubs. For example, I was a Coordinator for this year's Fashion Show, as well as a proud member of the Girls Athletic Council, and I also play an active role as a Grade 11 Senator.

My position as a Senator has provided me with much needed insight to many of the issues that affect the students and that should be addressed. I am not going to make false promises about bathroom repairs, because far too many Councils of the past have attempted to fix that problem, which is primarily a School Board issue. However, I do intend on fixing new problems that have arisen, such as the damaged condom machines. If the repair is not possible I will personally distribute them every Friday, for those in need.

That is only the first of many ideas

that I have in order to make the coming school year even better. There are countless things within the school that can be improved, and if you can spot them and inform me of them, I will do all in my power to fix the problems at hand. I truly adore this school and I think that you all deserve to have the absolutely best year possible.

Along with my fitting leadership skills, I am dedicated and can also bring new ideas to the table. Every past year the Student Council has done the same old things, and we're due for a well-deserved change. After all, next year will be Jarvis's 200th anniversary, and we'll be able to make a fresh start for the years to come. It's time for a change... *Out with the old, in with the NGU! Vote Caitlyn Ngu.*

CHOOSE WISELY, OR SUFFER!

Some guiding principles when deciding who to vote for *by Pedram Mossallanejad*

"I'm voting for Ms. X yo! Her speech was friggin' hilarious! Word that girl is jokes!" You may hear such things when walking around the Jarvis hallways, but does a funny poster or speech really determine that someone will be a good Student Council member?

There are three main traits that determine a good candidate. Firstly, the person has to care about the school, and the students of the school. Don't pick candidates that always hang out with their own cliques. Do you think that their primary concern will be the school, or their friends that represent a small minority within the school, whose only function will be to splatter the walls with ink inside the Student Council office? Choose someone who cares about the school, not about being popular.

Secondly, the candidate must be hard working with lots of initiative. Hardworking doesn't necessarily

mean that they have an average of 95%, but that they will work with the council to get things done, and will propose ideas and follow up on them. A good way to know if the person will do the work is to see the extra-curricular activities they are involved in—things such as the multicultural club, the stage crew, the magnet staff, etc.

The candidate must also be sociable; what good is someone who cares about the school and works hard if he or she can't even properly communicate with other members of the council? We need someone who is open to the ideas of others and isn't too stubborn. Also, make sure the candidate you elect is someone who is approachable, and elect someone who is in tune with the school and with what the students want and need; don't elect someone who is hard to talk to.

If the school elects candidates based on these

three main principles, we're going to have a good year come September. Then again, if you choose to elect people just because they are sexy, or popular, or solely because their speech made you laugh, you may have made the wrong choice.

Remember the three principles:

1. **Someone who cares for the school and its students.**
2. **Someone who is innovative and hardworking with initiative.**
3. **Someone who is sociable and approachable.**

Well, best of luck to all candidates and to the future of our school; make this election count, Jarvis.

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Jarvis Arts Department Presents

VICE PRESIDENT

MICHAEL YANG

The Yang to Bond's Ying



Hello there, Jarvisites! It feels like only yesterday that I was writing for the Student Council's edition of the Jargon, except back then I was a nobody trying to get the votes of the student body. Today I stand here as a somebody who has a great responsibility in the

school. According to the Jarvis Student Council Constitution (I know, I was also shocked when I found out we had one), the responsibilities of the Vice President are:

1. Assist the President in the discharge of his/her duties.
2. Act in the place of the President in his/her absence, and take on all rights and responsibilities of that position.
3. Ensure that the Constitution is followed, and inform and correct and Council members of any constitutional violations incurred.
4. Facilitate open lines of communication among Council Executives and the student government.
5. Ensure communication of Council affairs within the school.

Constitutional responsibilities

aside, I'd like to think of the Vice President as a "Jack of All Trades." The Vice President must be the MacGyver of the Student Council (I once had to stop an acid leak in the SAC office with a candy wrapper!). One day he/she may be making up an agenda for an upcoming meeting and the next he/she may be booking a DJ for a future dance. The Vice President must be able to do a little of everything and be quick on his/her feet.

Along with being able to make use of some of the most random household items, the VP's primary job is to aid the President in any way possible. This sounds like a positively normal job of a VP, but things are sometimes not what they appear. Yes, I did help and spearhead plans for various SAC events, but what you didn't see me doing was

cleaning up the SAC office and being practised on by Bond and his famous Kung Fu skills. Hopefully this year's candidates will have no deadly skills that need guinea pigs to practise on.

This year has been an extremely fun and exciting one for me on the Student Council. From planning and executing an extremely successful Club Fair to my current responsibility of organizing every aspect of Prom (which you graduating Jarvisites should go to!), this year has been a very successful one. It is coming down to the wire with less than 2 months of classes left; I encourage all students (and teachers) to continue working hard and finish off on a strong note. It is almost our time to step down and pass the torch over to another year of anxious, power-hungry Jarvisites! Good luck candidates!

THE NEXT GENERATION:

JOTHI SHANMUGAM



Alright, here we go. Another year, another election, another group of hopefuls, many endless requests of "VOTE FOR ME", another assembly, a bunch of speeches and a whole lot of broken promises! If you have read this far in the article and guessed all of the above, pat yourselves on the back because half of it is correct. By this point you're probably tired and restless from reading various articles to figure out "whom will I vote for." As a candidate, my responsibility is to "sell myself" through this 537 word article.

By the way, I'm Jothi, running for the position of Vice President, a.k.a VP, a.k.a "the jack of all trades". Your job as the student body is to read these articles, listen to the speeches, and then make a wise choice about who you want to represent you in your student council. At this point of the

game you have the power, and we are the hopefuls, but in a few days the tables will turn.

You've probably regretted some choices you've made in the past about selecting the right candidate for the right position. Some of you want to vote for your friends, some of you take it as a popularity contest, and, I think it's safe to say, half of you don't really care. Regardless of all this, it's important to understand that the student council plays a vital role in the lives of the student body. As a team, the six elected candidates take on the major responsibility of representing each and every one of you in every way possible.

The student council is not only about delivering dances, spirit weeks, assemblies, seasonal fall and spring fests and other similar events. There are problems that affect us, the student body, both directly and

indirectly. It is about time we at least consider taking a stance. You, as a Jarvisite, give the elected candidates the "power" to bring about certain changes in our school, our community, and even our society. An example of the student council "taking a stance" occurred in 2004 when the student council members joined with the United Way Committee to raise money for tsunami relief in South-East Asia. This just comes to prove that the Student Council can have a large impact on the lives of students as well as outsiders.

As I mentioned before, in the past promises were made but never fulfilled. Before I promise you anything, let me tell you what I can't do. There is no way in heaven I can shorten the school day, or make exams easier, or provide free food, or give you money, or...well ok you get the point. That last bit wasn't an attempt to make this article humorous, but believe it or not those "promises" were made by previous candidates in previous years. As a student coordinator of the Peer Leaders, an ex-senator, class rep, advertising editor, and various other activities such as the fashion show, I can say that I've got the experience, skills and knowledge to be your NEXT VP. VIRTUOUS, VALIANT, VIGOROUS...NOW LEAD ME TO VICTORY!

SAYMA CHOWDHURY



My name is Sayma Chowdhury, currently a grade 11 student. I am keen on running for Vice President of the Student Council 2006/2007. I am an executive member of the Peer Leader Committee, under which I am leading the Sierra Leone Walkathon, a fundraising event for the *Free The Children Organization*. I have experience as a volunteer tutor, which has allowed me to work with a variety of people. In addition, I have also volunteered as a mentor, and will continue to do so in the following year. Apart from my work in the community and school, I am also a demonstrably capable student due to my ambitious nature and pleasant attitude.

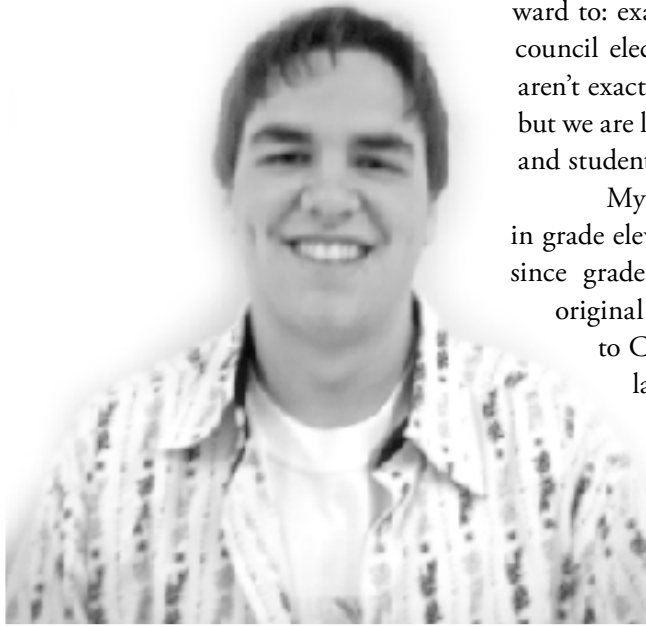
The reason I am running for the position of Vice President is simple: I want to graduate as an accomplished student, feeling assured that I have made my share of contributions to Jarvis. I am a competent can-

didate because I am outgoing, able to take initiative, and able to work great in a team. Most importantly, my determination helps to get the job done.

If elected, my main concern will be to deal with student involvement. I know we are not lacking in school spirit; we just are not given enough opportunity to enjoy it. Therefore we need many more events that are organized by the students, for the students. Dances and assemblies are the usual drill; we need a change because high school is the time to be spontaneous. We should have more fundraising events as a school, rather than just as participants of clubs. It is great that we have many clubs, but I believe it can be better if, on occasion, everyone is able to work together, and all have the chance to make an effort. I will help come up with many ideas on how to have the Student Council interact with the student body more personally, because it is the council's responsibility to voice the students' opinions.

I wish to help Jarvis students make the 200th anniversary of Jarvis Collegiate a memorable one. Every student should be a part of that memory, as it is, after all, our school. I can make a difference, like every Jarvis student, if given the opportunity.

NICK SPECTOR



It's springtime, which gives students at Jarvis three things to look forward to: exams, spring fest, and student council elections. Alright, so maybe we aren't exactly looking forward to exams, but we are looking forward to spring fest and student council elections, right?

My name is Nick Spector, I am in grade eleven and I have been at Jarvis since grade nine, but that wasn't the original plan. I was supposed to go to Central Commerce, but at the last minute I had a gut feeling and changed my choice to Jarvis. I must say it was an excellent decision.

Jarvis is a great school with a lot of great unique people, but like all things,

the school has its flaws. I've lost count of the number of complaints I've heard about dances and other social events around the school. There is clear lack of school spirit, and the current student council has done a rather lackluster job of elevating it.

Elect me for vice president and I'll work closely with the president and the rest of the council to make a real attempt to change these problems. Of course, these are the problems that I've noticed, but I don't want to tell you what's right or wrong with the school, I want it to be the other way around. I want you to feel that you can talk to me, or any member of the student council about what YOU think would make the school a better place, and not feel shy or intimidated about it.

I want to hear what you have to say. Additionally, as vice president, I plan to work not only with the rest of the council to improve on our current school social events, but also add two or three more (a semi-formal, perhaps).

After what has now been almost three years at Jarvis, I've noticed something else: there's a lack of a real connection between the student council and the student body. It seems as though after the election, your voice is no longer important. Well Jarvis, elect me and I'll be sure to change that.

Remember, if you want additional and improved events, real school spirit, and a voice that will be respected and listened to, vote Nick Spector for vice president.



THE DIARY OF A VOTER

A look into what it's like for the average student at election time *by Dana Marson*

I get to class, just in time for the anthem. The voice of a student calls out over the p.a. explaining that there will be a meeting for the Student Council hopefuls, and every listener is made aware of the school election to come. Unaffected, I prepare for class, and start a conversation with a friend. Not until I learn that he would be running would I begin to consider how our school leaders could affect my daily life during and after campaigning.

As the posters go up and the hallways are filled with talk about whom the best candidate is I notice how much pressure is on. Not only do candidates have to convince the general student body, but also mutual friends as to why they would be the better pick. A friend comes to me looking for reassurance in my vote, and I can't answer honestly, because I just don't know.

Campaign week hasn't even started, yet I've already been handed pens with messages of propaganda on them and been talked to personally by several candidates looking for my vote. This technically isn't allowed, though some are eager to send their message out. It's totally understandable, right? And so I consider again, what

am I going to do? Do I want a leader who bends the rules for his or her personal benefit?

I overhear a candidate talking about how stressed out she is about it all:

"Maybe I should give out free stuff too, what do you think?" And so, it has become a popularity competition. But what about *my* concerns? What do they think about *my* ideas? Sure they say that they'll bring more to the table, but how do I know?

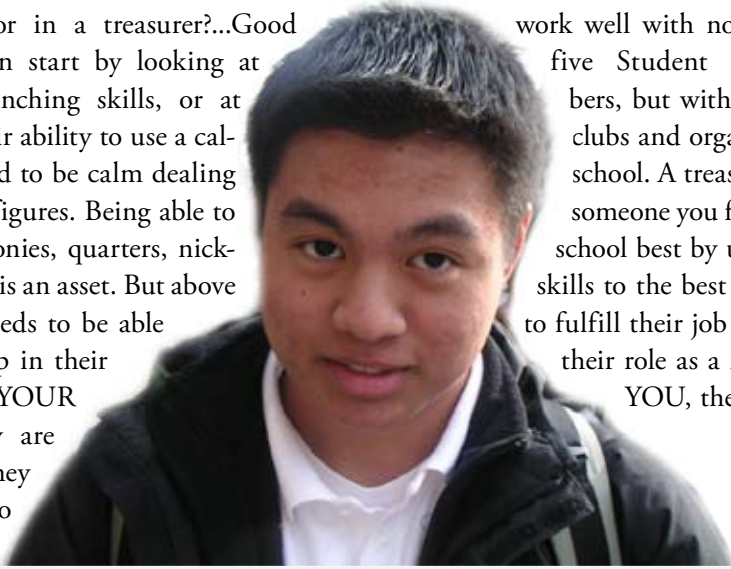
Everyone looks forward to the election assembly, because we get to see how the candidates portray themselves – more importantly, how far they'll go to make a fool of themselves for votes. Most students don't care about the issues at hand until they are well into the next school year and dissatisfied because of an unfit council; the entertainment factor of the election assembly does all the persuading in most cases. I wonder what'll make my decision; come on Jarvis, let's raise the curtain.

TREASURER

TIMOTHY DELEON

The Human-ATM

What to look for in a treasurer?...Good question. You can start by looking at their number-crunching skills, or at the very least, their ability to use a calculator. They need to be calm dealing with money and figures. Being able to count loonies, toonies, quarters, nickels and dimes fast is an asset. But above all, a treasurer needs to be able to constantly keep in their mind that it is YOUR money that they are dealing with. They need to be able to



work well with not just the other five Student Council members, but with all of the other clubs and organizations of the school. A treasurer needs to be someone you feel will serve the school best by using all of their skills to the best of their abilities to fulfill their job as treasurer and their role as a representative of YOU, the students.

THE NEXT GENERATION:

PRACHY MOHAN



Hey Jarvisites! My name is Prachy Mohan and I am running for the position of Treasurer. The position of a treasurer is all about MONEY! Who else could be better for this position other than the person who knows all about it—ME! I know that some people in Jarvis have trouble with money so I will do my best to keep the prices of things low like the SAC cards, agendas, dances and all the events that the future Student Council decides to organise. I will provide better funds to clubs which will encourage different club forma-

tion that will appeal to different people's needs and wants. I want everyone to get involved because I think it is unfair that people don't participate due to financial difficulties.

Math is one of my favourite and strong subjects and I hope to bring those skills to this position. I can assure you that Mr. O' Handley has prepared me well for this position. His teaching in Grade 11 Accounting course has enhanced my knowledge which I will use to benefit you guys. Also, my team came first in the High School Business Competition which deals with the aspects of running a business relating to accounting—again MONEY! These experiences will help me be the best of the best. Out of the six positions I chose to run for treasurer because of my passion and my skills.

Being in the student council also requires team work, enthusiasm and commitment

for change. I have all these qualities which I have demonstrated in various clubs and activities such as Peer Leader, the Amnesty Club, the 2006 Fashion Show, Talent Show (2005 & 2006), tutoring program, United Way fundraising, Red White and Blue Day and many others. I am also the communication director of Multicultural Club which is always bringing various events for Jarvis students such as the Talent Show.

I am dedicated to making Jarvis a better place for everyone. Vote for me and I will do anything in my power to make the next year fun and affordable for everyone. On top of all this I will be a good team player, making sure the voices of the student body are heard and that the president takes their view into consideration before making any decisions. **PRACHY FOR TREA\$URER!!!!**

DEREK LAI



Hello all! My name is Derek Lai. I am currently in grade 10 and I would like to become your treasurer. That's right, I said your treasurer. As far as I am concerned, I am the only person who always carries a pen/pencil and paper, ready to write numbers. (I used to have a calculator in my pocket too but then I lost it...no worries I'll replace it.)

I am in the SOMC. You might have heard it on the PA in the morning. The SOMC is a charity club in the school, and I am the treasurer of that club, which means that I have

the experience of counting the endless coins that come my way. I also have tons of experience counting pennies from under the couch, in my pockets that I never knew existed, and sometimes even on the sidewalks. However, that is all in the past, and I am hoping to trade up and start to count the best high school in the world's bills, and no I don't mean people who are named Bill.

If I get elected I WILL make sure that your money goes to where you want it to go, or at least not into the pockets of my future fellow student council members. I also promise to lower the cost of the yearbook by as much as possible. I don't have the manipulative mind that my opponents do, but I do believe that everyone will make the right decision by voting for the best candidate for the job, whether it is me or not.

Last for a reason, vote for Derek! What could possibly go wrong?

MULU TESFU



If you are reading this, it means that either (A) you have been captivated by this exquisite specimen of man (in the photo above), or (B) you are considering yours truly for the office of treasurer of our presently mediocre excuse for a student council.

For those of you who do not know me, my name is Mulutsega T. Tesfu or in short, MULU. I have been considering running for treasurer since my first year at Jarvis, when the very comedic Michael Duong held the position. It seems to me that everything we ask of the student council (Spring Fest, Prom, etc.) needs fundraising, spending, and every other form of monitoring of the council's liquid assets. The one thing that must be acquired before any

organization takes place is cash, cash and more cash.

The office of treasurer isn't the most sought after of all the positions, however I believe that control of our school's cash means control of our school's social events, which in turn means a control of our student council.

On a lighter note, we have all made jokes about the lack of effort and competence that went into the running of this year's student council. They have popped their heads out a few times this year; but I have no memory of ever seeing our council in an assembly or any other organized social event. This year we might be able to let it pass, but next year being our school's 200th year anniversary, we as a school will not find that acceptable.

So whether I am on the council or not, I promise to work as hard as I can so that next year will be an unforgettable celebration of our school's rich history. I leave you now with a few words which you have all surely heard during the course of my campaign: **IF YOU TREASURE YOUR VOTE, VOTE MULU FOR TREASURER!**

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VPX

GIORGIO TRAINI

The Xtravert



This is your VPX speaking. That's right, I'm your Vice President of External-Affairs. The one that brings

your voice and shouts it to the hills of the TDSB, although if you've ever worked with the school board you'll realize there are more chasms than valleys to shout from. That means that I take the concerns of Jarvis students—from unusable washrooms, to student rights, to safe schools—and bring them forward as issues that have to be dealt with by those that can. Your VPX allows Jarvis students to have their issues heard by administration, and students around Toronto as well as the monolithic school board.

With the ending of the year and my replacement at my post there is one important part of this office that I would like to make sure every student at Jarvis has an idea of. This is the Super Council. Yes indeed it sounds like a gang of super

human mutants whose mission is to save the world, and in a way it is. The Super Council is a group of students that are elected each spring by representatives from every school in the city. These students work together to get student issues heard, publicized and fixed. I had the privilege of being elected to the Super Council as a Co-Chair of the South West Quadrant, which Jarvis is a part of. This enabled me to be a part of movements to codify student rights, fix student fees, campaign for programs for at risk youth and help students from around the city meet to share ideas and challenges that all Student Councils face.

I hope that in the coming year whoever is elected as the VPX of Jarvis continues to be a part of the Super Council, for it is an essential way to get

the always interesting voice of Jarvis heard. I also hope that other student will get involved and if you are interested please talk to me about it because student involvement does not end at Student Council.

There is one final request I'll make before I pass the baton to my successor. It is that the next VPX also fulfills my even more important task on Student Council; the task of being the voice of reason and skeptical criticism. Every Student Council needs someone to tell them that some ideas are ridiculous, or that some things aren't really an issue. So I hope that everyone chooses their next VPX wisely and I am succeeded by someone who is both loud, vibrant and constructively critical.

THE NEXT GENERATION:

KAY DYSON TAM



It's that time of year again! Election time! We already had a federal election, but it's time to put what you learned, or will learn, in Civics to the test again. Now for those seasoned voters out there I'm sure you know the drill. For those of you who don't know, I'm looking to count on your vote for KDT for VPX. My name is Kay Dyson Tam and I want to be JCI's next Vice-President of External Affairs! Besides being able to offer you charm, wit and wisdom, I can bring the experience I gained while working with this year's Student Council as a Grade 9 Senator. I helped organize dances, pep rallies and assemblies, among other events, while using my strong leadership skills and creative ideas to help make JCI amazing this year. I was involved in an array of other things around the school including the 'Fantasize Fashion Show' benefit, peer tutoring and numerous sports teams. Whether I've met you or you've just seen me in the halls, I'd love to say "hi" and tell you why I deserve your vote.

Although this year was excellent, there's always room for improvement and I believe that I can, with your help and vote of confidence, be that improvement.

I plan to prevent lateness for classes by providing chaperoned luxury cars for students who have problems making it to school on time by their own means. I can provide quilted, two-ply toilet paper for the washrooms during a washroom renewal project, and while on the topic of impossible goals, I plan to make the cafeteria food affordable and actually taste good. This is a time for a strong, proud Jarvis with strong, comfy TP. This is a time for tasty, edible cafeteria food. This is a time to VOTE KAY!

But seriously, who am I kidding. I can't promise less homework or shortened days, because I can't promise you promises that I can't keep. But one thing I can promise is this: I will listen to you and act upon your ideas and what you want and need at JCI. I will try my best to do this, which is all anyone can really promise honestly.

So here's the pitch: I'll listen to you, do my best (which luckily is pretty good), as long as you vote for me. For JCI, vote KDT for VPX.

STUDENT SURVEY

What do you look for in a candidate?

"Personality and knowledge based on what they're running for, ... and dedication!"

Ann Chiem, Grade 11

"Responsible, dependable, smart, and, basically, chillin'."

Richard Sze, Grade 11

"No offense but in the previous year, as most have said, the Student Council wasn't 'up to par.' A good candidate is someone who can focus on important issues, isn't afraid to bring new ideas to the table and someone who we can trust to do a good job. Another important thing is for a good candidate to be someone who knows how Jarvis runs, and what is important that we need, and what the Jarvis student body wants."

Katie Baldwin, Grade 11

"I want someone that's actually gonna listen to other people's ideas and work on them."

Alicia Didow, Grade 12

"I don't care about Student Council; they don't do anything"

Sivasutha Balasingam, Grade 10

"Honesty – [a candidate who] doesn't make false promises."

Tanya Aktar, Grade 10

ADVICE:

"Promise to get people involved."

Grace Mahary, Grade 11

"[Give out] free food!"

Katrina Vanderwyk, Grade 9

"Be able to reach out to all types of students, especially hearing out their concerns."

Timothy De Leon, Grade 12

"Smile more!"

Ms Dutko

SECRETARY

RAJAA ALI

The Organizer

So you're probably wondering, what can I count on when I run and campaign for Secretary?

As Secretary, your job is outlined as taking notes and recording minutes at meetings. Organization is a key word, and should be written all over the future Secretary. Also keep in mind that by taking up the responsibilities of being Secretary, you're agreeing to work in harmony with five other amazing individuals.

Giving up is not an option, no matter how stressed you may be with ISUs, personal dilemmas, marks, university or college ... at the end of each day it's important to remember the responsibilities that you've promised to keep as

Secretary and from there, try your best to organize your time wisely. Harmony is crucial; you have to be able to handle a couple of arguments and understand that voicing your opinion, ideas and objections is also required in the job as Secretary.

As a member of the Student Council you're pledging to spend your precious time and energy to the common goal of making the upcoming school year memorable.

Before you even consider running for Secretary, I seriously suggest you take the time to just stop and think, "What are my priorities in life?" and if the answer isn't the best fit response then it's necessary for you to start NOW at

changing and preparing yourself for the busy, time consuming and AMAZING year coming ahead of you.

In the end, I guarantee you're going to appreciate the decisions you've made, once you realize how much you've learnt and grown by being a member of the Student Council. I highly recommend this role to anyone who's up for the challenge, is willing to make sacrifices and intends to have an extraordinary year at Jarvis.



THE NEXT GENERATION:

CLEVER LUU

I'm a clever person of few words, but since I thought I should write this Jargon blurb, this is what I have to say.

For those of you who don't know me, you should know that I'm reliable and organized with a touch of neurosis. I'm nice enough for anyone and everyone to approach me. I think that the Student Council should be, as a whole, approachable, and that's a reason why I believe I'd be a good candidate.

What else can I say about myself? I love music and television, that's why I'm part of this year's Video Crew. The Video Crew has forced me to deal with the evil Mac computers, but at the same time it has also provided me with a learning experience. >_> Yes, that's right! I actually liked learning something in an extracur-

ricular. I've also learned that the top will always go for the bottom. In life, assumptions can be dangerous, as goes the same with disagreements; that's why it's important to hear each other out. Dare me to move and I'll try. You may be confused right now but as one of my friends would say, "It's epic". =)

Besides Video Crew, I have also been in the Jarvis Stars Talent Show, performing the Dance of the Decade. That's right I know how to dance; shocking isn't it? I've learned to be balanced and also how to balance things, so there's no need to worry about me neglecting my secretarial responsibilities if I become elected.

That's why you should REMEMBER THE NAME: CLEVER and VOTE FOR ME for Secretary of J.C.I!!!



KADIJO AFRAH

Hey Jarvis, my name is Kadijo Afrah and I am running for the secretary position. I am currently in grade 11, meaning sadly next year will be my final at Jarvis.

Becoming part of the Student Council is not an easy job and it doesn't come with an instruction manual. The Student Council requires people who are willing to put a lot of hard work and dedication into making a successful and enjoyable school year. With that being said, I believe that I am a great candidate to make it happen.

I decided to run for the secretary position because it's the position that suits me best, it's also a position where my strengths can be put into great use. Throughout my years attending

Jarvis, I have seen some great Student Councils and others which lacked a lot of initiative. Was this because members were too lazy to do anything or were they just too busy with other things? In either case, the key ingredient that was missing from their council was organization and school spirit.

For those who know me and for those who don't, organization is my middle name, while school spirit is what I do best. Just take a look at my agenda and you'll see what I mean. If elected as Secretary, I will be the chain that holds Student Council together. I will make sure that things are planned out in according to what you, the student body, want to see happen. Things won't be left to the last minute but rather they will get done in a timely and orderly manner. I'll also make sure that the other five members of the Student Council are also on task and not day dreaming somewhere else.

So if you want a Student Council that works, vote Kadijo Afrah for Secretary and you'll see the change.





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SOCIAL CONVENOR

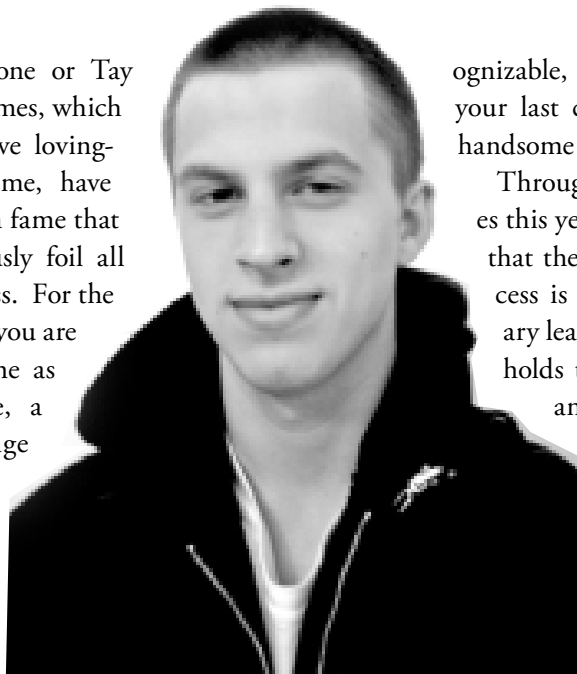
TAYLOR BALDWIN

Our very own Baldwin brother

Listen my minions, your master speaks. This election has been a long time coming, and is finally upon us. I am, as the rumours say, not running for office in the upcoming election, but fear not oh faithful servants. This is all part of my sinister plan to conquer first Jarvis, then the WORLD.

For the next little while I will need to keep myself as inconspicuous as possible. The celebrity status I have attained as Social Convener does not suit my upcoming plans at all. In fact, since I have gained so much publicity in the past few months I will need to attain an alias for the upcoming year. As of September you will no longer call

me Taylor, T-Bone or Tay Tay, for these names, which my followers have lovingly adorned on me, have attained so much fame that they will obviously foil all chances of success. For the next school year you are all to refer to me as Abbot Corndale, a foreign exchange student from Kazakhstan. Also I will have to scar my face very badly as to become unrec-



ognizable, so ladies this is your last chance with this handsome mug.

Through my experiences this year I have decided that the democratic process is not for a visionary leader like myself. It holds too many checks and balances, regulations and rules that can really oppress the mind of a genius like myself. For instance, are

you aware that the Jarvis constitution disapproves of the death penalty when dealing with obvious rule breaking, rebel rousers. This will all change soon.

Next year when the time is right we will rise my children. I will not say when this uprising will take place in case this letter falls into the hands of the spies working for the Jargon, who, as you know, are constantly working to foil my plans of world domination. When the time is right I will send word, but until then be ever ready and watchful.

P.S. I'm serious about that face scarring thing so..... uh..... think about it, okay.

THE NEXT GENERATION:

SASKIA BOODHOO

I'm a grade 11 Student and I will be running for Social Convenor for next year. I'm running for social convenor next year because I would like for the students of Jarvis C.I. to have a year to remember, a year full of activities, a year of fun and memorable moments, and a year to look back upon and in the end say that was a great year. That is my aim for next year.

One of my real issues I would really like to improve on would be the dances at Jarvis. Dances are something all high school kids look forward to, especially when a new year begins and there are lots of new students in the school. It's a great way for everyone to meet each other and have fun and just hang out, and once the first dance of the year is a hit people look forward to going to the others. The one thing a dance needs is a GOOD DJ, and I have that covered. That's one thing that we don't

have to worry about from now, we'll have special guests and everything coming through just to make the year more memorable. Aside from dances, we need to have other events like spirit week but I want spirit week to have something to entertain everyone and bring up their school spirits.

The students, you guys, your opinions and suggestions count. I want to hear any ideas you guys have for things you would like to see and happen during the year. If we can't accomplish them completely, I'll try to take bits and pieces and put it all together. So, if you guys vote for me, your year will be full of memories and fun times.



HAYLEY FRANKLIN



My name is Hayley Franklin, I'm in grade 11 and I am running for the position of Social Convenor. I have been at Jarvis since grade 9 and have always taken part in school activities. I am on many teams (basketball, softball, volleyball), I was an MC for this year's fashion show, and in the past I have been a class representative and a peer-leader.

I am running for Social Convenor because I feel like right now, not a lot of people are interested in our school events and not a lot is being done to change that. If made Social Convenor, I will take suggestions for school events and make them the way the students want them, as opposed to only making them how the Student Council wants them.

I will also try and make the dances more fun and exciting. Right now our dances lack spirit (and attendance). I would like to change that by including things like a good DJ who plays more than just one type of music, and by having things like themed dances (costume dance for Halloween). I

also think that there should be prizes and food at our dances.

I think that I can do this job well because I have good social skills and because I have good ideas that will help to improve our lack of school spirit. I would also be good for this position because I am approachable and because I can get things done. I want Jarvis to have more people want to come to the events and to be involved in the events.

As Social Convenor, I will make events and dances that are worth going to. So if you want some good dances, fun events, and a good Social Convenor then vote for me, Hayley Franklin.

ANGELA SUN

Hi Jarvis! My name is Angela Sun, I'm in grade 10 and I am running for the position of Social Convener on the Student Council. I think that I am the ideal candidate because I am enthusiastic, energetic and will bring many fresh ideas to the council. I chose to run for this position because, as a fellow Jarvisite, I would like to have a more exciting time next year and I think that many students in Jarvis also feel the same way.

I believe that I would make a good Social Convenor because I'm an out-going and socially active person. I am also very involved around the school; having been involved in Jarvis Peer Leaders, the Fashion Show, Jarvis Airwaves, Volunteer Now, Amnesty International, the Talent Show, Concert Choir and currently, a Morning Announcer. From these activities, I've seen firsthand how involved Jarvisites are in their school, when given the opportunity and I think that the student council should plan events that reflect the interest of the students.

I propose to find better, more effective ways for the students to communicate their ideas to the council and for the council to update students upon what they are planning. One way is to have the student council set up an e-mail account, since most of the school uses e-mail/msn, where students can submit suggestions as well as receive

e-mails from the student council about upcoming events. I also promise to not only to improve prom and school dances but to also invest more time and money into planning activities like Spring Fest and School Spirit Week, so that people who do not 'dance' can participate as well.

There had been many complaints about how the student council doesn't have a purpose in this school or don't really do anything. A lot of people don't even know who the members of the student council are! I think that it is up to the council itself to not only go out and support the various clubs and events at Jarvis but to also to advertise themselves to the student body. It is up to the student council to maintain a steady stream of communication between the council and the rest of the school, so that student suggestions can be heard and used.

So vote Angela Sun for Social Convenor if you want to have some awesome events next year!

