**The McMaster Students Union**

**PRESIDENT’S PAGE**

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I don’t know who you should vote for; that completely depends on you. Platform points are important, as they show you a candidate’s goals for the year, but to me, the platform is not as important as the individual behind it. At the end of the day, the platform is a relatively small part of the job.

The things that come across my desk vary widely. To handle the job’s diverse and unpredictable demands, the next President must have a thorough, holistic understanding of student life here at Mac. They must be willing to work hard but also work smart. They must also be good at communicating and multitasking.

If I was in your shoes (I wear a size 13, so it might be hard to fit in your shoes), I would vote for a candidate in whom I could see myself, whom I would feel comfortable representing me, and whose principles and values resonated with mine.

This is not to downgrade the importance of platform points, as those might be the only way you might interact with the candidates. In addition, though, I encourage you to attend the Presidential Debate on January 21, in order to get a sense of the candidates as individuals. Visit them in MUSC or on social media. Links to all campaign material can be found at msumcmaster.ca/elections.

If a candidate’s platform stands out to you, feel free to vote for them. On the other hand, do not be afraid to take a step back from the big ideas to evaluate what each candidate brings to the table.

This year has been great so far, and I am excited to find out who is going to replace me in the coolest job on campus. When you get the Elections link in your email later this month, please open it and vote.

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