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1. If you look at the job of v.p. you realize it has two facets. There is a managerial side and there is also a working with the societies on campus, that is going outside the SUB. Accordingly it is good to have experience with at least one society outside of the SUB. It is also good to have some managerial experience, not necessarily DSU oriented, but definitely a background in some kind of management work.

If you have worked on the D.S.U., if you have been involved with a society, and if you have worked on the DSU Council, I think all that would be a definite advantage coming into the job of v.p. because you probably have a better idea of what the job entails. Especially if you have been on council and been involved with the v.p. on the SUB-operations committee, or the entertainment committee. Here you would have done a few things with the v.p. and seen what he or she has to do.

As far as experience is concerned this has been my first year on the Dalhousie Student Council. I was the Howe Hall representative to Council and I sat on various committees. At Howe Hall I sat on the Constitution Committee and the Recruitment Committee. At the D.S.U. level I sat on communications, external affairs and I was just recently appointed to the SUB-operations committee. As well I was on the Transition Year unit review committee.

As far as management is concerned I have worked for the government, in the department of supply and service with the business advisor to the director general. That definitely gave me a good look at a managerial type job. Sort of a line function as opposed to a staffing function. I think I would take a lot of that experience with me into the job of v.p.

2. There are at least two sides to that.

One is the student representation that would be lost on the senate committee, and on the board of governor's committees. It (the student representation) wouldn't be as uniform a voice from the student population without the DSU. They couldn't focus on issues as well.

One of the main reasons the DSU was organized was to add some weight to any problems they wanted to vice, legi-

timize complaints with numbers.

On the services side there are a lot of student services run by the DSU, as well as a lot of services run by the administration. I think it is important to have some student services staffed by students. First of all it gives a person like myself the opportunity to get involved and work with other students. As well it creates another interaction between students and the administration. As opposed to the administration doing everything on it's own.

It is a lot easier on the services side for the DSU to set up a service and run it. It is very difficult for the DSU to lobby the administration into doing something. Just as it is in provincial or federal politics. It takes a lot of organization, a lot of hard work to be able to lobby the government into doing anything.

3. Whenever you are working with students it is very easy to pick up the problems students are having. For example — running something like the second hand bookstore. There you are going to run into a lot of students. And as you are going to have the opportunity to talk small talk and this is going to give you a chance to meet students from all across the campus, different faculties, and you may pick up some concerns from there and you can pursue them. In that way a service is tied to the political side just by the interaction of students.

I think most people perceive the DSU to be too service oriented. I think the v.p. should make an effort to get out of the SUB more often, and to visit more societies. Not just about service questions but definitely about political questions that may be affecting them. Especially because the v.p. is the one who deals with all the societies. It would be very easy in dealing with them through the administration process to pick up on some at their political concerns.

4. Having gone over the constitution, and realizing that a past president at the DSU, Tim Hill, was the person who did the latest major revision of the constitutions, and noting that at a council meeting this year the Judicial Board brought to the attention of the council that they thought the constitution had been written by someone on qualudes, I have mixed feelings about this.

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1. This year I was a student senator. Last year I was an RA at Howe Hall, and while not a primarily political job, you had to deal with a lot of politics in Howe Hall.

I think previous experience in student politics is very essential to the job of DSU president. I found this year it took a couple of months just to get used to the things you had to deal with. With the job of president you shouldn't have to spend any time getting used to things like that. You should have previous experience because without it, I think you'll be fairly naive in a lot of the jobs you have to undertake.

2. I think the most important thing the DSU can do for its members is provide a liaison between the students and the administration of the university. Without this link, students have a pretty imposing obstacle to get around to deal with the administration. The DSU has seats on the Senate and seats on the Board of Governors, as well as seats on many of the committees of those two bodies. This is essential and can provide the students with a knowledge of what's going on as well as an active voice in the administration of the university.

Efforts should be made to give the students more direct access to this knowledge and this influence. I don't feel the DSU has reached its full potential in providing a link between the students and the administration and I'd like to see direct access gained. Perhaps this could be achieved by establishing a computerized file system with minutes of the Senate meetings and the Board of Governors meetings, minutes of DSU meetings so that the information is more accessible that it is at present.

3. I don't think that it's up to CFS and SUNS to do things for Dalhousie students. I think that if students at Dalhousie want to get more out of CFS and SUNS, they have to take a more active role. Both organizations provide excellent services and opportunities for students here at Dalhousie. The SUNS taskforce on student aid is an important step in the right direction. But I wasn't pleased with the way it was handled here at Dal. The student aid taskforce wasn't publicized at all so the student input was very low and student enthusiasm was very low. I think that SUNS, however, can be very effective but we have to get more involved. The same goes with CFS. I think there's a lot of potential with CFS as a government lobbyist, but right now I don't think that potential is being met. I think that the services side of CFS is a lot more effective. It provides some excellent services; there's an information network, it provides an excellent health plan and a number of other things.

Any organization such as CFS or SUNS which give university students from across Canada an opportunity to sit down and exchange ideas are very valuable. I'm glad we're involved and I'd like to see Dalhousie take an important role in making them more effective.

4. I think students should have a voice in the administration of the university. I am very pleased that we have student seats on very important and key Senate and BOG committees: the financial planning committee and the academic planning committee. I think they should have a voice.

I support the proposal of the DSU to put more student seats on Senate. I think we should have a more substantial voice because with only five senators, it's very difficult to handle the workload. It's hard to represent all the students at the university. (Under the DSU proposal) each faculty would have

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What we asked the candidates for president:

1. What experience have you had in student politics and how essential is previous experience in student politics for the job of DSU president?

2. What are the most important things the DSU can do for its members?

3. What more can CFS and SUNS do for Dalhousie students and what role should Dalhousie play in these two organizations?

4. What role should students play in the administration of the university?

What we asked the candidates for vice-president:

1. How essential is previous experience in student politics for the job of DSU vice-president, and what experience have you had in student politics?

2. How would students notice it if the DSU were abolished tomorrow and its functions taken over by the university administration?

3. How can the service and political functions of the DSU work more closely together?

4. Should the DSU constitution be changed? and if so why?

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