

Blewett continued...

Students have to wait too late for their aid cheques, so their personal budgeting is messed up. We want to conduct a survey to establish an accurate, credible proposal to the provincial government.

12. To get autonomy the Gazette needs a referendum. If the Gazette wants autonomy, it should have its referendum. If students have problems with the way the council handles the Gazette, then they should have the vote. I have heard that other papers have had interference from student council, which I strongly disapprove of. I have no problems with the principle of the separation of Gazette finances.

Laparco continued...

facilities here, and government funding hasn't kept pace with the increased enrolment. However, the housing study report, *Past Present and Future*, is indicating that our enrolment is going to level off; it's going up to about 8,050 students the year after next and it will come back down to 7,500 students in the late 1980's and 1990's, so it's going to be strange.

4. No, not directly involved with this year's council. I was a student Advocate and that's a committee but they don't have an office in this building, so you couldn't say I was directly involved. However, we are a student service for whenever they happen to get into trouble. I was also involved with the Law Society.

5. I think one thing the president can attempt to do--it's the same every year--is to remove student apathy, to try to get them more involved in the student union activities. We could have more activities on campus, have a better orientation possibly, increased involvement from off campus students.

The (president's) position is dealing with the government and the administration, addressing student interests. The president is largely image.

I shall make sure student interests are advocated. I'm going to try to be very forceful in that regard--I'm a very outspoken individual and that gets me in trouble sometimes, but...

6. I think that a national student organization is necessary because the only way we're going to effectively put any pressure on a federal government is by having a central body situated in Ottawa. CFS is divided into two areas--services and policy. The services side is pretty well self-reliant--they provide useful student services that I'm sure nobody would want to get rid of; Travel CUTS and the Studentsaver programme. While it's not very widely used on the Dalhousie campus I think they're a very good idea and there's room for increased use of those services. The policy side is where they have financial problems. However, you can't always measure it in financial terms. The good they can do in Ottawa may make it worth the cost. They take a very

good chunk of our budget (\$30,000).

If all the universities voice their opinion together, we feel that it can be used very effectively.

There's a problem with representation, they don't always address regional concerns. We'd like to see more participation for Dalhousie at CFS so our points of view can be put forth.

7. SUNS is fairly important in that education is a provincial matter. The elected voice of 20,000 students for Nova Scotia pressuring the provincial government for increased money is much more effective than Dalhousie arguing in front of the government. I think that, once again, maybe to Dal, SUNS may be more important than the CFS organization. They don't provide as big a service department as CFS does, but I find this organization very useful to enhance student positions in the province.

It's with the provincial government when you want more funds.

There seems to be a problem--a couple of the universities are questioning the role of SUNS. If its credibility will be undermined the lobbying voice is going to be very weakened. I would support a strong SUNS. If it's going to splinter, we'd have to take a look.

8. Philosophically, I'm opposed to differential fees, however I understand Dalhousie's position. The government withholds money from them. We're meeting with Terry Donahoe to find out exactly how this works. I was told the government withholds \$375 right now, which Dalhousie's administration has to make up and they do it by charging differential fees. I'd like to see some pressure put on the government to see if they'd stop doing it. They use arguments--these people should pay differential fees because they don't pay provincial taxes. The same argument goes for students from New Brunswick and elsewhere.

9. A student issue is everybody's issue, everybody's concern: older people, younger people, a student--there's no definition of a true student issue--students are people. I am aware students are involved in many other worldwide issues. However, I'm not sure whether the role of student government is to provide money for other things. It does provide money anyway when it puts money into the foreign student committee. They use the committee to discuss their pet schemes and they bring it to everybody else's attention. However, getting directly involved in international dilemmas--I don't see that as the role of the student union.

The student union should be basically concerned with the student body.

I think that it's hard enough to get students interested in campus-wide activities--when you start splintering it into other activities...

10. Yes. However, it's very unlikely that we could get an increased role in the university's financial management. That's

exactly what the provincial government wants to do with this new Royal Commission. They may be saying we want to funnel our money in specific areas. I don't know if students should have any more input on what programmes we want to eliminate than what the provincial government would have. You get into a situation of "tyranny of the majority"--a lot of students don't want a fine arts department so does that mean that our fine arts department is cut?

I also don't know how sound a policy that would be. Much more policy would have to be done in the role students would have in money management. I'd have to take a much more in-depth look

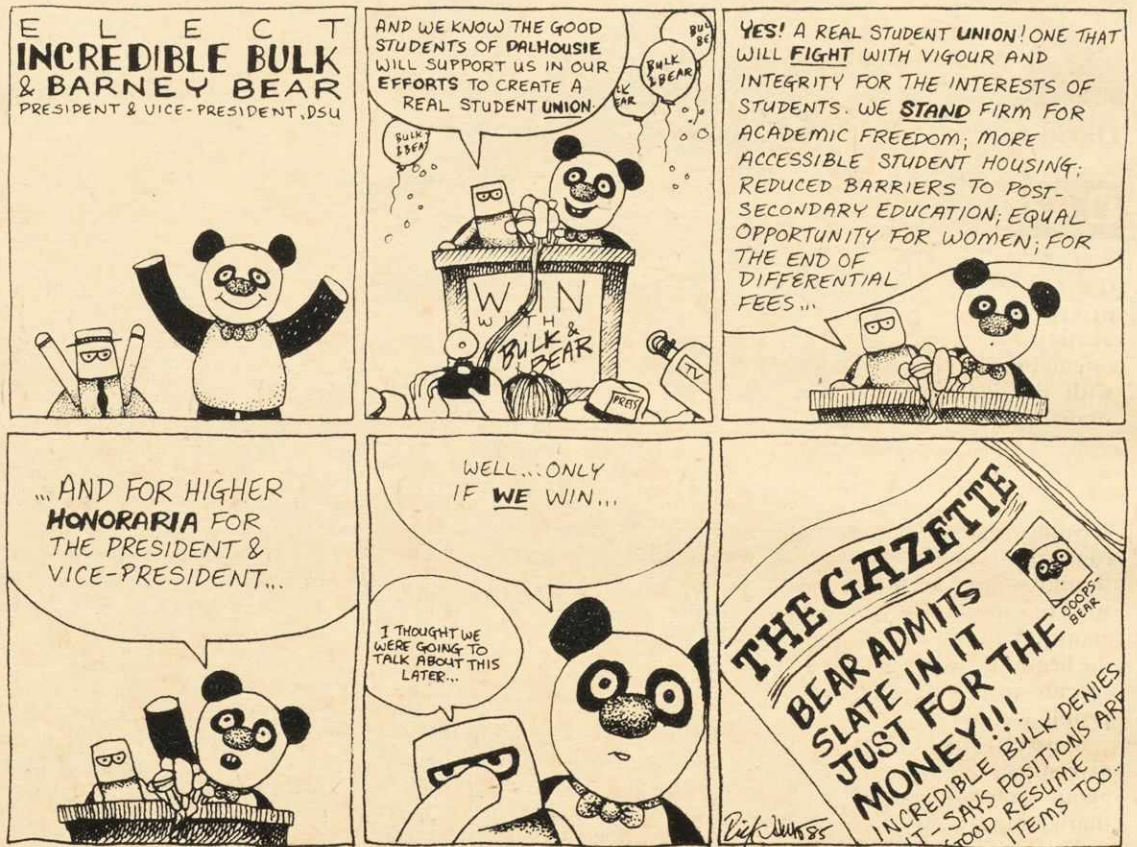
at that before I could answer that properly.

11. No, I mean I'm in a position right now where I have run out of money. There are many students especially in Halifax who spend so much on rent that I think it's outdated. Again, I don't know how much we'll be able to influence student loans and bursaries and things like that, but I would definitely favour a group that would pressure the government to try to expand those services because students are always in financial need. I would definitely favour increases in loans but how realistic is it? We'll have to see.

12. I believe in editorial autonomy. However I think that the Gazette is a student service and should be readily accessible to students. I was told that there's talk of moving it to another building, or getting money directly from the administration. However, I feel that anything that will lessen the Gazette's profile in the student community is bad. I don't want to interfere with the editorial policy but I don't agree with taking them out of the student's eye.

The Gazette is a free press and we back that. It's very good that opinions can be given to everybody without having to conform to guidelines. We would like to work with the Gazette this year to make it accessible.

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