

Editorial

CUS and the vice-presidency

The Student Union has yet to make any attempt to bring the issue of CUS to the Dalhousie student. Neither in terms of what a national student union is or should be, or to what policies the national union is now committed has this been done.

The basis of such a union must be that leaders should be responsible to their students. That is not to say that there should be a campus referendum on each issue which CUS discusses. But student leaders should at least be able to defend to their constituents the stands they have taken.

Not only is neglect to do so a negation of democratic principles, but it also destroys the effectiveness of what CUS is trying to do. If CUS is to become an effective movement for change in the university, and if it is to emphasize the student's role in society, then it must have the support of a large number of Canadian students. If Canadian students in general have as little knowledge as those at Dalhousie about what their national union is doing, then there is no possibility that such a movement will develop.

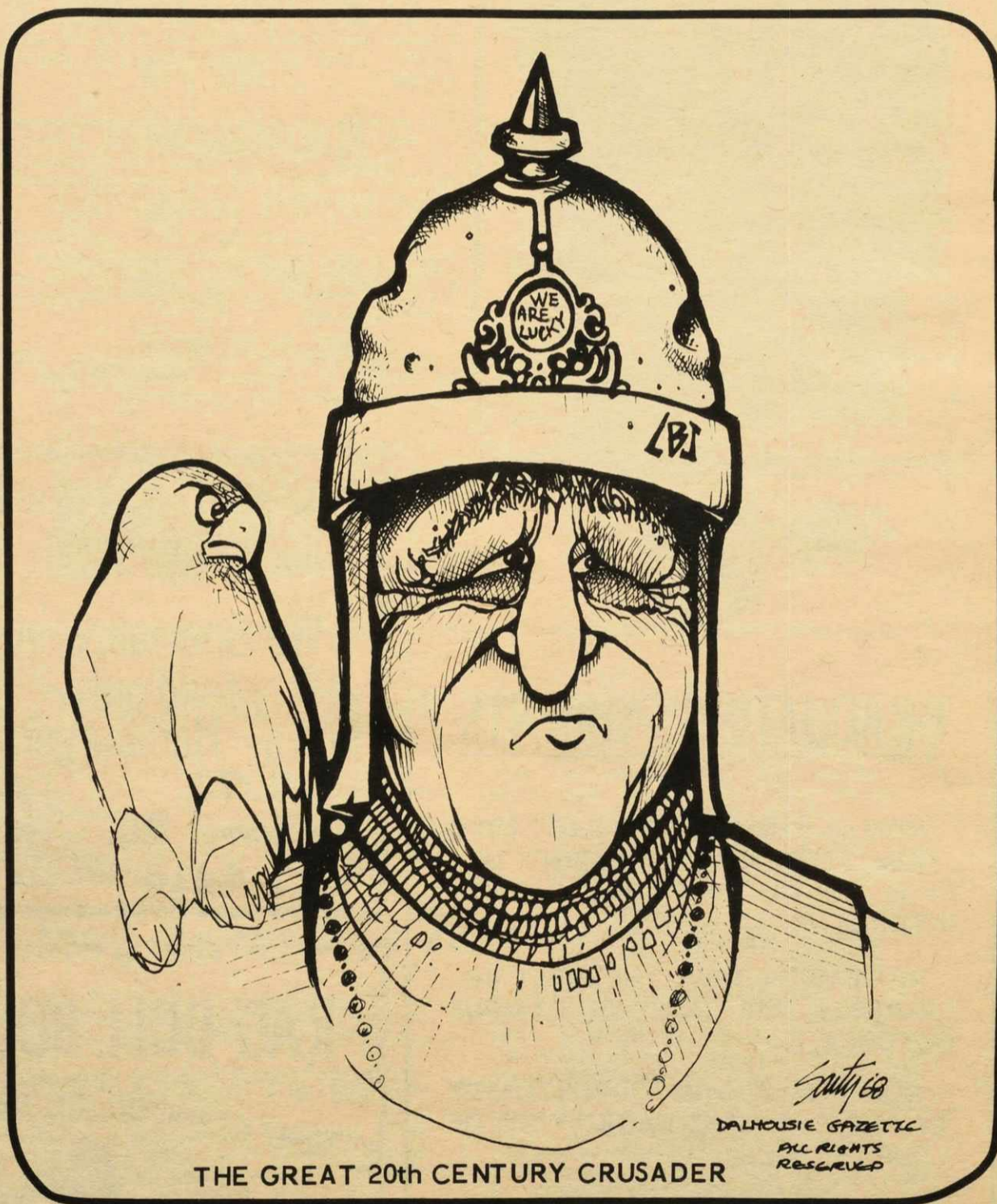
This is not to say that the Student Union is wholly at fault for the lack of communication of CUS's existence - the Gazette has also erred in the past in not fully reporting on these issues. This we hope to rectify soon. But the Gazette is not the only means the Student Union has of confronting students with important issues - in fact, if the Union were to show any imagination at all, their program could be more effective than the Gazette could ever hope to be.

One of the first steps should be to have a vice-presidential election campaign in which CUS is a basic issue. This would undoubtedly lead to a campaign which is more productive than those in the past. There should be, easily distinguishable es-

tablishment, pro-CUS and anti-establishment, anti-CUS candidates.

Hiding their stands on important issues, such as CUS, or not having any stands at all, and running on purely personal or local issues has not been difficult for Dalhousie candidates in the past.

But if it continues to happen, and if candidates refuse to discuss issues relevant to the student, then there's bound to be a reaction against the Student government as a whole, which could lead to an increasing ineffectiveness of any program which the union might wish to carry out.



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A Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:
The recent decision of the Department of Romance Languages not to allow any students who have al-

ready taken French 100 (now discontinued) to enroll in our new classes of French 105 or 106 was ratified by a majority of French teachers at a regular departmental meeting today.

I should be grateful if you enabled me by publishing the present letter in the Gazette to declare to your readers in general, and more particularly to those students who have been directly affected, several of whom consulted me during registration week, that I opposed this decision from the beginning and that I voted against it.

Yours sincerely,
Harry Aikens

Regina Dean resigns

REGINA (CUP) - The dean of arts and science at the University of Saskatchewan campus here has resigned, saying he had lost confidence in the administration of the university and the future of the campus.

In an address to the faculty council, Alwyn Berland cited three reasons for his loss of confidence:

"The consistent refusal of the university administration to make clear to the public and to the faculty and students of the university its position on the importance of university autonomy during last year's crisis with the provincial government." The crisis

concerned attempts by Saskatchewan premier Ross Thatcher to gain full financial control over the university.

"The academic autonomy of the Regina campus has been blocked." (U of S has campuses at Regina and Saskatoon, but only one administration, located in Saskatoon, for major decision.)

"The Regina campus lacks proper physical facilities."

Berland had first submitted his resignation last February, but held it back after he was told there would be action on the problems which concerned him.

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