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concentrates on issues immediate to students lives, I would like to do this job to ensure that issues like employment, accessibility and affordable health care for students remain a priority for the DSU.

2. Kelly: First of all, I could not assume to know what students want at all. Only they know that. But by communicating to students one-on-one or through avenues like the survey that I completed this year I would say that several buzz words might give a general feeling of what students may want.

a) Education – affordability, quality, a rewarding job/career.

b) University – respect, friendships and room to grow.

c) Federal and provincial government – accountability, honesty, financial support.

Brian: Students want an education that enriches them intellectually and gives them real world skills that will help them after graduation.

b) Decent Profs, reasonable tuition and a safe campus.

c) Federally and Provincially students want reasonable funding levels and debt relief.

3. Kelly: Wow, one could go on for days answering this question! This year as the VP Student Advocacy at the DSU I have learned that maintaining strong communications between the students, administration and

government is the key to being an effective lobbyist. By continually giving both administration and government sound policy directives, almost any outcome can be achieved. This year I have acted as a lobbyist and advocate for the students at Dalhousie on municipal, institutional, provincial and federal levels and I believe that I have done a pretty good job!!

Brian: I would like to establish a Committee To Guarantee quality service. Comprised of students the committee would make recommendations directly to council. This committee would respond to concerns from individual students about inefficiencies within the DSU. It would also be charged with searching out inefficiencies within the union and making motions to council to remedy them.

4. Kelly: The DSU is a student organization run by students. In the past the DSU has been very involved in offering business services to students like campus copy, the Grawood, the T-room and has been very successful. However, I believe it's time that the DSU started concentrating more efforts in the areas of student advocacy and research. When you have sound research, lobbying the government and administration becomes a lot easier. As well, we need to start offering students more help with advocacy issues. For example, right now the DSU student advocacy service offers free advice and representation to students who finds themselves

needing to defend an accusation of plagiarism, cheating, etc. This service has been very successful and I would like to expand on it by beginning to offer students a place where they can go to discuss academic problems, employment, goal setting, financial difficulties, etc. so that they can get the help they need to make their year a bit smoother.

Brian: I would like the DSU to publish a Safety audit in the gazette each year. This will give students an accurate representation of what has been happening on campus each year. I would also like to set up a used book exchange. I would also like to see the union actively address the issues faced on campus and in the SUB by Students with Disabilities.

5. Kelly: That's easy, I'd be a box of nerds. I'd be colourful, sweet and I could be in a million places at once!!

Brian: I would like to be a Big Turk, I love that bar, sure it's a freak bar I know that. But Damn it's tasty.

6. Kelly: By being an honest, hard-working employee of the students who always has their best interests in mind.

Brian: I would continue to focus on relevant issues. I think Students need to know about things like the threat posed by Rohypnol on Campus. I also want to ensure that our services continue to grow and be accessed by more students.

7. Kelly: Well, to begin with first I would congratulate the successful candidates and wish them luck in an upcoming fun and challenging year! As for what I would do next year, the possibilities are endless! I could go back to school full-time and finish my degree, try to find a good job, or I could just move South to a beach somewhere and have tropical drinks all day long in my grass hut!!

Brian: I would found my own religion. It will involve the worship of a mythical fruit bat named Jinky. This will involve the consumption of cheap Chianti and vast sums of cotton candy. The liquor and sugar will take me and my followers to new levels of consciousness and nausea. It'll be bigger than Dianetics. All hail Jinky.

ANDREW PHILOPOULOS & MATTHEW HART

1) Being president of the student union means being the leaser and official voice of the students of Dalhousie. I would like to be president of the DSU because I have always deeply cared about students, students issues and the DSU.

The role of the Executive Vice-President is mainly to run the Student Union Building and the services the Students Union provides. I want to be Exec VP so I may achieve the feeling of assisting my fellow students at Dalhousie, and to obtain priceless experience bestowed upon this position.

2a) Students want quality education that will provide them with the skills and knowledge to help them enter and adjust to the 'real world'. Students also want an education that is affordable, that will not leave them in a very disadvantaged position upon graduation.

b) Students want a University that will provide them a quality education, small classrooms, low tuition, and many avenues from which they can choose as they walk down the road of life. Students also want a student friendly environment where they can undergo a positive University experience.

c) Students want governments

that will meet and listen to their concerns, and be accountable for their decisions.

3) To give students what they want we must first find out what they want. We want to run an awareness campaign to promote the DSU and what it currently offers. As well, we want to initiate a Presidents' council, comprised of all societies' presidents, as an alternative discussion group. We also want to conduct an annual survey which would enable the DSU to better meet the needs of it's students.

4) The first service that we would implement is a Student Loan assistance Program. This would entail: an Info Booth that would answer questions regarding student loan, financial planners to assist students in budgeting and finding alternative funding, and Bank Officers on campus to sign student loans. Secondly, we would re-initiate Campus Criers which is a troupe of students that act out skits in classrooms promoting services provided by the DSU and the university. These services would include the lesser-known services such as Sexual Harassment Resource Group.


5) We would be Caramilk Bars because, other than the Tibetan Monks, we are the only people who really know how they get the caramel inside the Caramilk Bar.

6) One of the biggest problems the DSU is faced with is its lack of presence on campus. Part of the problem is the fact that the DSU utilized most of its operating budget (\$63 per full-time students) confined within the SUB. We feel that DSU needs to take an internal look in order to re-allocate some of its resources to better meet the needs of students on all parts of campus. This includes a Student Loan Assistance program, an improved walk home service, a political researcher to enhance the DSU's capability as a lobbyist organization, and improved I.T. capability.

7) We would definitely continue our involvement with the DSU but in what shape or form is unknown.



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