

on. I think that the constitution should be looked at least every two years by the judicial board or by the constitution committee and have their opinions brought to council. Apparently, there's a lot of problems with the language in the constitution. I don't pretend to be a constitutional expert, but I'd like to have a committee look at it at least every two years.

7. I think there's a problem. I think that Canadian students are too apathetic and too concerned about working hard at university to get a degree and then going on into the workforce. I think that students in Nova Scotia should really lobby the government for a better student aid system. I think that students all over Canada should be more concerned and be more outspoken about issues affecting their education.

8. That's a difficult question. The DSU, since it receives dues from every student on campus, has a responsibility to provide services and support to every student on campus. I think that applies to all societies that are composed of DSU students. Societies get a certain amount of money from the DSU based on the number of students in their organization and I think that practice should be continued. I think also that every society on campus has a right to be offered space for meetings. As well, if social and community groups want to rent space, that's fine.

For more political groups, the merits of any particular group would have to be decided upon by council; it's hard to make a sweeping policy statement.

However, I think the DSU should be primarily concerned with student issues and student societies. I agree with the DSU decision to ban sales of Rothman's and other South African products. Issues like that have to be decided upon by council.

Certainly, there are some issues that the DSU should support, but not without getting consent from councillors.

The bottom line is that it depends on the situation. The DSU can play an important role in things like that, but the primary role of the DSU is to provide services and representation for students at Dalhousie.

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I've gone over it myself and it could definitely be improved. But writing a constitution is a very difficult thing. It is not something you throw together. It is something that has aesthetic qualities of what you want to achieve; an overall theme. I think that perhaps we should look at adjusting our theme and then rewriting the constitution in a very broad manner as opposed to incrementally adding regulations.

With that in mind the constitution as it presently stands could definitely be revamped and adjusted so that it was more coherent in what it was trying to establish with the DSU.

I guess a prime example is the controversy over the Inter-Fraternity Council getting a seat on council. The Judicial Board, using the constitution as it's legalistic framework to base its decision on looked at it (the issue) in a very narrow way. This illustrated how the constitution can be viewed in a very narrow way and the overall attitude of the DSU, or the theme of being a part of the DSU — having a seat on council and being represented, was made a mockery of through the simple contradiction that a group that discriminated on the basis of gender, a male or female only society, such as the society I come from, Howe Hall, was unconstitutionally founded or couldn't be founded in the constitution.

The constitution has to embody a

coherent theme in all its parts, regulations and bylaws. As it stands now the DSU Constitution does not do that.

5. The vice-president's role in dealing with societies on campus is largely an administrative role. Societies that want to use the facilities at the SUB go through the vice-president. Examples of this are room usage, such as the McInnis Room for functions. As well a role which hasn't been stressed as much as the administrative side is the role at the v.p. outside the SUB. Getting involved in societal events that aren't attached to the SUB or that don't go through council meetings.

There are probably 150 societies on campus, but maybe 90 are registered through the v.p.'s office. Yet these societies are very active and they don't use Student Union facilities just because they choose not to. And I think it's the v.p.'s role to get out there with the societies to make sure they know some of the services and facilities that are available to them, how easy it is to use them.

Dealing with societies is working with them when they come to you and going to the others, either on foot or by letter, and making sure that they know they are part of the campus. Letting them know they exist and if there is anything you can do for them your door is always open.

6. This year the entertainment program, actually called programming in the budget, was budgeted to lose \$46,000. That is normal, entertainment has to compete with the downtown. So in the budget it is assumed that we are going to have to pay an administrator to run entertainment. As well, certain entertainment, such as academic enrichment events are bound to lose money.

However this year, the entertainment will lose approximately \$70,000. Some people in the DSU have dubbed it an experimental year in that we have tried a lot of new things to see what people want, what people like. I think Dalhousie is lucky to have an excellent entertainment director in Judy Guthrie who works very hard. However the bottom line is we are losing too much money on it.

My main priority next year, if elected v.p., would be to make sure that entertainment, as close as possible, arrives at its estimated budget destination.

I think there have been some events which didn't go over so well not just because of poor attendance but because of not enough zeal in the promotion. Also perhaps just a bad choice in the choice of events. If we are going to plan events they have to either offer an alternative or they have got to be competitive.

Entertainment is going to be a priority in my books and I've taken a long hard look, not just at the budget, but some of the people that have been involved. I really think that working with the present director, who is a very dedicated worker and committed to the DSU, an awful lot can be done.

7. I think the Student Council, or v.p., when looking at a service contract for the student's union has to look at the quality of service received by the student union as the most important thing. If you look at a contract that is nonunion and you think the quality of service is going to be better for the students, the quality of service for the amount you are going to have to pay, then by all means...

I definitely think whether a body is unionized or not will not have much of a role to play in the decision on which body should get a service contract. Rather it should be the level of service that can be predicted.

8. Essentially the v.p. is the general manager of the SUB and the general manager can be removed by the president of the DSU with the support of council. So it is a reasonable question to

ask whether we should be paying someone a salary to act as general manager each year when actually there might be some duplication of job duties. But the important thing to remember is that to run the SUB, with the services provided is a big task.

You need a person (general manager) who can provide some continuity to decision. Who can tell you when things have been tried before and been unsuccessful so that you don't keep running around in circles.

I think having a general manager is a must. And used properly can be a real asset. It can really help the v.p. work with SUB staff. By helping closely with the General Manager who has been here, who knows staff, who can give you hints and management tips.

If you eliminated the position the quality at services provided in the SUB would go down drastically. Or at least definitely fluctuate from year to year as a new v.p. and council come in.

I think having a general manager is a must. The expenditure is justified and it really improves the level of services offered at the SUB.

Robert Power, Pres.

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5. We've got a lot of ideas.

We want to open up the DSU to students generally. There's a concern right now that not enough people know what the DSU does and how it does it and not enough people are involved. We'd like to see more people involved at the committee level. We don't think committees should be closed to just council members, for instance. We think that there are a lot of groups out there with a lot of expertise. We'd like to draw heavily on more resources from student groups.

Related to that is a concern with societies. We don't think societies know enough about the DSU; we don't think societies are utilizing the resources of the DSU efficiently and we think the DSU can do more for societies. One of our first steps will be to go out to societies and tell them what's available and tell them we'd like a lot more communication, and just get things a little more organized.

My biggest personal concern right now is accessibility of education, which I think is everybody's concern.

I have a very strong concern with accessibility of education to do with government funding and I have a very strong concern with the quality of education to do with the financial cutbacks that the Dalhousie administration is going to have to do. So, as a result, that's definitely going to be one of my most important jobs.

6. The DSU constitution does need change and it needs a considerable amount of revamping. Unfortunately, the problem with the constitution is that it doesn't address enough areas that the DSU is involved in. It's not specific enough: for instance it doesn't detail specific roles such as the community affairs co-ordinator. So, as a first step, we'd like to see defined roles and requirements for the jobs that are not detailed at the moment so there's some accountability system and people know what the roles are.

As a second step, I'd like to see it address some grey areas that haven't come up, but looking through the constitution, I can see that it just doesn't address enough areas.

7. I don't think there's a real problem here. I think that students are a concerned group generally. There isn't a really dramatic issue such as the Royal Commission that students can focus on to get active. Unless you're really aggravated, you don't get mobile. I think that

students perceive that the DSU, CFS, and SUNS are at least doing an adequate job representing them. If you have proper representation, then the students shouldn't have to get overly active. I have yet to see a major cry of dissatisfaction with how students are being represented by the DSU, SUNS, and the CFS.

8. I think, beyond a doubt, the DSU has to continue to provide support for social and community groups. I mean, that's what we're here for, really. We're supposed to represent students. Students are a community group within themselves and there's hundreds of sub-groups within that. I think we have to represent them, I think we have to support them. I do not perceive there being a legal problem from the Lavigne case with the DSU at the moment. I only think there would be a problem if students had a legitimate complaint. If students raised a complaint, we would have to look at it. At the moment, I think the DSU is doing a good job and it should continue to do what it's doing until somebody says 'No, you're wrong' or 'No, I want something changed'. At the moment I don't see any conflict of interest whereby the Lavigne case will have to change our position on that.

Jonathan Tarlton, V.P.

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6. I think an important step has already been taken in re-evaluating the committee and planning structure. I think that is a very positive step.

Another thing I think we must always be aware that there are two types of entertainment programs — the Academic enrichment, and the general entertainment side. I don't want to see those two become intertwined. I think they are very distinct and I think they have distinct objectives.

I know that concern has been raised in the past that we've been losing out to the downtown; with the growth of the downtown entertainment circuit. However I don't think the DSU's entertainment job is to compete with the downtown. We have to recognize that we are an alternative. I see the Grawood, the new Grawood in particular, as being an incredible opportunity to improve that. Although that won't be happening until later.

I would like to see the Super SUB concept continued and broadened and that largely involves the question of taste and preference and targeting your market area. I think this is an area we need much input.

I don't perceive it as solely the job of one person. It is a group effort both at the council level and the grass roots level. Again that ties in with my active door policy. I want to get out and see what people want in entertainment and I'll deliver it to them.

7. As a matter of general policy, I think we should, whenever possible, sign contracts with non-union groups. We are ourselves a union and I think that is important. However I am not going to say that that is a fast and hard rule.

The unforeseen situation may arise where a very beneficial service can only be obtained through the use of non-union (labour). I know, for example, the university administration has a policy whereby they prefer dealing with unions but there can be situations which arise in which you are dealing with non-union (labour).

I have a preference for dealing with unions.

8. I think it is essential.

I think it is important of the sake of continuity. I think it provides an excellent link between the political arm, which I see as the executive council, and the service side, which is primarily your SUB staff, community planning and entertainment.