

Gazette Presidential Interviews ; the right stuff

President's Questions

1. What past experience qualifies you for this position?
2. What are the main points of the current tuition campaign? How would you conduct it?
3. Are you aware of the debate in senate on academic planning? What position should the student union take on this?
4. What direction would student union representation on the Board of Governors and the senate take under your leadership?
5. As a student leader, what style of leadership would you choose? How do you feel about the last three presidents? Would your style of leadership be similar to: John Logan? Peter Rans? Tim Hill?
6. Do you feel President MacKay is the right President for Dalhousie? Has he been outspoken enough in presenting university and student issues to the government?
7. Do you expect to actively participate in, and contribute to, SUNS? Have you any ideas on how to build campus awareness of SUNS?
8. Do you belong to a political party? Would this influence you in dealings with the Liberal Federal and Conservative Provincial Governments?
9. Are we being treated fairly by the Provincial Government? Why or why not?
10. Will you give us drugs if we'll make you look good in print?

V.P.'s Questions

1. What past experience qualifies you for this position?
2. What does school spirit mean to you? What will you do to build it?
3. How will you improve communication between the DSU and the student body?
4. What is the function of societies? How will you facilitate their activities?
5. What is your understanding of the entertainment policy this year? Is it satisfactory? What will you do?
6. Is school awareness a concern of yours?
7. Are you a member of a political party? Would this influence you in dealings with the Liberal Federal and Conservative Provincial Governments?
8. Do you expect to actively contribute to SUNS? How do you feel campus awareness of SUNS can be increased?

Geoff Martin

1. "I've served on the Arts and Science Financial Planning Committee."
2. An attempt is being made to convince the Board of Governors not to increase tuition beyond increases in student resources. To this end: a reception is being held by the DSU for members of



President

Alex Gigeroff

1. "I am a fierce watcher of student affairs and the burning desire within my heart for worthwhile causes is ample."
2. The attempt is being made to argue, especially through the Board of Governors, for tuition guidelines which will not allow increases disproportionate to any increases in the resources available to students. Notions like privatization tend to portray universities as businesses. I'm very old-fashioned, I think that universities are not just job training centers but involve human resource development. We need to develop a well researched position on the issue after the fashion of Atul Sharma's earlier reports.
3. Although I'm not familiar with the specifics I do understand the debate. The most important priority is to ensure the quality of academic programs without radi-

cally increasing tuition. I'll be consulting the Senate Academic Planning Committee on this.

4. Student representatives on the Board of Governors will work to ensure that tuition doesn't rise disproportionately to the cost of university. Their position should be backed by careful research.
5. "My own style differs from all of these presidents. You have to appeal to the apathetic, richer students through a lighter approach." I can appreciate John Logan's reaching students who were otherwise disinterested in politics. His sense of humour took the mystery out of student politics. Rans might be considered the *enfant terrible* of student politics. Tim Hill is "laid back, and not as visible as he might like to be."
6. MacKay has not been outspoken enough. Restraint and renewal has been a practical measure but it hasn't influenced government. We still haven't got-

ten adequate provincial funding.

7. Yes, but SUNS isn't visible enough. We have to build support for SUNS through social relationship, for example by bringing SUNS together with residence people.
8. I was a Liberal formerly. "I don't think it would influence me after all this time."
9. No. The government tends to think of the universities not as an integral part of society but as businesses. They tend to think of it in financial terms. It should be recognized that "university education is not just a concern of an interest group but is integral to our society."

Rusty James

1. I was chairman of the Winter Carnival Committee this year. "I can do the job without spending 4 years of my life being primed for it."
2. "It's a feeling of belonging that comes from many sources within

the Board's Finance Committee; law and medical students are being encouraged to contact members of the Board and discuss their financial problems; and Tim Hill hopes to organize a march later this month. I think that "not only students but also parents should approach the Board."

3. The Senate academic planning debate centres around opposition to two policies of the administration. The first is the idea of fitting programs to budget envelopes. A better approach would be to prioritize programs and then determine expenditure. The second issue is that of cutting departments. This should be out of the question, and it should be possible to avoid it by restructuring the internal organization of to encourage more flexible use of faculty resources.

4. We would have to examine the big picture, we can't bear further deficits. Efforts to seek outside funding through the Development Office are a good idea. Among the specific issues to be addressed would be tuition, quality of student life,

research costs, the 30 percent attrition rate, and athletic facilities.

5. "Student unions today are more likely to sue than to

march." There is a great need for a well researched approach to problems. As for the presidents, Logan was too lax, as evidenced by the absence of year-end

the university." Communication is important, so CKDU-FM could help here, and the Gazette would have to become more student oriented. In addition the vice-president should have closer contact with the athletics department.

3. Since 80 percent of students are not concerned with many of the issues council is concerned with we must develop closer links with student interests through entertainment, sports, etc. It will be important to deal with issues "in a light-hearted atmosphere," and this doesn't preclude dealing with them effectively.

4. "Societies are the key to school spirit. Many students can't identify with the university as a whole, but they can identify with a society." I would promote closer cooperation between the DSU and its societies, for example, by staging society events jointly within the context of events like the winter carnival or orientation.

5. "We have a competent programmer in Ian Smith." The basic policy is satisfactory but entertainment should have a closer link with the media to improve participation. I also think we should limit ourselves to 4 Super-sub per year, and perhaps one more of those could be held at the Dal rink to introduce something different and help us compete with downtown.

6. "Let's face it, students drink and they always will. But alcohol awareness is important for those who have a problem. People should know where to go for help when they need it."

7. No.

8. "Of course. Alex and I will look closely at the relationship between the Canadian Federation of Students and SUNS." But we won't burden the people with information they don't want to hear, it's something for the DSU to deal with. But of course we will be there to provide information when its needed or wanted.



reports by his administration. Rans and Hill are similar, and very much in tune with the times. My approach might call

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