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Read, Consider, Discuss, Vote!

AN EDITORIAL

Elsewhere on this page appear statements written by the final candidates for the presidency of the Student Union. Their statements, to be 500 words in length, appear intact.

The purpose of this editorial is to offer some criteria, some basis for comparing the two statements. That each student read these statements carefully is imperative if this first general student body election of the Union president is to achieve its purpose — election of a truly representative student officer, and the fostering of a more conscious responsibility for student affairs.

We submit the following questions as a guide to evaluating the positions of the two candidates:

1. Does the candidate indicate an awareness

of what the presidency entails?

2. Does the candidate propose a definite platform or program of action for the Union should he be elected?

3. Is the candidate's statement specific and practical? Or is it full of generalizations and impractical suggestions?

4. Does the candidate express as his chief concern the welfare of the student body of John Carroll?

We could go on with the list but we think you get the idea. What we are asking is that every John Carroll student think about the candidates and their programs. We ask that everyone make their decision on the basis of common sense and not because of some "feeling" or because the par-

ticular candidate is a "nice guy."

In keeping with past policy the News does not back any particular man or group for a political office. We are strongly in favor of the election of the man who can do the most for the Union and for the student body. At this time, we think the Union needs energetic leadership; our student government needs a man who will come to grips with the many factions in the student body and work them into a united whole; the Union needs an optimistic realist guided by common sense with the guts to back up his convictions.

Before any of this can come about, however, one most important requirement must be fulfilled. EVERY STUDENT MUST CAST A BALLOT INDICATING HIS CHOICE.

Statement by

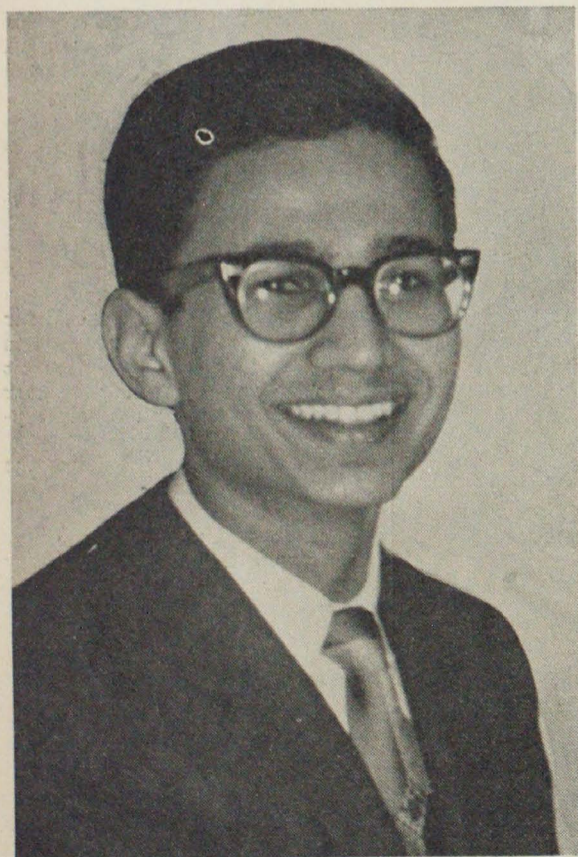
Kailash Bagaria

"... to promote a more perfect unity within the Student Body and a more perfect harmony between the Student Body and the Administration..."

—Preamble to the Constitution of the Student Union

In these clear words is expressed the purpose of the John Carroll University Student Union. To be a Union, it must be united. The solidarity must come from the individual student—the freshman, the upperclassman; the day-hop, the dorm resident. The Union cannot prosper or maintain its dignity unless it can secure the encouragement, co-operation, and participation of every Carroll man. Before the Union can proceed to effect "harmony between the Student Body and the Administration," it must be united.

What then is the problem? The problem is simply this, that the Union has not been able to accomplish the second part of its purpose. This failure must have a reason, which is not too difficult to discover. It is as clear-cut as the student who failed Trigo-



Kailash Bagaria

nometry because he had not completed the prerequisite, Algebra. I maintain that the Student Union has not fulfilled its first prerequisite, "unity within the Student Body."

Now that I have stated the first problem, I shall attempt to suggest some remedies. We shall then proceed to our second purpose, which too has its own problems. Why do people unite? I know this question sounds absurd, but I wonder how often we have asked ourselves this question. People unite to achieve a common goal, whether it be spiritual, economic, or educational. The common goal of the students of Carroll is self-perfection—academic, athletic, spiritual, and cultural.

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Election Extra

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Queries Storm Hopefuls At Yesterday's Debate

After weathering a barrage of students' questions with a smile and a handshake, Student Union presidential aspirants Kailash Bagaria and Edward Parks, both junior business majors, appeared satisfied with the results of the Carroll News-sponsored debate held yesterday afternoon in the O'Dea Room.

Both men presented speeches in substantial agreement with the statements appearing on these pages. Then, John Lovas, News editor-in-chief and moderator of the discussion opened the debate to questions.

Parliamentary procedure, its use and abuse, was the most hotly discussed topic during this period. It centered around Parks' charge that "vested minorities" in the Union had been using parliamentary rules as ends in themselves. Parks was challenged on the basis that the Union would solve many of its difficulties if the rules of order were more closely adhered to. Parks answered by stating that

in all Union proceedings what was "fair and equitable" should take precedence over a rule technicality should a conflict arise.

Encouragement of non-voting members to take active participation in Union meetings was a Bagaria proposal that met with some opposition. Several students questioned the feasibility of such a move. Bagaria defended his proposal by citing the "need for fresh ideas and new blood" in the Union.

Bagaria described a student leader as one who initiates worthwhile action after discussing the matter thoroughly with his fellow stu-

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Union Elections Mon., Tues., Open to Day, Night Students

Directly participating in the Student Union presidential elections for the first time this year, students from both the day and evening colleges will go to the polls next Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 22 and 23.

Tom Collins, chairman of the Election Committee, feels, "The new system will greatly affect the entire student body in having a president who is truly representative of all the students." He mentioned that the past system of election, where all officers were elected by the executive council of the Student Union, was often criticized for its cliques.

The election will begin at 10 a.m. when students in the day school will be able to present their Student ID's at a desk located inside the main entrance of the Student Activities Building. Evening College students will vote on the same day between 7 and 9 p.m. The polls will close Tuesday afternoon at 4 p.m.

At the Student Union meeting that evening, the members will

complete the slate of officers, and the newly elected president and his cabinet will assume their respective offices.

The students nominated for offices other than president include the following.

Vice-president: Eugene Delessandro, Gerald O'Connell, David Konopka, Thomas Fallon, Michael McHale, Richard Murray, Terrence Gallagher, Guerin Avery and Joseph Curran.

Secretary: Michael Evans, James Wagner, Agnes Reddy, Peter Hoffman, James Boland and Eugene McEnroe.

Treasurer: Leon St. Marie and Timothy Gauntner.

Candidates who fail to take one office may be re-nominated for the next lowest office.

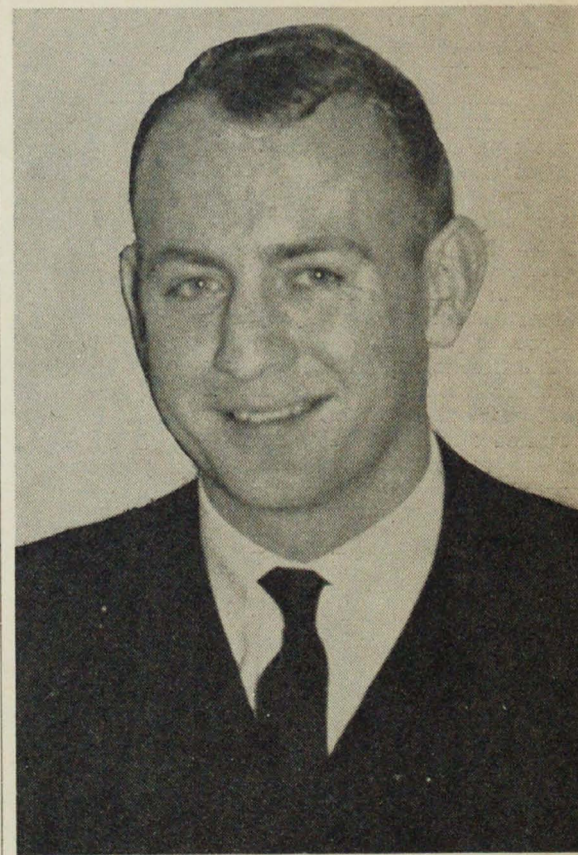
Statement by

Edward Parks

To those of you who were at the Carroll Union meeting this last Tuesday, some of the thoughts expressed here will seem redundant. I feel, however, that they are important enough to express again.

If a student does well in English and poorly in language, chances are, if you ask him what made the difference, he will say he liked English, or that he disliked language. In other words, a person's likes and dislikes are a good indication of how he will act. With the fear of sounding like some minor diety, I would like to express what my dislikes and likes are concerning your union. How I would conduct myself as President of your student union will follow from these opinions.

In the past three years that I have been in the union, there has always been a very small minority of Union members who have seen parliamentary procedure as an end in itself rather than as a means to an end. I am certain that the innovators of parli-



Edward Parks

mentary procedure intended it as a vehicle for running democratic meetings smoothly and orderly. They did not mean it as a soapbox for certain members to stand on and pedantically show their knowledge of Roberts' Rules of Order to the detriment of progress.

Also in your union, other small minorities have fought against worthwhile motions because their particular group would be, in some small way, inconvenienced by its passage. Some very good motions which would have been beneficial to the majority of the student body have been defeated because of the insistence of small cliques to protect their vested interests.

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Union Argues on Procedure; Hears Nominating Speeches

Kailash Bagaria, business major from Tinsukia, Assam, India, and Edward Parks, from Detroit, also a business major, were chosen by the Union as the two best-qualified candidates for the office of president of the Student Union in a primary election held last Tuesday.

Confusion arose immediately over a conflict in interpretation of the following statement in the Union constitution: "The members of the Student Union shall nominate by secret ballot members of the Student Union . . ." At last week's meeting President James Shannon ruled that only voting members of the Union could nominate or be nominated.

This week he declared nominations to be reopened to all members of the student body on the basis of a re-interpretation. Lawrence Turton objected to this as violating parliamentary procedure and the normal rules of order as found in the constitution.

Moderator Assumes Authority

Dr. Richard J. Spath, moderator of the Union, then interjected that, as had always been the case in the past, "I am Roberts' Rules of Orders for the Student Union. Let us proceed with the nominations according to the decision of the chair."

Nominations were opened, and then closed when none were forthcoming.

The final nominations were preceded by three-minute speeches for

the acceptance of the initial nominations of the week before.

Reveals Platform

Bagaria began a statement of his platform by saying that this was his first year in the Student Union, but that he noticed that the Union was regarded by some people as a "labor union." Bagaria explained that in a previous visit to the Union by the President of the University, Fr. Dunn had stated that in all matters, the final word would be that of the administration.

"We have seen that many things have not gone through this semester," Bagaria continued. He suggested that the Union should do something positive in preparing a motion before sending it to the Administration.

Parks Numbers Likes

Edward Parks followed with his own statement, enumerating his likes and dislikes in regard to the Union.

"I dislike using Parliamentary procedure as an end in itself, as a game to be played. I believe that it is merely a device that should be used to rule a democracy."

"I dislike the so-called 'vested rights' which control the fate of many motions."

Dislikes Attitude

"Also I dislike the student attitude towards this Union. Some think we must be missing something, but I don't think we are.

Parks also told the members what he liked about the Union. "I think that the Administration's attitude has improved very much toward the Union. Also, the interest of the members is very much im-

proved. We have the potential, and I would like to lead that potential."

Reads 'In Absentia'

The platform of Daniel Hoy, A.B. major, was read to the members of the Union by Jack Murray because Hoy was home ill. He said that there are three areas which show weakness in the Union. He cited first the lack of a vital interest in a love of study and love of religion, and secondly, student representation.

Hoy's third item was the liaison between faculty and students.

"If the president is not the man who is most capable of fighting for excellence and worth, he is not the choice of a Catholic student body."

Bagaria . . .

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Since we have a common goal, we can secure unity. As things stand now, we lack this unity because of student apathy. I do not blame the student for his disinterested attitude, for he is not well-informed. Many of us are not even aware of the Union's existence, and the majority does not realize that the meetings of the Union are open to all. Here are some suggestions whereby we can create more student interest and response:

1. At one of the compulsory convocations, the President of the Union ought to give a speech outlining the purpose, scope, and composition of the Union.
2. Every Union meeting ought to be publicized.
3. The meetings ought to be conducted in a more orderly fashion so that everyone (including non-voting members) can have a chance to express his opinion.
4. The seating arrangement at the meetings ought to provide a special galley for the non-voting members.
5. A brochure containing not only the constitution, but also the past history and achievements of the Union and its future prospects, ought to be issued to every student.
6. Union committees ought to have members not only from the voting membership, but also from the student body at large.
7. The voting members ought to inform their "constituents" of the proceedings of the Union meetings, ask their opinion, and take their suggestions to the Union.
8. Informally, the voting members ought to discuss the Union

Parks . . .

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Both of these personalities, the pseudo-parliamentarian and the self-centered minorities, will have a particularly hard go in the next year if I have the honor and responsibility of directing your union.

On the asset side of things, two things encourage many people in respect to your union.

The first is the Administration's relations with the union. In the past year and a half, the union has acquired considerable new authority and responsibilities. Your stu-

dent union's running of the student lounge is a good case in point. Fr. Dunn, particularly, has been very cooperative in dealings with the union. As the Union continues to show maturity and good judgment, the sky is the limit as to what can be achieved.

The second, and most important, of your union's assets are its members. The enthusiasm and interest your members have shown is a good index as to how far your union can go. The steps to the SAC building and the possibility of pre-registration are merely two good motions passed by the Union recently. In short, the union has the potential.

I would like to lead that potentiality.

Retiring Prexy Comments on Progress of Union Authority

"The Union has come a long way in recognizing its weaknesses and taking steps to correct them. The chief problem is one of internal organization. The Union members must work up an awareness of their duties," commented James Shannon, retiring Union president.

The question is how far has the Union come in the last year? In answer to this query the Union president stated that "the Administration has a very high opinion of the Union, which permits free flow of student's views." As far as the student body is concerned "the Union has accomplished as much as the student body will let it accomplish. If the Union is taken seriously, both by the student body and the Union members themselves, the administration cannot help but give it more power." Commenting on the policy of any

incumbent, Shannon suggested some ground rules for success as a Union president. The man selected should show leadership, set the example, and get the most possible out of the executive council because of the great leadership potential in that body.

Looking back, Shannon feels that the most difficult task of the past year was the framing of the new constitution. "But the cooperation of certain men in the Union, men who were willing to do a little extra, made my tenure pleasant throughout this past year."

Moderator Sees Future Expansion of Authority

By JOHN ROGERS

"Last year the executive council of the Student Union realized the Union's constitution had become dated and needed revision. One of the changes effected was the direct election of the Union president by the student body, to give the students more influence in the Union," commented Dr. Richard J. Spath, Union moderator, on the first anniversary of the implementing of a more workable Union constitution.

Robert Smith, a graduate last year, spearheaded the constitutional revision committee. The subordinate Union officers remain elected by the executive council.

"No defects, as yet, are evident in the new electoral system, and any which might arise should be mainly mechanical. Through this year's election the Union will be able to see the problems and cor-

rect them, Dr. Spath continued.

Ambiguities Need Correction

"The new Union constitution has worked well, in general, with some ambiguities in wording needing to be corrected, however."

Dr. Spath considers Union control of student facilities in the Student Activities Center, especially the operation of the Student Lounge, as particularly successful, and the most important recent accomplishment of the group. "This required a reorganization of student geographical thinking, such as going across campus for coffee and meals.

Marks Accomplishments

"Originally begun as a dress up Carroll campaign by the Union, the number of blazers on campus has steadily increased. Also, the Senior-Junior Prom, a Union project, paid for itself and showed a profit last year for the first time in recent memory.

"\$50,000 was raised by the Union's unique library assessment this year; the students now have a financial, as well as an academic share in the new library. In a six-month SAC campaign the Union also raised \$8,000," Dr. Spath stated.

"Through annual visits by Fr. Dunn, the University President, the Union has clarified its relation to the Administration. Fr. Dunn expects the Union to grow in power as a faculty-student liaison body, has given it authority to act, and has encouraged it.

Commissions Carroll Code

"Fr. Dunn has commissioned the Union to develop the 'Code of a Carroll Student,' but it is not yet beyond the outline stage."

However, Dr. Spath adds that a student directory is being readied by the Union for next September. Also, there has been a proposal for the alumni board of trustees and the Union executive council to sit in on each other's meetings to hear opposite viewpoints on timely topics.

"The direction toward which the Union is aimed is expanded authority and activity predicated on a new sense of Union responsibility to develop within the student body a real Carroll spirit, scholarly as well as social, and thus the election of a Union president by direct vote of the student body assumes great importance," Dr. Spath concluded.

Interested?

Motion for the publication of a directory of the entire student body is now being considered by a Student Union committee.

Students who would be interested in such a directory are urged to refer to a box located for this purpose inside the main entrance to the Student Activities Center. This is the only way in which the demand for such a reference may be gauged.

The directory would include the home addresses and telephone numbers of each student, and would be sold for the nominal fee of 50 cents.

Answer Queries

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dents and then informs these students concerning the results of his action

Parks stated that since he was but one individual in 3,600 he could accomplish nothing, unless "cooperation comes from the student body itself." Bagaria countered that the campus leaders themselves must awaken interest in the student body.

The majority of questions were directed to Parks. The discussion ran for some 70 minutes before being stopped by Lovas.

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