



Stephen Bigsby: An Early Rally

Success Story

From City Daily To Campus X-tract

This is a success story of a boy we'll call X.

Now X was what we in the Press call a scrivener.

But without a university degree X was an unknown quantity.

Editor after editor had told him, "I'm not sure you're all there."

So for several years X bounced from job to job. He bounced so low that the Daily Colonist saw in him the kind of reporter they wanted.

The weeks went by and X turned out an amazing volume of work.

Older reporters marvelled at the quality of stories he could churn out without ever leaving his desk.

But one day a drunk looking for a lavatory stumbled into the city room.

"Hire that man!" bellowed one editor.

"Fire that man!" bellowed another editor.

And so out bounced X.

Now X knew he could never be a reporter without paper qualifications.

He needed a university degree in the worst way!

So naturally his thoughts turned towards Uvic.

But the price was high, man.

As one degree pusher after another explained, "The provs have the heat on."

"In desperation X mortgaged the rest of his soul and enrolled in first year.

The change was instantaneous.

"When I was, ahem, a reporter . . ." X would begin, and the girls would swoon.

In fact they swooned every time he opened his mouth.

X bought a bottle of Listerine.

And then one day, as X began "When I was, ahem, a reporter . . ." a passing campus bureaucrat screamed "Omigodareporter!! We need an editor!"

And so X's sudden ascension into the wonderful world of campus journalism began.

"I never thought X had it in him," one of his former Colonist cohorts told me only yesterday.

"I can't believe it!
"I thought he'd sunk as low as he could go!"

Students Crumple

Campus Bigs

Anti-Rally Rally To Activate Apathy

Large quantities of disinterest and possibly apathy are circulating on the Gordon Head campus.

"There is so much of the stuff floating about the campus that it is a sure bet that somebody at your table in the SUB Caf will have it," I was told by one student.

As I was told by one of the people involved, when he was trying to stop me publishing this story, "Victoria has always been a quiet town." Administration sources and student leaders alike were reluctant to comment on the situation, although they privately admitted that it had been increasingly obvious for some time.

Under pressure, they admitted that the Mass Meeting on Thursday, thought by some to be a manifestation of "student activism," was in reality an ill-conceived plan to evacuate the gym (alleged scene of the debacle) completely so it could be used for a top-secret Council pot party. Councillors, cleverly playing on the so-called apathy, felt that this was the only way complete privacy in the gym could be assured.

Naturally, student body response to Council's theoretically pro-activism play was immediate — and apathetic. Unusually well-informed sources tell me that a move is afoot to start an AMS-financed Education Apathy Committee (EAC). The leader of this movement, who prefers to remain anonymous at this time, told me that a counter demonstration would occur in direct conflict with the mass meeting.

First planning was for approximately three thousand individual mass meetings to be

held concurrently, but this plan was later revised, with one large Pro-Apathy Rally being held in the SUB Caf.

The so-called SUB-Par Rally will begin with students crumpling their lunch bags in noisy protest, culminating in a mass march to the scene of the Mass Meeting. A hastily called and "completely successful" emergency meeting of the newly-formed EAC took place at noon yesterday. Twelve carelessly worded Pro-Apathy resolutions were proposed and all were reportedly met with enthusiasm. These resolutions will not be circulated at the SUB-Par since all failed for want of a seconder at the meeting.

The anonymous EAC leader, through a half-stifed yawn, expressed his enthusiasm for the planned apathy demonstration, stating that it "will show those activist sob's where the real apathy on this campus is."

At press time, rumors are flying of yet another mass movement on campus. This group has begun circulating a petition to call a mass meeting to shift funds ear-marked for the mass march in protest of the mass meeting to the thought-to-be-defunct Tryste. Leaders of this movement are already claiming success, with three names already having been collected.

GRUBB FLAGS ROUND OF RALLIES

Ex-AMS Treasurer Dick Grubb announced that the Alma Mater Society was rallying itself into financial oblivion.

Grubb said that his decision to step down was motivated by his conviction that the AMS could ill afford to rally indiscriminately.

"It all began with the Finance Rally in the SUB Lounge," said Grubb. "It was hysteria from beginning to end — blatantly undisciplined."

Grubb announced to "The Potlet" that the Commerce 151 class was planning a rally in front of the Bank of Montreal to protest the wastage of student funds on student activities.

"An admission of \$6.00 will be charged," said Grubb.

WHEELS WHAFFLE

Reaction to the proposed mass meeting was swift and immediate from campus personalities.

When asked which of the three mass meetings he planned to attend, Dr. Malcolm Potter, University of Victoria president made a characteristically blunt reply.

"I welcome the new trend towards mass meetings as an exciting new development on our ever-expanding campus," stated Dr. Potter, "The trend towards mass anarchy represents the advent of a new creativity which will, I am sure, prove useful to the community, and the university, particularly if the gymnasium is totally demolished."

When asked again whether he intended to attend the mass meeting, the sit-in or the protest sponsored by "The Potlet" Potter said: "I see no conflict. Of course I plan to attend all three — simultaneously."

Three members of the Board of Governors said that they would be at the mass meeting — but only if the meetings were held in camera.

The reaction of other campus dignitaries was recorded by "The Potlet:"

Dr. D. Chabossal, President of the Faculty Association: . . . "Naturally the Faculty Association is furious at having to give up their badminton tournament for an exercise in intellectual ferment, but . . ."

Gordon Pollard, Political Science Forum: "A splendid idea. We have indefinite probable commitments from Robert F. Kennedy, Henrik Verwoerd . . . Phyllis Diller . . ."

Perhaps the campus feeling was best summarized by Glenda Schnook, EDI, who simply said: "My parents made me pay my \$56. After all, I think we should be thankful to get an education . . ."



Anti-Anti-Rally Rallyists Rally in Support of Opposition to Rallies

