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FULL MARKS TO THE N.S. Dept. of Education for hypocrisy.

This year is International Youth Year (IYY) and the education department is responsible for implementing the provincial component of it. This is also the year the N.S. government is raising differential fees charged to international students to \$1700. This, of course, is in addition to the already high tuition fees charged to all university students.

There are a number of myths used to justify charging differential fees to foreign students. One is that they are not Canadians, don't pay taxes and therefore should not share in the subsidised education Canadian taxpayers provide. This suggestion ignores the large contribution foreign students make to the economy. The Report of the AAU-MPHEC committee on foreign students estimates that the real cost of educating foreign students was between \$2 and \$14 million. Foreign students themselves contribute don't pay taxes and therefore region's economy.

A second myth is that foreign students come from wealthy families anyway and can afford to pay the extra fees. This will become a self-fulfilling prophesy when even higher differential fees become a reality. If the parents of foreign students were so rich, why would they be sending their kids to Dalhousie? They don't. Rich parents of foreign students send their kids to the right British schools or Ivy League colleges, not to the Maritimes.

If people are worried about increasing numbers of wealthy foreign students coming they should lobby for lower, not higher differential fees.

Third World students' participation in classes provides an infusion of diverse ideas into what is becoming more and more a conservative campus of students born with silver spoons cleft to their palates. Government policies have meant education is becoming a privilege of the rich for both Canadians and foreigners.

A win by only three votes

APATHY HURTS. IF YOU haven't voted in the DSU elections yet, do so.

If you begin to think even for moment that your vote doesn't matter, that of course the team you want to win will win—stop for a moment.

At this time last year a small group of students were locked away tabulating the results of the student union elections. The first

ballot in this election was recounted three times. Why?

The 1984/85 president and vice-president won by only three votes—three votes out of 1575.

If you and two friends are thinking about not voting because you'd rather not get a hole punched in your ID card or would rather go for a beer, think again. Vote.

destroy insects and the use of artificial fertilizers must be stopped. The reasons that crops and certain trees become infected with destructive insects and other pests are:

1. We are not allowing farmlands and tree-harvesting areas to fallow every seven years, as was originally advised by God.

2. We are not replacing every tree cut down with three new trees planted.

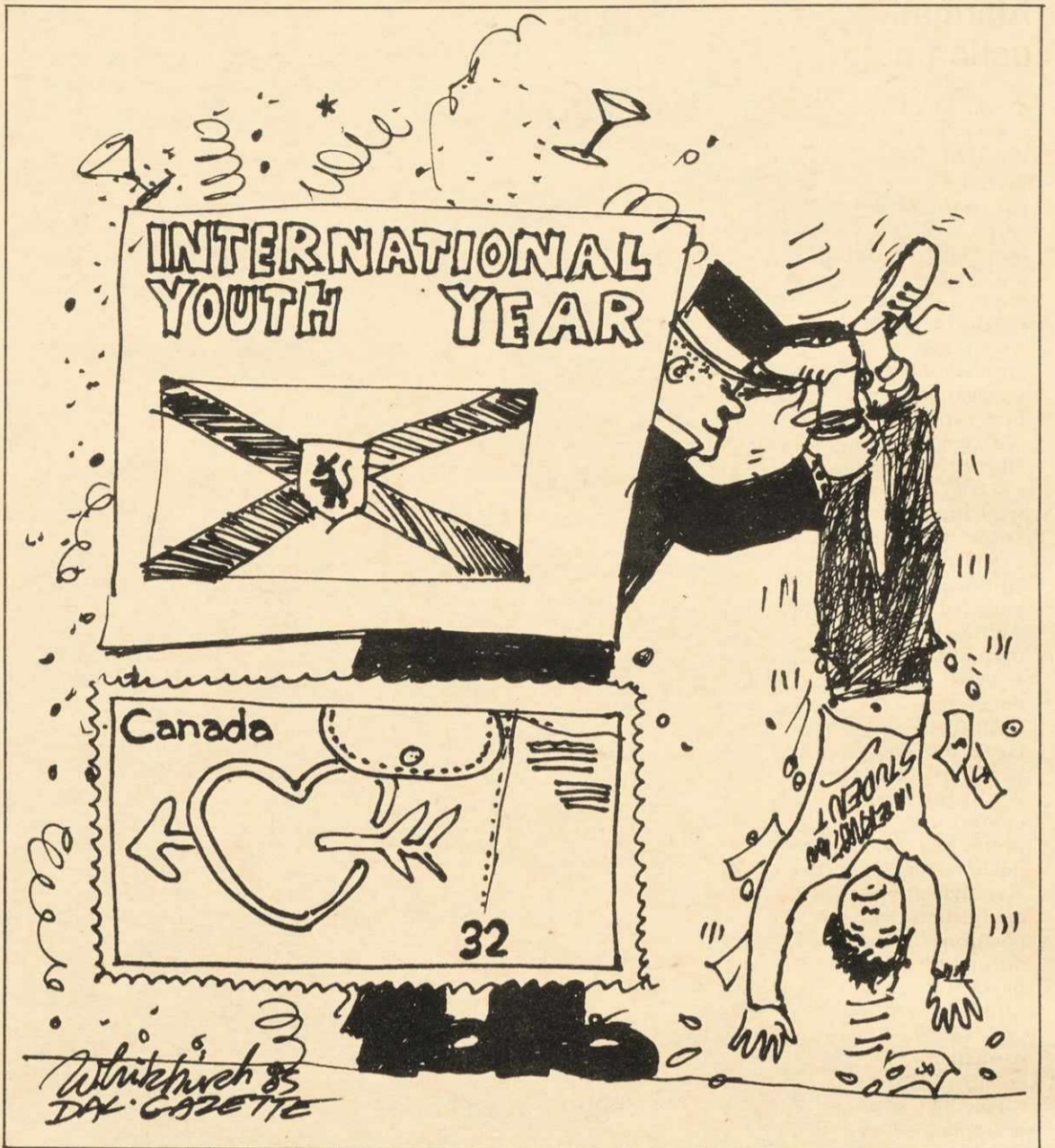
3. Most people in the world are not observing the true Sabbath, which starts at Friday sundown and ends on Saturday at sundown.

4. Most people in the world are not paying 10 per cent of their earnings or crops before deductions or taxes back to God to help spread His word all over the world and to help those who cannot help themselves.

5. Greed and hate are clouding the majority of peoples' minds from seeing the truth.

God controls everything and has been using droughts, blizzards, tornadoes, hurricanes, animals, insect life and wicked human beings to punish us for deviating from His good advice and laws for centuries.

God is not very happy with us at this point in time and I believe that is putting it very mildly.



We, in our foolish pride of knowledge, which we are using wrongly, are further punishing ourselves with artificial poisons made by chemical companies for huge profits. A lot of the insecticides (and pesticides for rodents), as you probably know by now, have been absorbed into the cells of almost every animal, whether wild or domestic, on this Earth. Plant life also absorbs these poisons into their fibres.

The insects and pests die off for awhile. Then succeeding generations of insects (or rodents) whose parents were not completely poisoned, build up an immunity to the poisons. So, the chemical companies develop newer, more powerful poisons against them.

The continuous and regular use of artificial fertilizers burns our soil's growing ability. This results in an overabundance of certain minerals, thus changing the natural balance of nutrients that should be in our soil and eventually in our crops.

All of this continuing madness must be stopped!

The government of Canada must start forcing (through legislation) all companies and industry now polluting our environment to spend at least 15 per cent of their profits on pollution-eliminating equipment. Doing this will produce a clean environment and create a lot of needed work. We owe it to ourselves; our parents and our children to start as quickly as possible. England and other

countries have proven that this can be done.

The knowledge and expertise to accomplish the task is there. So is the money. Our forests, lakes, rivers, lands and wildlife are being affected more rapidly as every day, week, month and year goes by.

In my opinion, which is based on every-day occurrences around the world, we do not have any more than 20 years left to stop, reverse and bring pollution under control.

All of us must do everything possible to convince our federal, provincial and municipal governments to place bylaws and legislation into laws which will force all companies and industry to not spew contaminants and poisons into our environment.

I pray that God will help us accomplish this task. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

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Disabled need building code for access

To the editors,

Many Nova Scotians, including perhaps our decision makers, are unfortunately still unaware, or at least unwilling, to move toward the Proclamation of a Provincial Building Code, which would include requirements that

would assist people who have disabilities. Proclamation of such an Act would literally open more doors of opportunity for all persons with disabilities.

Late last summer British Columbia announced, not a Building Code, but changes in their existing Provincial Building Code. These revisions will make the British Columbia Building Code the most comprehensive in Canada, and probably North America. The revisions were based in practical feedback from both industry and people with disabilities.

One has to compare the costs with the social consequences of making buildings inaccessible. Sure, disabled persons should be in school and in the work place and sharing the tax burden, however it's a bit difficult when one cannot gain entrance to a facility, to work, school or leisure.

Our own Province House was not considered accessible until just very recently; what does this say? However, it is now; what does this say?

Think about this: one Canadian in 10 is over 65; by the year 2000 that number is expected to double. One Canadian in seven has a disability. Do we need a Building Code?

When access is planned at the design phase, the cost difference is virtually insignificant.

Anyone can become disabled!
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Not crazy — God not happy

To the editors,

Please read what I am about to explain to you with an open mind—I am not crazy. I am a concerned human being who hates what our former governments, industry and an unconcerned public have allowed to happen to our environment.

The spraying of food crops and trees with artificial insecticides to