

STUDENT CRISIS

The manner in which universities and colleges are funded is a confusing issue. Students cover approximately 17 per cent of the total costs of education by paying tuition, while the other 83 per cent is paid by the government. Therefore at Dalhousie, if undergrad tuition is \$2,200, the government pays approximately \$11,000.

Although education is controlled by the provinces, a great deal of the money comes from the federal government. Under the *Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements and Federal Post-Secondary Education and Health Contributions Act, 1977*, the feds transfer money and tax points to the provinces.

The provinces receive a cash transfer, based on the population of the province, which is split between education (about 29 per cent of the total), and health (the other 71 per cent). Provinces also receive tax points from the federal government, which basically means that they can collect more taxes, while the feds lower their share of the tax profits.

One major problem with this system is that the federal government bases the amount it gives each province on the provincial population. This is a concern for Nova Scotia, because there are more out-of-province students attending N.S. universities than

there are leaving the province.

Another, greater problem is that provincial governments are not accountable to the public for how much of the federal money they spend. While money from the feds may be earmarked for Post-secondary education, it is simply entered into the general operating budgets of the universities. As a consequence, the provincial government has been able to consistently cut its spending on universities and colleges — resulting in the present funding problems here at Dalhousie.

The Governments' Record:
Provincial Government

- In the last year, the following

cuts have been instituted by the provincial government:

- University funding was increased by only 1.2 per cent (while inflation is above 6 per cent).
- Salary increases to professors and staff have been frozen.
- The Nova Scotia Bursary Programme was cut by \$1.85 million.
- Summer employment programmes were cut by \$1 million.
- Educational Research grants were cut by \$1.4 million.

Federal Government

- The federal government has also had its share of cuts. Since 1983,

the feds have cut funding to post-secondary education (PSE) in five different bills:

- 1983 — limited the money that provinces receive for PSE through transfer payments. Cost to PSE: \$400 million.
- 1986 — cut transfers again. Cost to PSE: \$1.6 billion.
- 1989 — another cut to transfers.
- 1990 — froze the growth of transfers all together, until 1991.
- 1991 — extended the 1990 freeze until 1994!

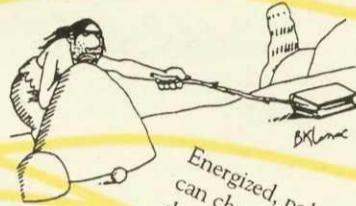
Total cost of these cuts: \$4 billion — consider what Dalhousie could do with just \$4 million of that money!

Ian Digby

The Dal Student Union, is the ultimate student voice of Dal. Above attempting to satisfy your social pleasures, it is the systematic student link to the powers that be. It is accessible to all. Harsh criticism and student energy tends to mobilise the union.



External Affairs is man'dated' to have opportunistic flings with the feds and province through CFS, SUNS and daughters, too.



Energized, politicised or marginalised students can channel their thoughts through bourgeois democracy. The student movement is potentially very powerful for effecting change in all realms. Nevertheless, conspiring to work outside the system over a few cocktails, Molotov of course, should not be discouraged.

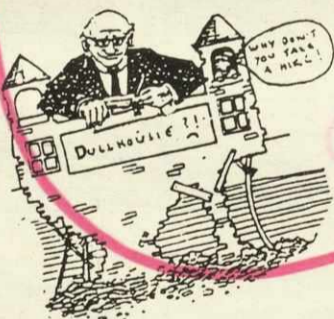
Students can raise shit in their faculty or skool society about program problems/suggestions they have. Then its politicos should start shovelling in the appropriate direction.

450 000 students strategically tossing Kraft Dinner on MPs' suits. Unfortunately, this tactic is a misnomer. The Canadian Federation of Students is restrained by liberals and tends to very respectably lobby the feds, coordinate campaigns and research student issues as determined by member skools.



Academic Affairs is exactly that, high falootin' mind fucking commandeered by 8 student senators to challenge the full senate on students' academic issues.

Referred to as BOG for its semblance of decomposing matter, old and rich. This elite group is the supreme governing body of Dal. Most are blissfully distanced from student and university realities and depend solely on administration advice. Thus such demented likelihoods as \$620 tuition hikes over 2 years. Four students have full BOG privelidges, including the chic meals at meetings students pay for.



The Gazette is a widely-read rag that needs critical students to help keep a check on campus corruption.



HOW DAL (DIS) FUNCTIONZ

The Students' Union of Nova Scotia is supported by the 25 000 students representing them in all provincial matters. Its misdirection is determined by the DSU and other member skools.

The Feds are a corporate-directed elite that ensures access to universities is reserved for the wealthy by cutting transfer payments and employment programs, taxing loans and other discrimina'tory' measures that screw students and education quality.



Like all good ones, the Dal Senate is reputed to be the ultimate snoozing zone on campus. All full-time faculty, 8 students and some ex-officio administrators sometimes show up to determine the academic aspects of the univeristy.

Dal Administration
The friendliest foe you ever did know valiantly guarding the status quo; Increasing the budget of administration, to the detriment of Dal education.

The Province cuts operating budgets and financial assistance, and illegally freezes faculty and staff salaries in order that federal money earmarked for education paves roads in 'tory' ridings.

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