

# Campus viewpoint



**David Wegenost, 4th year Arts**

My attitude is that it's unfortunate the price of an education at Dalhousie will be so high. Personally I will be graduating this year so I am not concerning myself with it that much and it is obviously an unfair placement of the financial burden of the university. I think that it is probably time for some kind of profit analysis of the administration of the university because presumably they are getting less money from the provincial government and they are passing the buck to the students instead of looking at their interior management. But I just feel a sense of frustration about the fact that I don't feel that there is much that the students can do. If I was coming back to university next year I know that I would just have to pay it and I would find the money somewhere but I know that a lot of students aren't able to say that. Unfortunately you are cutting out a lot of people who don't have lots of money.

It seems that an increase in tuition is imminent next year. The Gazette approached students in the SUB to get their reactions.

**What do you think of a tuition increase of \$100.00-\$200.00 next year?**

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**Pat Delaney, 1st year towards Masters in Arts**

It seems to me that the real problem with university funding today especially with regards to provincial governments, is that we are faced with a situation where the government is refusing to fund the universities what the universities feel they should be funded to provide an adequate education. So the situation is that when universities are faced with a declining financial input, from the provincial governments, they are forced to raise tuition. The quality of education must decline but the basic problem lies with the provincial governments, in that they are hiding behind their policy of fiscal responsibility without ever giving the public a coherent statement of what exactly they feel a university should be doing, and what kind of role a university should be playing. Unless the provincial government provides this kind of statement, then one really has no idea how much further this policy of university decline is going to go.



**Carole Thompson, 1st year Arts**

Well a \$200.00 increase just means that I'm going to have to take the money that I earn from a summer job and it is going to have to go into school instead of other things like clothes, I'll probably be back but it will be a lot more difficult. It is almost a 25% increase so it is going to be difficult.



**John Murphy, 4th year Business**

Would I like to comment? Sure I'll comment. It is pretty disgraceful but I'm sure we will find out what SUNS has to say about it this coming week-end. We are sending seven people so they should be able to put a fair piece in as far as our opinion is concerned.



**Margaret Little, Bachelor of Journalism, Kings College**

I feel a lot of students are going to suffer. There are many students of university calibre that just won't be able to afford to go to university and they will just have to sacrifice it for community colleges, which I think is unfair on the part of the government.



**Peter Wilson, 3rd year Arts**

I think it is kind of high. What else can you say! It is a lot of money to pay and a lot of people will not be able to come back if they have to pay that much more money. I know that I'm going to find it hard to pay that much more. It should be hard but I think I'll be able to make it.



**Cathy Fearon, Child Studies, Mount St. Vincent**

I think if it is going to go up \$50.00-\$200.00 I'll have to take a year off or something like that. I don't have \$50-\$200 more to spend on tuition. I had my tuition paid this year by scholarship so if it goes up I will have to pay some. And if I'm paying for my rent, my food, my clothes and everything like that, I will not have enough money to pay.



**Danièle Gauvin, 2nd year Arts**

Administrators used to be subtle about passing on the cost of education entirely to students to user pay concept but now they are not being subtle about it because a \$50.00 increase is really ridiculous. There is a limit to how much students can pay and how much they can borrow. So no matter how much they earn over the summer months they won't be able to come up with a thousand dollars every year.

**Gazette staff meeting Thursday 7 pm**