

Editorial

The Proposed Reforms in Arts and Science

The proposed reforms of the Arts and Science Faculty (found elsewhere in this paper) seem to us to be a good first step towards the realization of a university which educates in something more than name only.

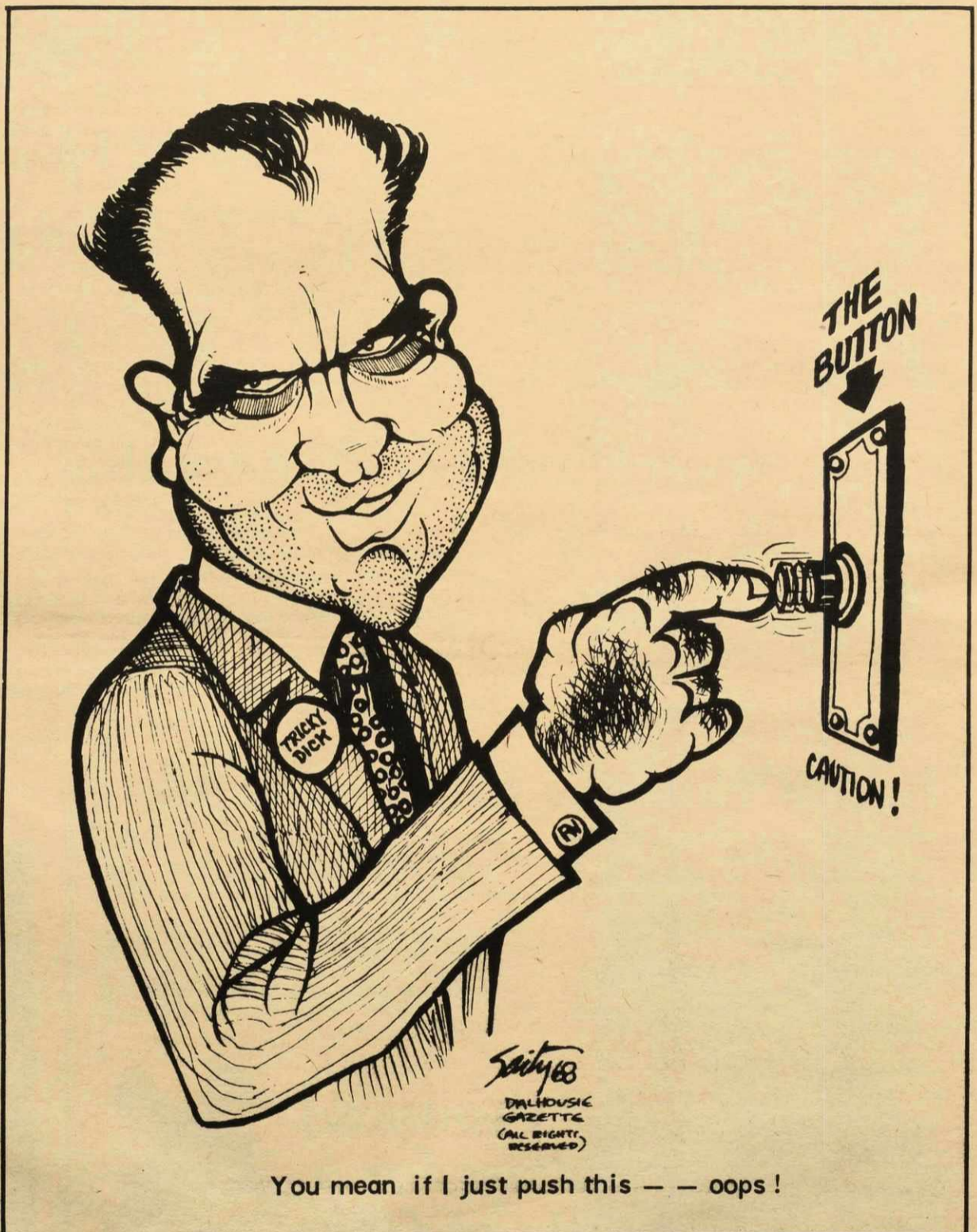
They are of course, nothing to be thankful for: They are, instead, the least that could be done for a student body which has so long suffered under the insane restrictions of the present system.

It should be a cause of great concern to all of us that these proposals have come not from the students, but from the administration. They are by far the most radical concrete changes yet officially envisioned within Dalhousie by anybody, to our knowledge. It is clear that this sort of failure of the student body, and especially of its 'leaders' is because our student union has yet to become a forum for the discussion of educational ideas (some might say any ideas at all), and is in fact still in the sandbox politics stage.

This new college, if the present plan is adopted as proposed, will effectively kill the rest of the university. This will be a good thing. It will kill the rest of the university because the new system is so much better than the old, that it is very hard to imagine any student staying within the latter.

If there is one criticism that can be made, it is just that - that the reforms refer only to the new college in terms of democratization, since democracy in the university appears to be accepted as a principle, surely it can be applied universally.

It would also be necessary, we feel, for students from the entire university to have representation in the running of this college, as the new system would have such a great effect on the whole community.



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