

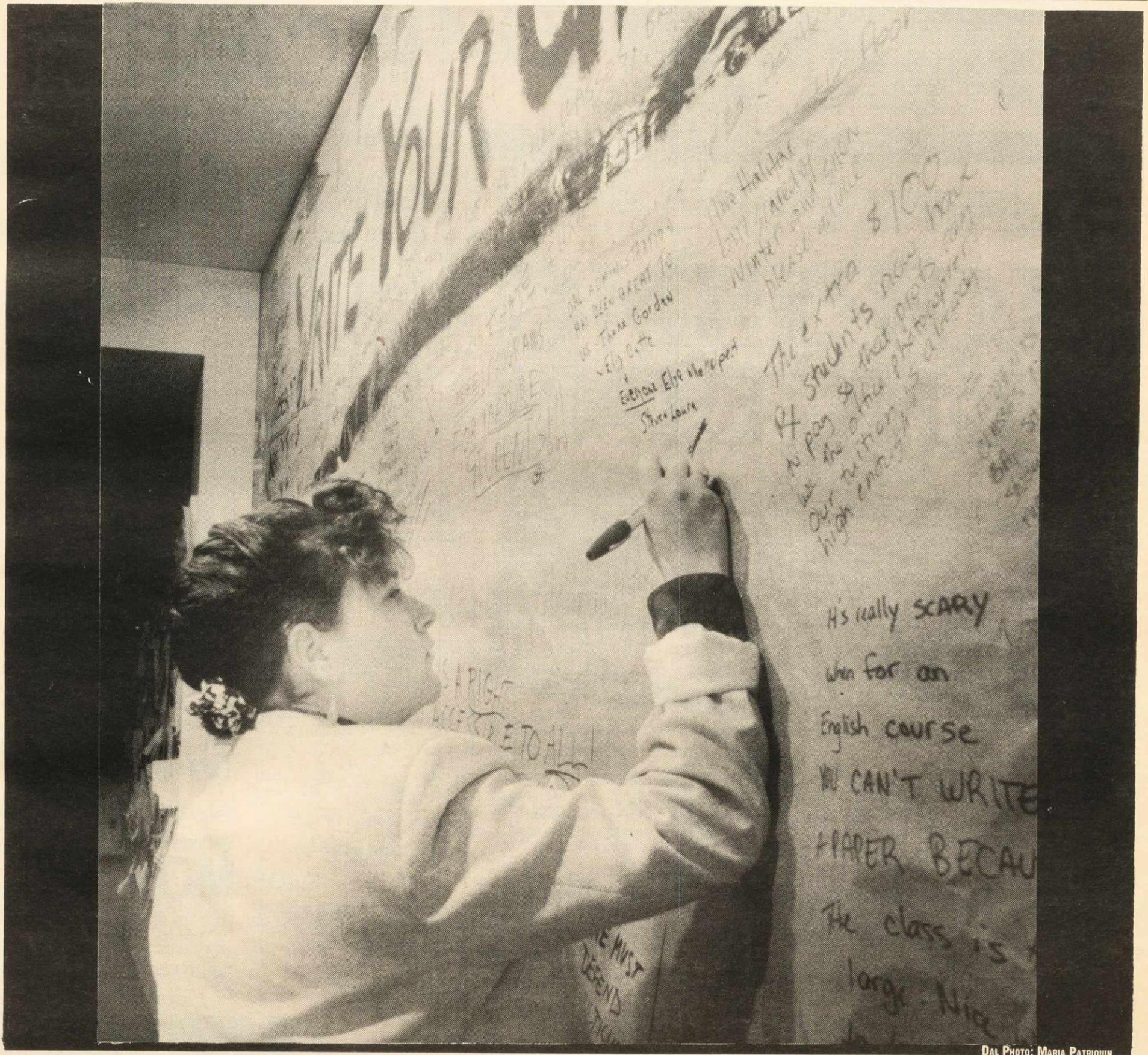
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Making a list, checking it twice...

Howard Clark ain't coming to town

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Graffiti took on a new meaning last week as students wrote their gripes on Dalhousie walls.

Students complained about high tuition fees, overcrowded classrooms, three per cent tax on loans, chronic underfunding, student loan system, GST, expensive cafeteria food, the list was almost endless.

The gripe wall was prominently displayed in the SUB lobby for National Students Day, October 17.

"It's time for the government to read the writing on the [gripe] wall" said Kristine Anderson, Nova Scotia's National

Representative to Canadian Federation of Students.

The Dalhousie Faculty Association hosted a teach-in and open mike about why we are in the mess we are in. Faculty also has an almost endless list of gripes.

Tim Shaw, a Dalhousie political science professor suggests Dalhousie should apply to the Guinness Book of World Records for the largest seminar classes.

The library staff appears to have more complaints than new books this year. There have been reductions in staff numbers and periodicals says Rosemary MacKenzie.

Alan Andrews from the theatre department outlined the systemic underfunding universities have been receiving from the federal and

provincial governments over the last decade.

Student concerns over underfunding centre on accessibility. "It takes more than brains to get into university, it takes money," says Scott McCrossin, Chair of the Students Union of Nova Scotia.

Students were angered by the lack of attendance of Dalhousie's president Howard Clark. Some students marched up to his office in an attempt to share their concerns with him.

Clark was unable to meet with the students until the beginning of November.