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Editorial

No more milk money for you youngsters

Remember when you were a little kid playing monopoly and hating the bully who would insist on changing the rules in the middle of the game?

Well, you might be older now but some things never change. The game is student aid and the rules have just gotten tougher.

This year the Nova Scotia government switched its policy on bursaries, after students had planned their finances for the academic year.

Not only do the changes mean you probably won't qualify for as much bursary as you had banked on, if you receive any at all, it probably won't arrive until after the end of the academic year. The changes mean extra paperwork and that means a backlog of over 1600 unprocessed bursary forms.

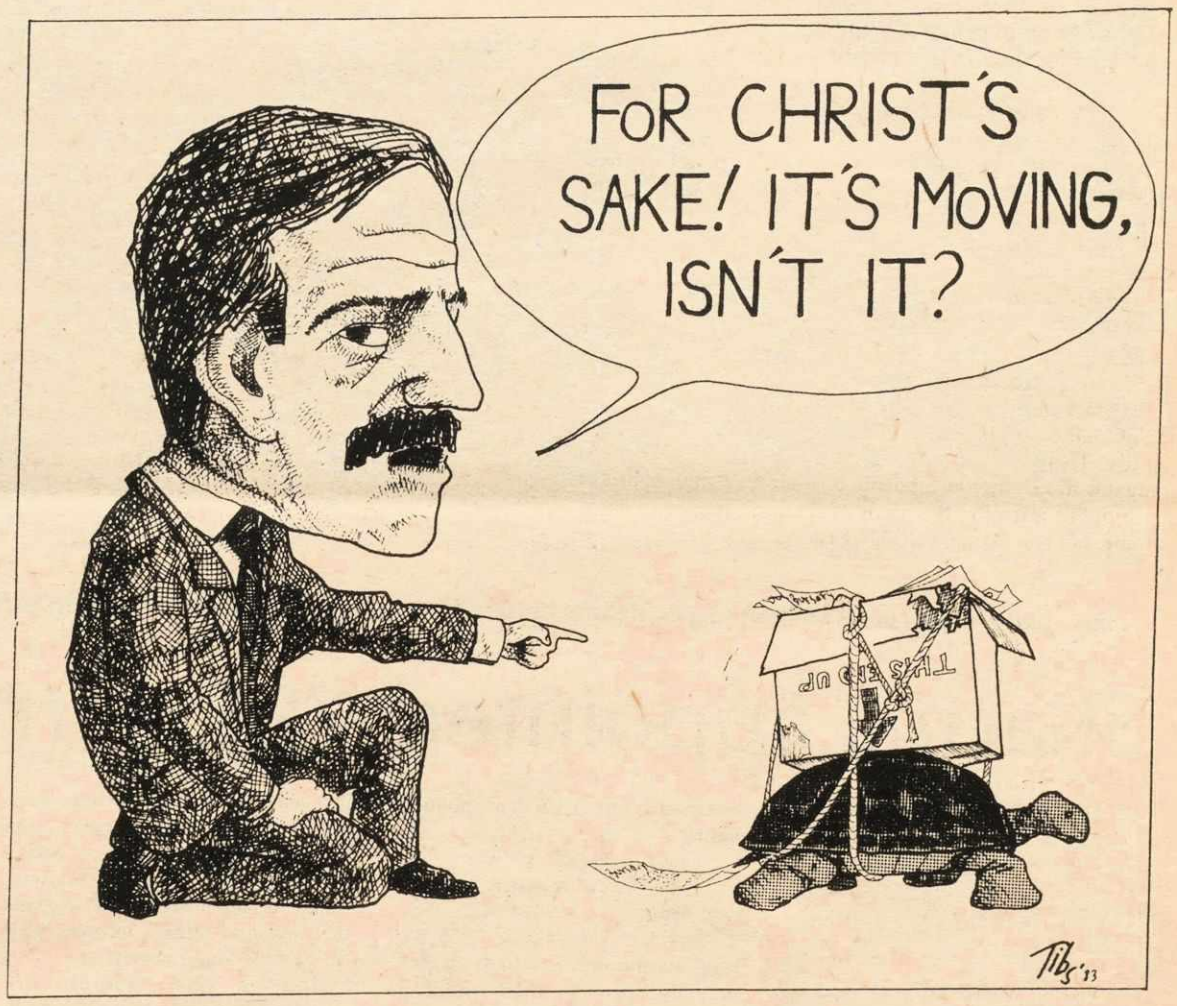
Fair? No, but what can we expect from an Education Minister whose respect for students is evident in his vocabulary. We are "the youngsters" or "the young ones" in the mind of Terry Donahoe, a mind that fails to take into account the maturity of sixth year medical students or even twenty year old undergraduates.

Donahoe assures us though there are no serious problems resulting from changes to the bursary program and he knows because, as he stated in the House on March 2, he reads the student press. What student newspaper does Donahoe read, if any?

Despite the seriousness of the issue, the lack of cooperation from the Student Aid offices, a lack of any statistics, and a lack of students willing to speak in the press about their bursary for fear of losing what little they will qualify for abound. Enough is enough.

And so as the tale continues over a thousand students still anxiously await word on their bursary. Some will have to sink further into debt to finish the year, others may have to drop out.

In the game of Student Aid it's the students who end up losing. Perhaps Terry Donahoe should take the time to consider the high stakes he's playing with. **S.B**



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Big Staff Meeting...

Thursday, March 31, at 5:30...

Be There.

But you don't have to be big staff to attend. At the meeting next Thursday, we take the **staff photo**, organize the Summer Gazette, and have some fun afterwards. If you're a staff, you have a place to be.