

Pay by grade

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point system in effect that is based on marks. How about tuitions being based on the same criteria?

Say, for example, tuition costs \$1,200 — at six courses, that's \$200 each — for a student whose merit points of the previous year equal 12 (a "B" average). A student who makes an average of only "C" (6 merit points) would have to pay, say, \$1,500 (or \$250 per course) while an "A" average student would have his tuition reduced to \$150 per course, or a total tuition cost of \$900.

Tuition costs for the year would be based on the previous years work; first year students would simply average their grade 12

marks in the same manner.

Then, students who may not be of a solid economic background, but are serious and attentive in their classes, would find it easier to afford their "reduced" tuition costs.

Such a system has other merits as well. It would serve to rid the campus of those who idle through University as if it were one huge frat party, unsure of what they want to do with their lives, for it would become too expensive for them. It would also improve the overall mark aggregate and thus enhance Dalhousie's world-wide reputation.

This is only a suggestion, and it may not be the answer. However, as the government fades into the distance, it's time to start thinking about alternatives that will work. Let's do something about it!

As exciting as flat beer

by C. Ricketts

The much-publicized showdown in Gorsebrook Lounge (Saint Mary's pub) proved to be as exciting as flat beer for about thirty students who had assembled there on a Saturday night, September 25.

Peter Rans, President of the Dalhousie Student Union, was to face off against Charlie MacArthur, VP External of SMU's Student Representative Council. The weapon - shots of tequila every fifteen minutes.

The duel was a result of challenges printed in the September 16th and September 23rd issues of both the Dal Gazette and the SMU

Journal. MacArthur and 200 SMU frosh had attempted to kidnap Rans in the second week of September, but Dal SUB staff had prevented their access to Rans' office. Rans issued his challenge to MacArthur in retaliation. MacArthur responded in kind.

At the appointed hour, Rans stood on a table to withdraw from the match. He explained that the SUNS executive, prompted by

rumours of non-student media covering the event, had requested him to withdraw.

Rans agreed with the executive that "The media might use it as a

case of student irresponsibility". MacArthur concurred.

Initial reaction to Rans' withdrawal were catcalls of "gutlessness". His reply was that he could have chosen to have stayed away entirely. "I explained I would far rather be pilloried by them than see student issues compromised," said Rans.

MacArthur agreed that outside media might have billed the contest as one between "vulgar student politicians". Neither participant noticed any media other than the SMU Journal and Dal's radio station, CKDU, in the pub.

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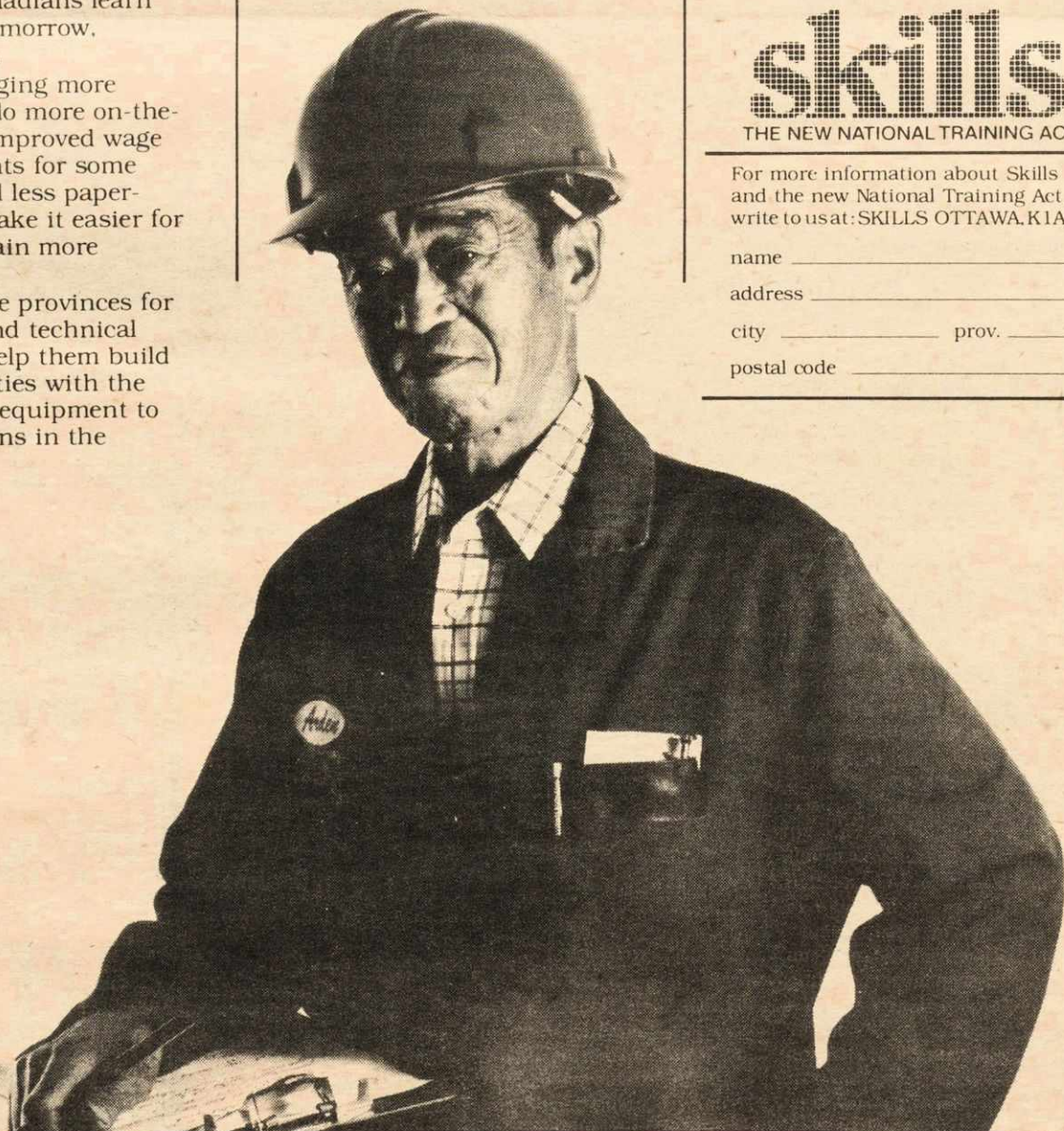
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