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These pictures requires thick beer goggles to view. Find Waldo and win a car, at the very least.

photo by Jon Elmer

Student says Dal has become corporation DSU says ads necessary for student services

BY AMY DURANT

A Dalhousie student is actively concerned by what he calls the increasing corporitisation trend on the Dal campus.

Ben Hirtle says that as a student, he is bombarded with an overwhelming amount of advertisements on campus everyday.

"Personally, as a student, I'm really irritated by [advertising] everyday. Even as a member of society, I'm irritated by the constant barrage [of ads]," said Hirtle. "But there shouldn't be this number of ads on campus — it distorts the purpose of the institution."

Hirtle says he is particularly disappointed with the role of the

Dalhousie Student Union (DSU), in response to this increasing trend.

"The DSU is increasingly providing student services and becomes an intermediary between us as students and people who want to sell us shit. So it turns us into consumers."

But not everyone considers advertising to be as negative as

Hirtle insists.

Brian Kellow, DSU Executive Vice President says that as university students, the Dal community has the intelligence to not be taken in by everything they see.

"I have to believe that people can look at ads and not buy the products," said Kellow.

Kellow also says that many

students depend on the benefits of advertising.

"I'd love to see the Student Union Building (SUB) have no ads whatsoever but then we'd have to lay off a bunch of student employees," said Kellow.

Kellow says the financial sup-

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photo by Jon Elmer

Ice-T spellbinds the crowd at Canadian Music Week. See story on page 12.

Kings students feed the people

BY BRIAN PETTIGREW

On Saturday, February 23 a small group of Kings students met outside of the Kings Arts and Administration Building.

Katie McDonald had done her shopping at the Price Club that

morning. It was there that she put the Kings Student Union's bank account to good use. She bought some noodles, cheese, lettuce, celery, hamburger, and onions; all that was necessary to make macaroni and cheese (with a side of salad).

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Federal budget disappoints student organizations

BY AMY DURANT

The federal budget, announced last Monday, disappointed many students and student representatives when it allotted only \$2.5 million to education and health care funding.

Student organizations, like the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) and Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), had lobbied the government for nearly double that amount of funding.

Many were disappointed to see students ranked so low in terms of the federal governments priorities.

Ryan Dunford, Government Relations Coordinator with CASA, says his organization, (of which Dal is a member), was generally disappointed with the Paul Martin's budget.

"We were very disappointed that the [funding to post-secondary education] wasn't increased adequately in the budget," said Dunford.

Kelly Mackenzie, Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) President agrees with Dunford, but says that while the budget was disappointing, students should now look to the provincial government to make their move.

"There wasn't as much in the package that we'd wanted," said MacKenzie. "It's all in the province's hands now."

MacKenzie says Dalhousie representatives are now urging Premier John Hamm to provide the necessary funding to post secondary education.

"Education is a provincial issue," said MacKenzie. "I just don't want to see Hamm using the federal budget as an excuse."

Some students say this budget represents the federal governments lack of interest in not only education, but also social programs.

Penny McCall Howard, Nova Scotia Representative for CFS, is one such student.

"[CFS] mobilized a huge effort for reinvestment in education and all social programs...And we felt that the government was at a turning point where they could either decide to fix things in terms of social programs and reinvest in this area, or decrease these important programs. Unfortunately, they took that last route."

McCall Howard says this move may prove to be very problematic.

"They're saying that our education and health care is fine, it doesn't need too much money," said McCall Howard. "They're wrong."

Another aspect of the budget that affects students was the money they received from grants and scholarships that is exempt from tax credit. Students now have \$3000 tax-free as opposed to

the past exemption of \$500.

Dunford says CASA was glad with the governments decision to increase this amount.

"[This increase] is something we've really pushed for. Most students can look for a little more relief with this move," said Dunford. "I think we'd all agree that students [and their scholarships] should be tax exempt so this increase is a good move."

MacKenzie says that while the increase is effective, it's just fixing a problem the government made in the last budget.

She also says that, like the disappointing split between health care and education of \$2.5 million, this increase is also not what students had lobbied for.

"We were hoping for \$5000. [The tax credit] isn't this great new initiative, it's been a long time coming."

McCall Howard says CFS was also disappointed with the increase.

"They could've done a lot more with scholarships and grants," said McCall Howard. "There will still be students paying money to receive their scholarships...It's ridiculous."

Dunford says the problem of funding stems out of various other problems in the government.

"There's sort of a turf war going on for funding here and students are being caught in the middle."