

No decision on tuition fee increase



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Is tuition going up, Henry? A point to ponder.

by Glenn Wanamaker

There is still no word on a possible tuition increase for 1972-73 despite early notification from the provincial government on the amount of the university grant. Last year it was well after the end of exams when the \$100 fee increase was announced.

University President Hicks is expected to meet with faculty heads next week to discuss drastic cuts in each department's budget. Recently the university managed to obtain a few more dollars from the province, bringing the total grant to about \$18 million. This is about \$3 to \$3 1/2 million short of the original budget

requirements for Dalhousie.

To meet the increased costs next year, the student population will increase drastically. Some estimates have put the increase at 11.7 per cent or approximately 700 more full-time students. Hicks estimates the increase at about 10 per cent or about 600 extra

students. The student body presently numbers 6,100 full-time.

As well this year, there was only a negligible increase in the number of faculty. Hicks expects "modest increases" in faculty next year, though they will probably not match student increases.

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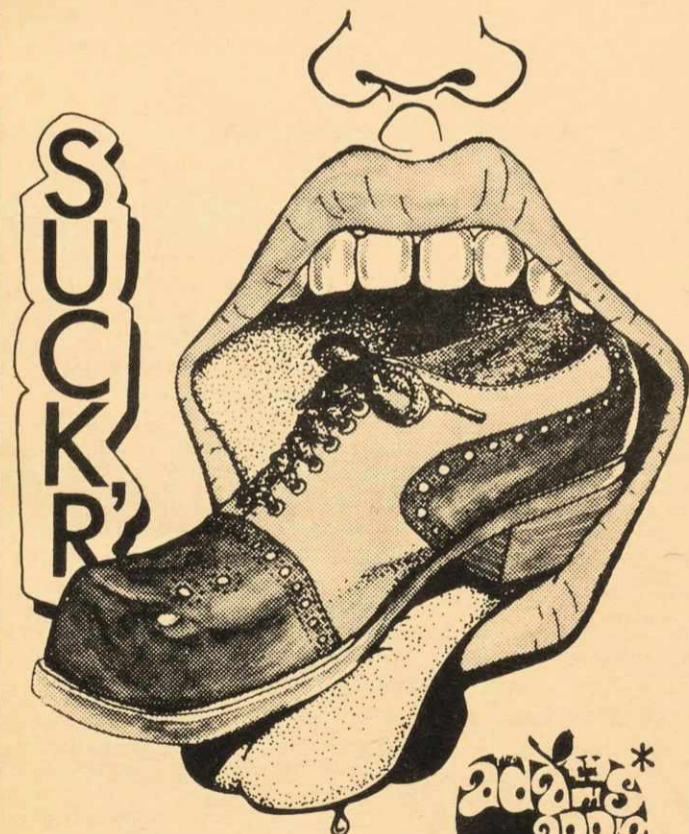
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