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Changing the guard:

Once more with Feeling...

The old guard is on its way out. The DSU is undergoing a major turnover of its executive personnel. It's been a three year cycle this time, and here we are again, starting with a clean slate.

In just over a week, someone is going to start writing the script for the next cycle. Someone you're going to choose. They're going to have to deal with the government on academic funding, with the administration on tuition hikes, and with you about the promises they'll give you.

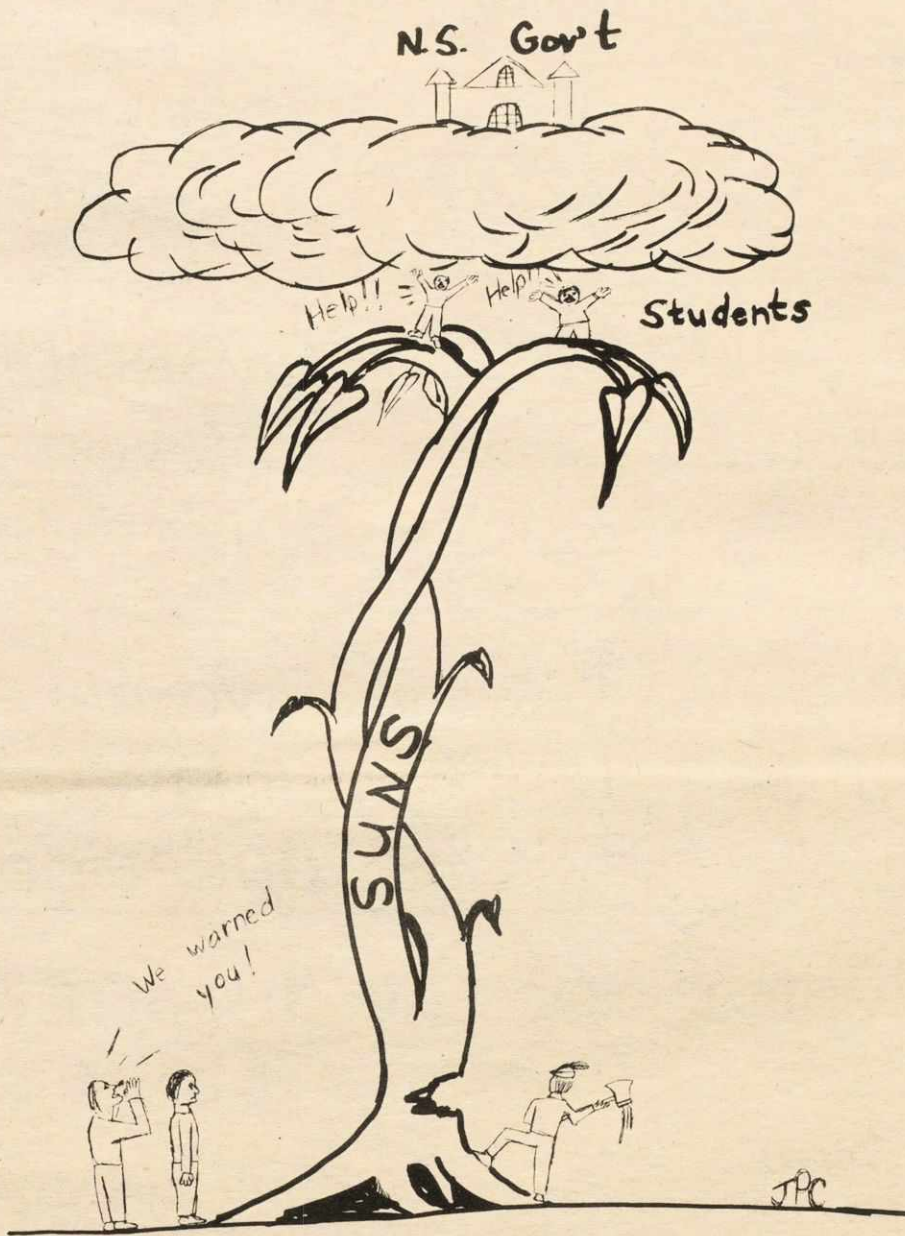
They're going to have to work with SUNS, the provincial student organization, about the Spring Campaign for summer jobs. Remember the 15:00 summer jobs SUNS got out of the government last summer? Some of you are here because of that. If accessibility means more to you than not losing your front door key, you've got to think about that.

You've got to think about the growing awareness of the crisis in education and what has been bringing that about. There is a fairly wide agreement among the cognoscenti that the direction of the DSU in recent years has been both an appropriate and effective one.

So a guiding principle may be to examine the candidates in this election with respect to their positions relative to the old guard. Do any of these groups represent an endorsement of the old guard? Do any represent a clean break? Look at what the candidates are saying. Look very carefully.

Be a good critic. Examine more of the script than the first act. Or you may get to watch the curtain fall down for good.

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