

# EDITORIAL

## Ho-hum More of the same

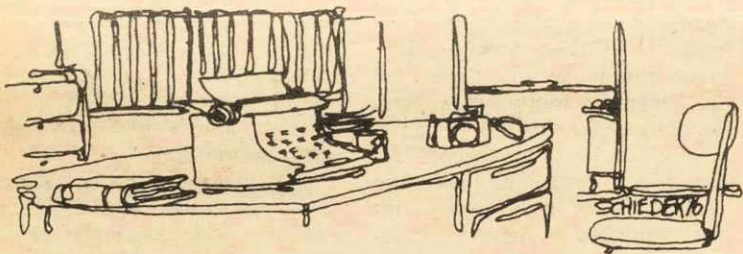
Well, it's all over for another four years, and Nova Scotians can breathe easy, rest assured that no innovative policies will threaten the tranquility of our Ocean Playground. There were no real surprises, no real upsets, no ground-shaking changes to our electoral map. Rollie Thornhill is back despite dubious connections with local banks; so is a whole phalanx of other men in blue, behind tried and true John Buchanan.

The Conservatives have a mandate to do whatever they please, and they probably will. Mr. Buchanan's 'business-as-usual' stance should send shudders down the spines of anybody but those directly connected with international oil companies and the like, or those who are likely to gain from the nepotistic patronage system the Conservatives make no secret of regarding as legitimate. To the victors, the spoils; to the rest, 'good government'. We shall see.

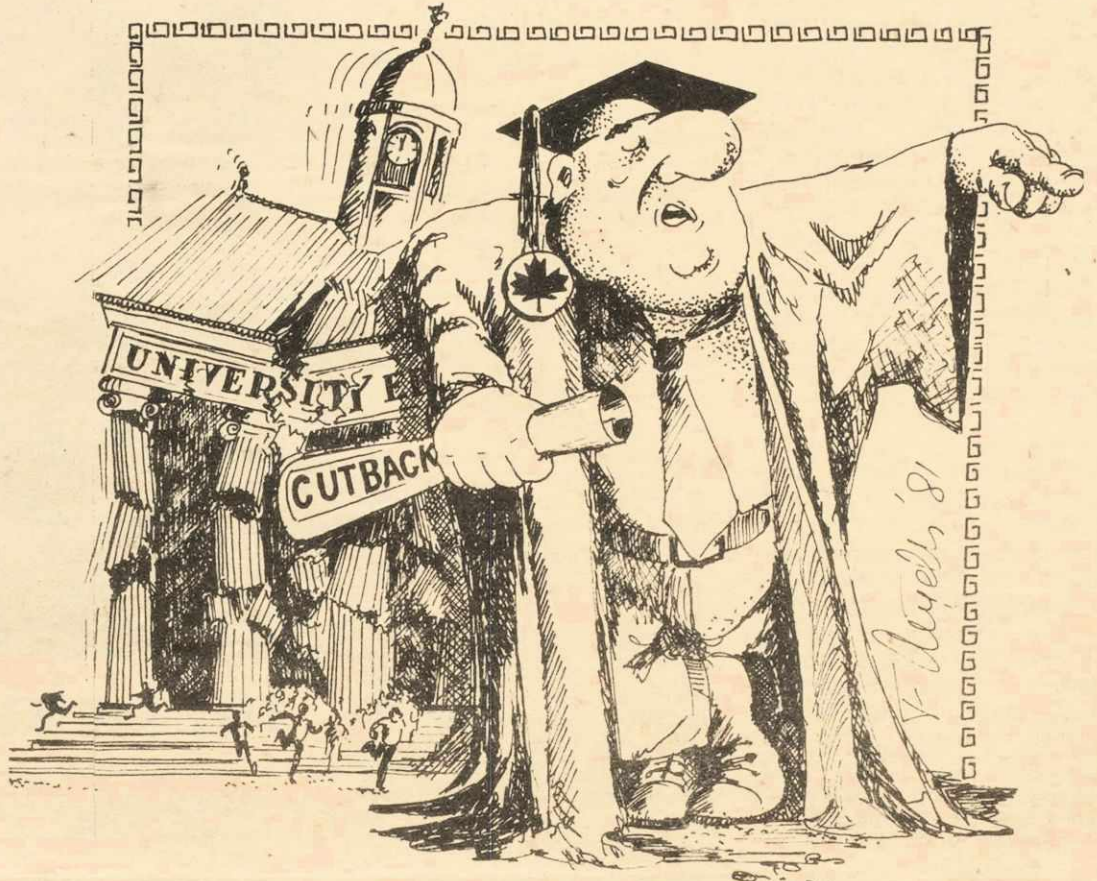
One bright spot is the increase in the NDP vote across Nova Scotia and the victory of Alexa McDonough in Halifax Chebucto. She is a spokesperson who will represent those who would otherwise have no voice in the legislature. We wish her well.

Students are of course deeply concerned with what effect the PC's victory will have on the provincial-federal negotiations about EPF cutbacks. They also wait to see if Mr. Donahoe's pledge to maintain the quality of higher education, even if substantial cutbacks do occur, is anything more than dry whispers from vacant lots.

One thing is clear from the election. Something must be done to clear up the ambiguities and inconsistencies of the Electoral Act concerning students. Our status as voting citizens is still subject to unnecessarily complex and sometimes arbitrary judgement on the part of the electoral and revising officers. On Tuesday, a last day's leaflet campaign across the campus informed many unenumerated students that they might indeed still be able to vote (see story this issue) after long and confusing disputes with electoral officials. Let us hope that the distrust which might arise from this can be dealt with fairly and logically, and that a more definitive answer to student's status as voters arrived at.



"The reason that you guys in the third world countries lag behind, is because you lack proper education!"



## LETTERS

To the Editor,

On behalf of the Students Union of Nova Scotia, I would like to congratulate the students of Nova Scotia on their show of solidarity displayed September 30th.

The students that participated in the march obviously showed the governments that our education will make the difference in Canada's future. On October 1, the **Chronicle-Herald/Mail Star** carried a front page story stating that the province will oppose the \$1.5 billion cut.

I would like to thank all of the students who took the time to help us voice our concerns. I would also like to thank Karen Stone, Mike McNeil, Rob McLellan, John Logan, Jerome MacIsaac, Felicity Boyd and everyone else who worked so hard over the summer to make the day a success.

Remember - keep the fight going! Unfortunately, it is not over yet. Continue to voice your concern, whether it be through a letter to Allan J. MacEachren (the Minister of Finance) or by voting on October 6 and making your vote count.

Sincerely,  
Sandy K. Spencer  
Students Union of Nova Scotia

To the Editor,

We would like to bring to the attention of our supreme exultant leader, John Logan, a solution to his problem of building more mounds at Dalhousie; (See Gazette, Vol.114, No.3, p.20).

We realize that in these financially hard times the budget cannot endure any further strain. Therefore we recommend the digging of MORE POTHoles in the parking lot behind the "Mistry" building in order to facilitate the acquisition of materials for this project (i.e. dirt).

However, our past semi-supreme leader, Gord Owen, initially implemented this idea last year; and given enough time, foresaw the completion of Dalhousie's first underground parking lot. In spite of the demise and fall of the "Owen Junta," the Howe Hall Miners Association (HHMA), i.e. all the residents of Howe Hall, has continued a vigil every Friday night to bring into reality the (wet) dream of subterranean parking at Dalhousie.

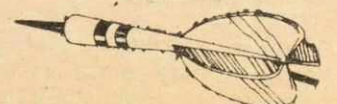
To confirm this unbelievable dedication; last Friday night we went on location to investigate. Upon arrival by car (after ruining two shock absorbers) we

observed a faint glow from the existing potholes; and upon closer examination, found the HHMA hard at work excavating, complete with picks, shovels and lanterns. Further questioning of an anonymous HHMA member revealed to us that the dirt from the parking lot was being sold to SMU for their coal fired generator and profits used to subsidize the many alcoholic activities at Howe Hall sponsored by the HHMA.

Thus we suggest to our supreme and exultant leader that he move swiftly to regretfully inform the SMU administration that their source of energy is being discontinued due to the increasing need of more mounds at Dalhousie.

We hope that this letter will be useful to our supreme leader and wish him well in fulfilling his campaign promise of building more mounds at Dalhousie.

Signed respectively,  
Monroe and Gabriel  
(The Shock Brothers)



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