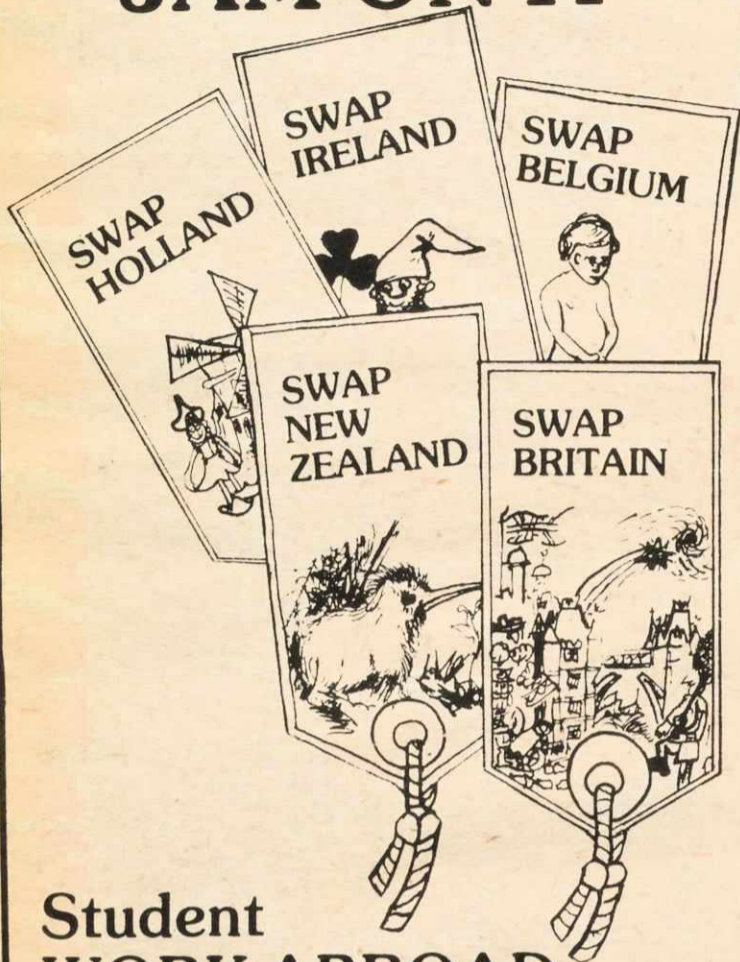
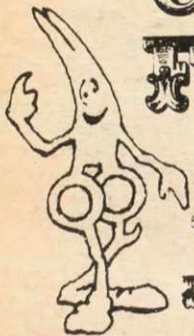


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# Cutbacks - Part 2

## Geology Department

"The Library situation is desperate," is the way Doctor Cooke of Dalhousie's Geology Department described the proposal to cut a further 18-20% of the Library's holdings of Journals. "We have already had to cut out several long run journals so that we could keep buying books that have doubled in price thanks to inflation."

Cooke said only the fact that the department received research grants which enabled it to buy research equipment prevented the equipment situation from being as bad as the Library.

"We have a static budget and yet equipment costs jumped an average of 23% this year, we've been economizing as much as can but if we cut anymore it will have to include vital areas for teaching and research."

"Our students never had trouble getting jobs, with the big outside firms, but now more of them can work in here while these firms explore the Maritimes for possible minerals," Cooke said. He's glad that these companies are around, because without donations from them—particularly the oil companies—honor students in geology could not be sent off on valuable field work.

"The affects of our department attempting to maintain its standard of teaching on a static budget are really starting to be felt. The Department's field work and research relies heavily on tape recording interviews, and we now have no recorders left that work," said Professor Robert Kaill, head of the Sociology and Social Anthropology Department.

"It is the area of journals, like equipment, that has felt the affect of inflation the worst.

"The faculty members can usually afford to personally subscribe to the journals in their special area of expertise, when we have to cut back on the serials we keep. But students—particularly at the more senior levels—constantly refer to journals in their research work."

In one area, the climate of restraint has probably had the affect the government intended. Kaill says that Dal, St. Mary's and the Mount have formed a co-op effort to pool their small amount of money to bring in speakers, with Soc. students from all three schools gathering to hear each speaker.

## Oceanography Department

by Pam Berman

The Oceanography department is expecting 39 million dollars in grants from the National Research Council. Government grants which fund most of the department's projects are continuing to increase, so cutbacks are

having little effect on their work, said Peter Wangersky, director of the Oceanography department.

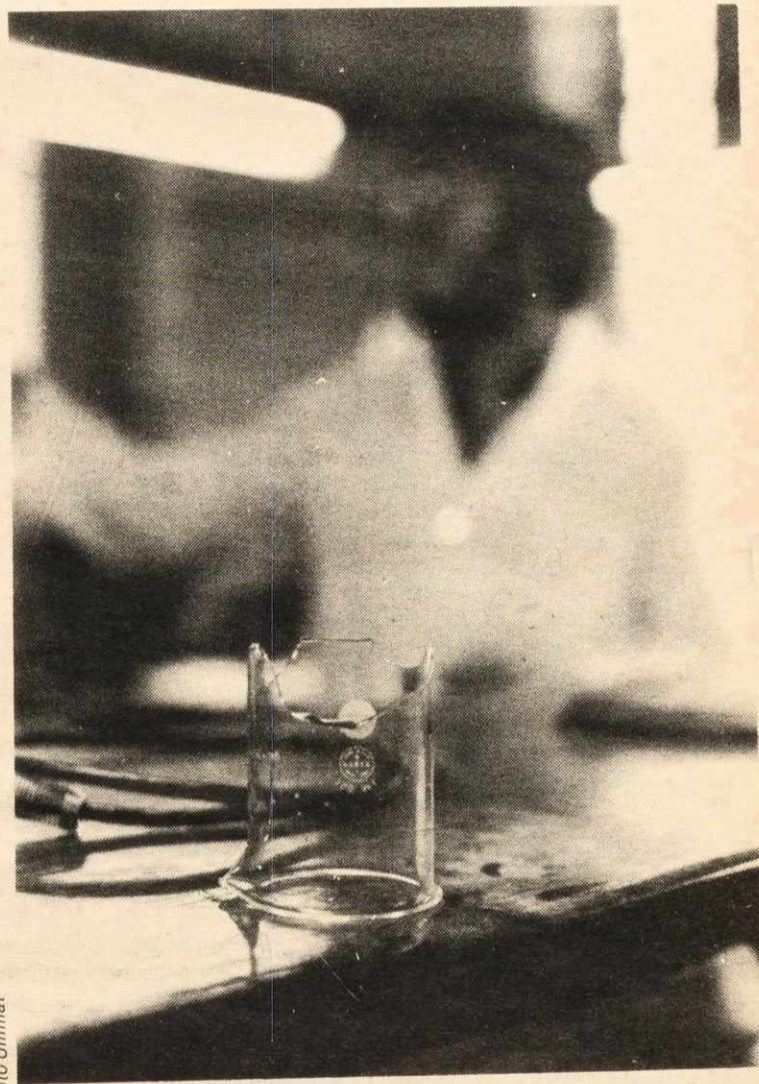
"Oceanography is basically a graduate department with very few undergraduate courses, so almost all of our operating money comes from government grants and not from the university," he said.

The department has been limited in its ability to expand, according to Wangersky, because in the last three to five years there has been only one new faculty member. The university provides for faculty salaries and administrative needs. Since the necessary student-faculty ratio in Oceanography is a maximum of five students per staff mem-

School to decrease their staff and freeze expansion on their library despite increasing enrollment.

"We've lost one and a quarter positions due to cutbacks since 1977," he says. The "quarter position" refers to part-time faculty posts which have not been refilled.

During that same period of time Gifford says the School of Social Work switched from offering a two year master program to a three year undergraduate program and a one year master's program. Total enrollment has increased from 100 masters' students to 85 full-time undergraduates, over 200 part-time undergrads and about twenty masters students,



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ber, the number of students enrolled in the department has remained limited in number.

"Before we can increase the number of students we accept," Wangersky added, "there would have to be increases in the number of professors."

At the present time ten to fifteen students are selected out of a hundred applications, which Wangersky said is better than it has been in previous years.

The growing interest in the fields of fisheries and geophysics indicate that there is a demand for expansion in these areas.

## School of Social Work

by Paul Clark

Dr. C.G. Gifford, director of the School of Social Work, says cutbacks have forced the

making for greater student-teacher ratios.

Funding levels have not been proportionate to enrollment increases for the School, however, says Gifford, because the MPHEC granting formula stipulates that only half as much money be allocated to an institution per undergraduate as per graduate student.

## Department of Education

Dr. William F. Hare, chairperson of the education department, says education funding cutbacks have forced their departments to drop two senior positions since 1978.

He says their budget for teaching materials has remained constant for several years now, despite increases in the cost of living, forcing them to cutback on xeroxing, mailing and other expenses.