

College may put computers on students' laps

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CALGARY (CUP) — Mount Royal College could become the second post-secondary institution in Canada, after Acadia University, to make the ownership of a laptop computer mandatory for all its students.

The proposal is still in its preliminary stages. Mount Royal Vice-President Dr. Larry Dawson says it is too early in the process to release many of the facts. He is, however, expecting more information from the committee within the next couple of weeks.

The program could be instated on a pilot basis next year said Dawson.

"We have to examine whether this [idea] is even feasible."

The cost of the computers for students has not yet been decided. Whether they will be made available through leasing, renting or purchasing will depend on the student's preference.

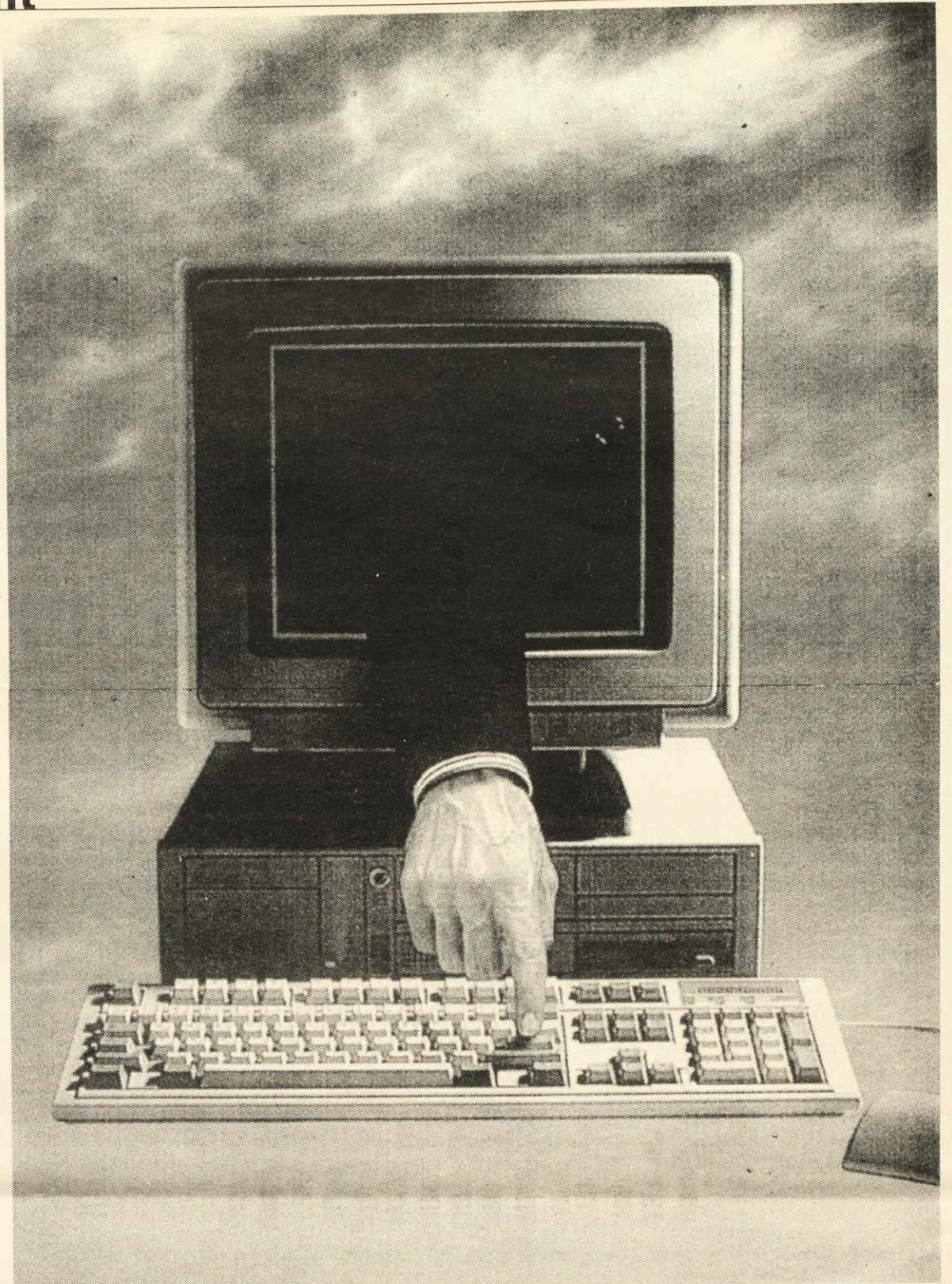
How much can students afford to spend on a computer? With tuition costs ranging between \$1,000 and \$3,500 a year, most students don't have a whole lot of extra cash to spend.

Student response to the idea is varied. Some feel it is a great idea, but others feel it is not really a necessity. Some believe students should take advantage of the computer labs available on campus. In fact, many students already have a computer at home.

"It's a great idea, but I wouldn't be able to spend more than a thousand dollars," said Kathleen Hill.

Renee Benstead wondered why more money would go towards computers. "Our tuition fees already go towards the labs available," she said.

As of this past September, all first year students at Acadia University in Nova Scotia were required to lease a laptop and its accompanying software from the university. Each computer costs students an annual total of \$1,200.



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