

Editorial

"Sherry, Victor?"
 "Thank you, Gerald".
 "Hors-d'oeuvre, Henry?"
 "Thank you, Frank baby".
 "Ah, la pièce de résistance... yummy!"
 "Fruit salad? Garlic bread? Lime chiffon pie? Coffee? Flowers?"
 "Have a toothpick, Fred".
 "Burp... thanks, John".
 "The bill, Bruce?"
 "Send it to the Union".

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Indeed. All \$1200 worth of it.

"On February 27 of the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy, the cream of Dalhousie society along with several notables from Halifax government circles will assemble in the Spartan grandeur of the McInnes Room of the Student Union Building for the purpose of wasting a paltry \$1200 of the Union's money. Plan not to attend. R.S.V.P."

The occasion is the annual Awards Dinner convened to honour those who have made a notable contribution to life around here during the past year. The purpose is entirely acceptable since most of the awards are deserved, but the execution is somewhat rancid.

Of the 300 or so bodies expected to show up, about 50 will be from the administration and the provincial government, including the minister of education and the lieutenant-governor. Of the 250 students invited and expected to attend, a sizeable portion will boycott the extravaganza of delight as an elitist and wasteful exercise in hob-nobbing.

Andy Winstanley, newly-elected Union president, will not attend the dinner. He will be joined by those on the staff of the Gazette who received invitations, some student councillors, and a motley crew of dissidents from the various and sundry student organizations blessed with invites.

The issue at stake is not the conferring of awards, but the fact that only a select few attend a dinner that is too posh and expensive.

An alternative would be to cancel the dinner and donate the money to the NSAACP or BUF, tokenism notwithstanding. Add to this sum contributions (retributions) from those on the guest list and confer the awards at the ball.

The ball following the dinner is free and open to all students, and any awards function should be similarly structured. There is enough self-indulgence and back-patting going on in the inner circles of the petty bureaucrats already. This Union is not funded for the purpose of educating the chosen in social drinking table manners and etiquette, but for the service of the community and of the students who pay the fees.

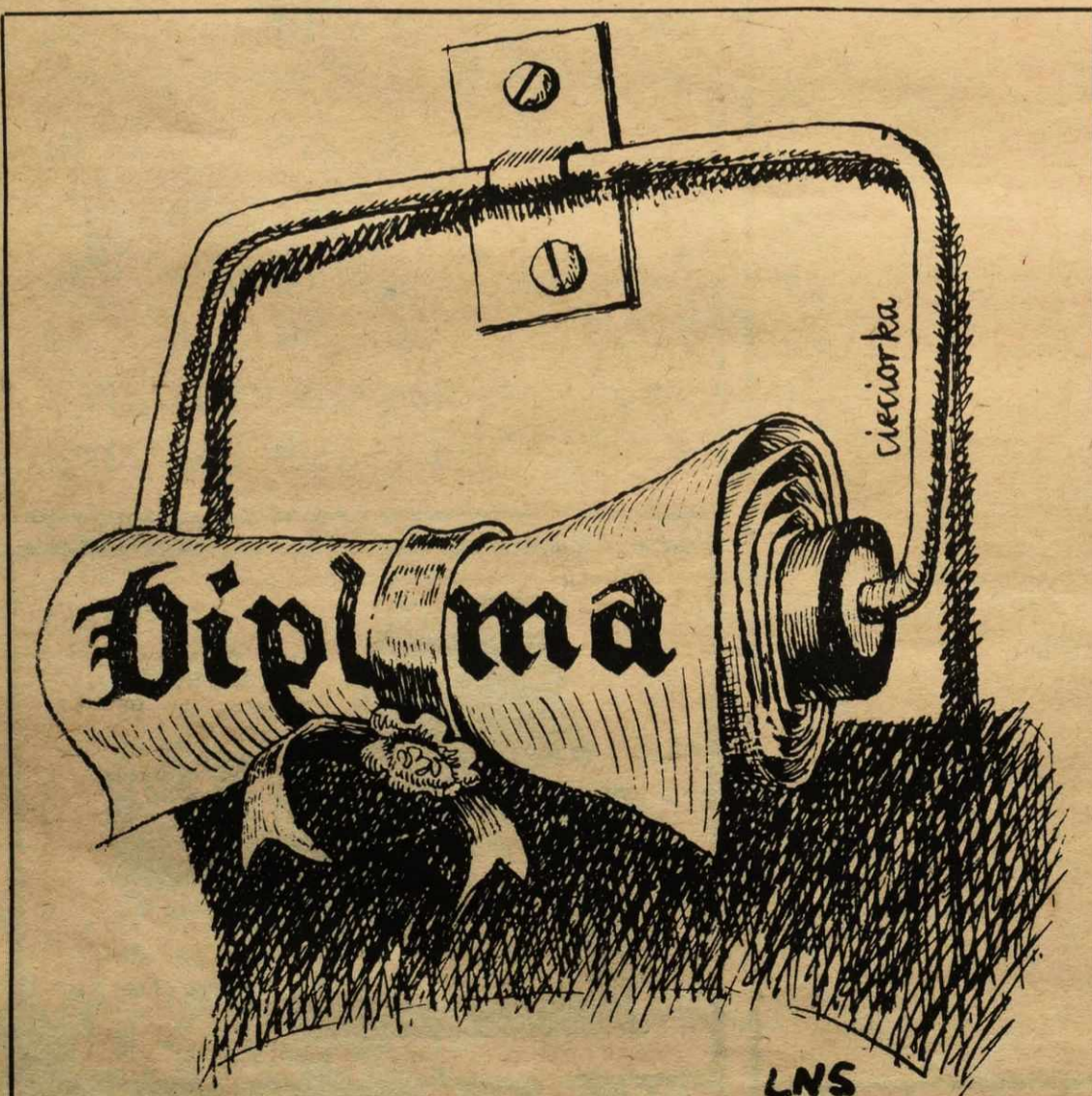
Cast off your tuxedos and join the conspiracy.

Dalhousie Student Union
The President, Executive, and Members
of the Dalhousie Student Union
 cordially invite you to attend the annual
Dalhousie Honour Awards Dinner
 and
The Student Union Ball
 Friday, February 27, 1970 at 7:30 p.m.
 in the McInnes Room of the Student Union Building

A RECEPTION WILL PRECEDE THE BANQUET AT 7:00 P.M.
 IN THE GREEN LOUNGE OF THE STUDENT UNION BUILDING.

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