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Criticism of student government is a passtime not only at Dalhousie; campuses all across the country and down the Eastern Seaboard are seriously questioning both the value and role of student government.

The outside world has made itself felt inside this university too. The Medical faculties feel there is little to be gained from our student government as it now exists and have suspended representation.

One possible motive behind their move may be to eventually encourage a voluntary union at this university.

Education in Nova Scotia is only beginning to be recognized as a vital area. Students have needs that can only be met by such bodies as the provincial government and the administration. To get any action on these matters, students must speak clearly, loudly and with unity. A voluntary union has proved to be the greatest source of campus disorganization in recent years.

With such a prospect in sight for Dalhousie, representatives on the new council will have to work very hard to justify their own position, before even worrying about direction.

When you are voting in the upcoming election, you will be making a value judgment on the worth of student government per se.

If it is to be salvaged and made into something useful to the students on this campus and to the community as well, the popularity contest idea will have to go.

If council members are going to work for the students they represent, they have to have support. Choose the best people, and make them work. That is their job.

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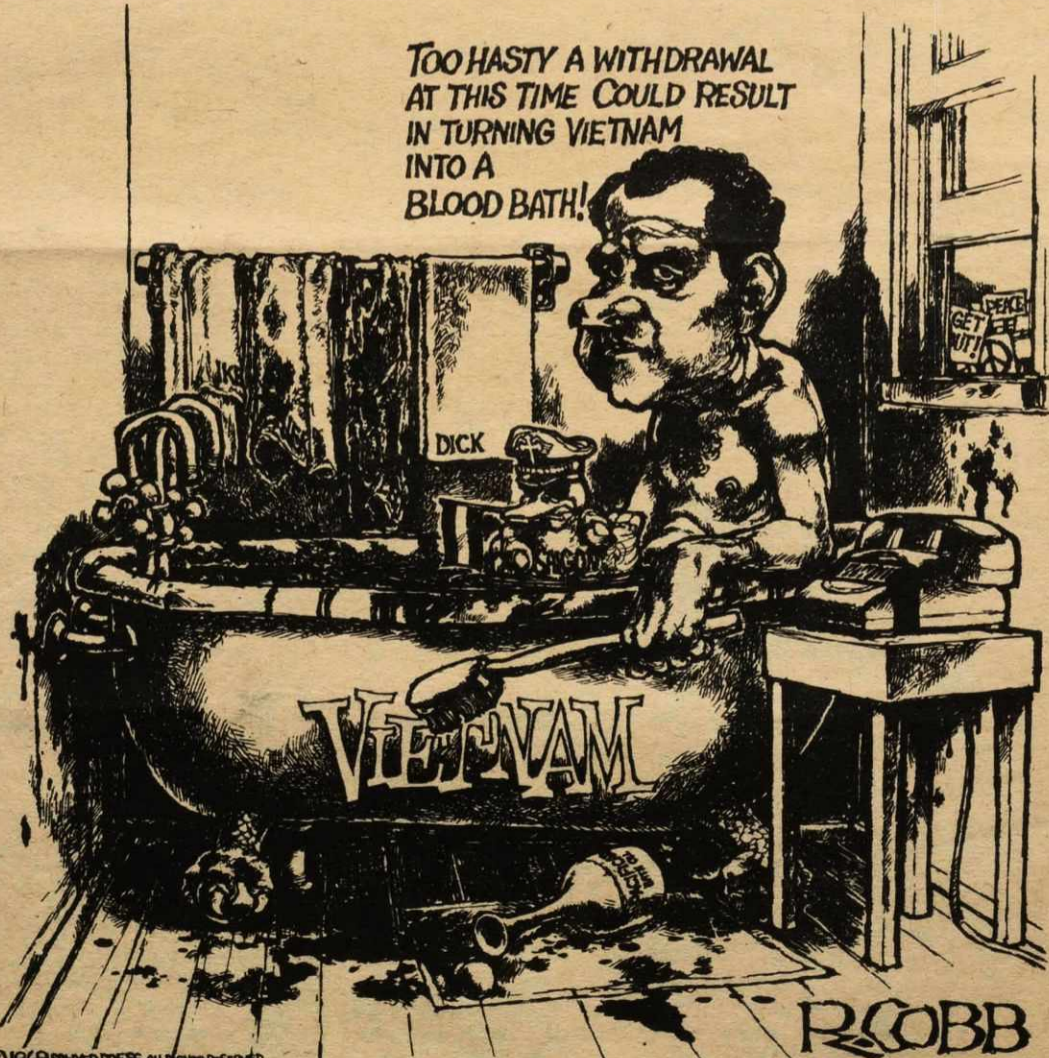
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