

## Terry and the pirates

TERRY DONAHOE HAS A problem.

It's hard to see it at first, because Terry seems to have it all: a safe seat in the legislature, a prestigious position in the government, good looks, a high public profile. He even has a political tradition in his family to back him up; his father, Senator Richard Donahoe, was active in Nova Scotia politics for years, including a period as leader of the provincial Tories in the 1950's.

And Terry's not loath to use these advantages to further his political career. In talking to *the Gazette* this week, Donahoe confirmed rumours that he is considering a run at the leadership of his party when John Buchanan moves on, a move that is expected before the next provincial election.

But, Terry faces two major obstacles before he can assume the mantle of the premiership.

First, many observers of the political scene expect Buchanan to, in effect, anoint a successor as his last act as leader. Many names have been mentioned in this context, but the most likely appears to be Tom McInnis, the minister of highways.

One thing is certain: Donahoe is seldom mentioned as the person to get the nod.

The second obstacle Terry faces

is his job.

Let's face it: given the mess the Nova Scotia education system is in, it's not easy being the minister responsible for it. No matter how much or how little Donahoe is responsible for the current situation, he still has to take the blame for it. While the education portfolio has put him in the public eye, much of the public is eying him more as a target of criticism than anything else.

The simple fact is that some ministries are better springboards to political leadership than others. For example, John Turner is the only person in Canadian history to have become prime minister after having been minister of finance. And we all know what happened to *him* once the public had its say.

McInnis, in this respect, has it made. The minister of highways has little to do but give out a lot of money and make a lot of friends. How many friends has the minister of education made lately?

Though he denies it, there can be little doubt that Donahoe wants and needs to get out of the department of education when Buchanan next shuffles his cabinet. But if the premier has already picked out his successor, we should have Donahoe to kick around for a long time yet.

## No News is Bad News

THE BIGGEST STORY SO far this year at Dalhousie has to be the fire at the Weldon Law building. Duly reported by all the local and national press.

Some faceless minion of the administration has the thankless duty of clipping all Dal-oriented stories from this same local and national press and pinning them

to the "Dal in the News" bulletin board in the Arts and Administration building.

Have you noticed that none of the stories criticizing the administration for its inadequate fire protection measures have made it to the "Dal in the News" bulletin board?

And they call us biased.

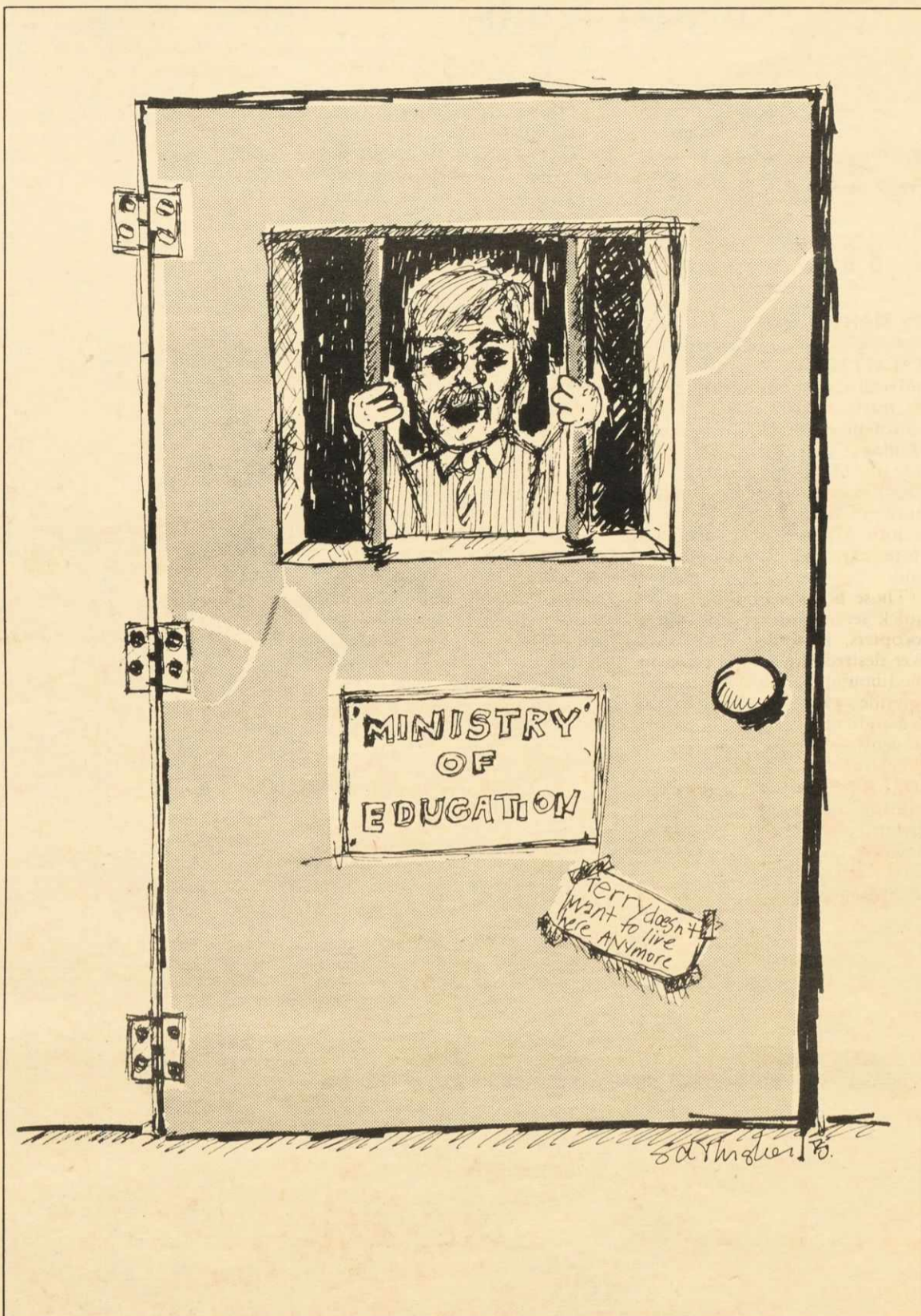


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## Pass the buck for bus passes

By ANNE EDWARDS

Students at maritime universities are paying out an average of thirteen hundred dollars for tuition a year, which does not include books, food, clothing and the high cost of living on or near residence. If students at Dalhousie in particular are going to be able to pay for these necessities the university should be able to compensate by including bus passes as part of the cost of tuition.

In order to make this work, the university must support students by setting up a liaison between the Dalhousie Student Union, City Hall, and Metro Transit. Once established, a three-way communication system would be opened and the three groups could work towards obtaining a bus pass system suitable for all parties involved.

Students who live more than one mile from university should be able to travel to school without having to worry about bus fares. In the long run it would be more economical for students, who would be saving on transportation costs, and it would benefit Halifax's bus system by giving them more passengers.

The Metro Transit Commission would not only be getting

more patrons riding the bus but would also create good relations between the university, its students and their parents.

A bus pass system will help cut out the high costs of travel which university students find so hard to bear.

If the university cooperates and allows bus transportation to be included as part of tuition costs, bus passes may become a reality for Dalhousie students.

### Clarification

*The Gazette* would like to clarify its presentation of a cutline under a photo of the 42nd Street Cafe sign run in the September 5 *Gazette Arts Magazine*. *The Gazette* in no way meant to personally attack the management or staff of the 42nd Street Cafe. The term "piggies" in the cutline was only meant as a shortened version

of the expression "male chauvinist pig." However, *the Gazette* stands by its statement that the sign presents a sexist image of women. We are aware that the image was taken from the Broadway musical "42nd Street", but this does not alter the sign's content: a scantily-clad woman in a sexually suggestive pose.

## Letters

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