

# Costs rising

Well, it's started already. No sooner are we back to classes when there is talk going around that there might be another tuition increase next year, probably even larger than this year's. One has to realistically ask the question, when is all this going to end? Oh I'm sure there are students out there who have no worries about money. Either daddy's into oil or they've been winners at Atlantic loto. It is however a shame that when most students have their financial woes taken care of, they seem to adopt a "What, me worry" attitude toward their fellow students problems. There are exceptions to this I'm sure (I hope), but most seem to dissolve into the woodwork!

Which leaves the rest of us. The cost of getting a proper education is turning into a joke. For a student to attend classes and leave in residence, it will cost him or her three thousand dollars. Three thousand dollars is a lot of money. And this does not count books, supplies, personal items or even the occasional beer or Big Mac.

It totally amazes one when one hears some corner philosopher say 'yes but in the States they pay (blank) a year. Oh brother. All I can say to this is "True, but do they have an unemployment rate that boogles the mind, or a lack of job opportunities that make students leave the province just to find enough to live on." I do not exaggerate. Now is not the time for exaggeration.

Education is turning into a privilege, not a right. Soon even those with a lot of money will be hard pressed to find that extra sum every year. Politicians will continue to throw more bull than a manure spreader. No matter what they say, it seems that to most of our elected representatives education is expendable, just as long as the budget balances, (after all we must face the fact that the one goal of every government is not to serve the people but to be re-elected?.

No politician, no university, no student's council will solve our problems. We have to do that ourselves. Students in other provinces have organized effectively and made governments listen to their demands. It can be done here. The next time that there is a meeting about price hikes, or a protest about increases, attend. We need action now. If not and things keep going the way they are with most students really not caring, then it won't be long before that same student will have his name placed on the list of endangered species.



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## Handbook omits gay life

To the editor:

It is a shame that the previous attention to gay life in Halifax, included in last year's student handbook, has been omitted from this year's edition. Robin Metcalfe's useful information for those members of the gay com-

munity beginning their studies at Dalhousie was curiously the only part of the Sexuality Section edited out: could it be that the homophobics are at work again on our campus? I am writing to remind our gay brothers and sisters that they do indeed have company on

campus, and that our organization would be glad to welcome them at our upcoming first-of-the-year meeting!

Sincerely,  
Glenn Walton, President  
GLAD (Gays and Lesbians at Dalhousie)

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