

Movement should continue to fight imperialist menace ...

To the editors:

Youth and Students Against Reagan thanks those who supported our initiative. This includes well over 250 people who signed our declaration, and 75 protestors (according to the *Daily News*) who marched through the downtown of Halifax chanting "Reagan Out!"

We support the principle of Unity in Action as put forth by the People's Front. Thus, we do not necessarily agree on why Reagan is a menace, or what should be done to rid the world of this menace. We agree that the youth and students should organize to make their voice heard. We agree that Ronald Reagan is not welcome in Canada, and that his "visit" should be protested.

In this International Year of the Youth we see the heads of this United Nations programme in Latin America as the heads of two of the most brutal regimes on the face of the earth. General Pinochet of Chile, and the head of state of Guatemala are fascist military dictators, are responsible for the torturous deaths of tens of thousands, and do not represent even the most basic of human principles. They most certainly do not represent the youth and students.

We must continue to organize. We will be meeting soon to solidify our organization. Time, date, etc ... will be announced.

Thank you again,

Roger Lewis

... but only from within the system

To the editors,

Over the past several months I have noticed a growing "anti-Reagan" "anti-Americanization" attitude at meetings I attend and in publications such as *The Gazette*. In particular I am referring to a letter in the March 14 issue by Roger Lewis—"Ronald Reagan war monger and stupid puppet." It expressed a very negative sentiment.

While I am an economic nationalist and very patriotically Canadian, I also realize that we possess a treasure here in Canada. We can speak freely about issues that concern us, and to form groups like "Youth and Students Against Reagan."

If you're going to protest you have to do it effectively, and present a real alternative. You must also think about how to maximize your protest's effectiveness.

How many people are aware that at the Progressive Conservative youth annual meeting, resolutions were passed giving full support to the Reagan administration, and supporting American first strike ability?

Mr. Lewis should get his group to concentrate on attainable goals. Bob Coates already expressed the Mulroney government's attitude toward peace activists when he said "we (in Nova Scotia) know how to

deal with peace protestors, we put them in jail" (referring to the January incident at the Hotel Nova Scotian).

Ronald Reagan is a dangerous, narrow-minded man who seems to feel he has a mission to save the world from "communism". But remember the real struggle—maintaining the right to speak and act freely, or suppression and dictatorship.

Don't let anti-war calls be mistakenly heard as a sign of weakness and division within the free world. The Soviet Union would just as soon control the world as the U.S. The question is, which system would you rather have imposed on you? The drive for peace is growing, which is good, but it seems to be getting mixed up with some more radical and unacceptable calls.

If you really want peace, work effectively and positively for it. Lobby political groups that don't have a "peaceful" view, and support those that do. It is always better and more effective to work within the system than outside it.

I know, I've worked within a system, and been able to change things I didn't like, something I could never have done working outside it. Positivism, think about it.

E. Layton Doney

Provincial government infuriates foreign students ...

To the editors,

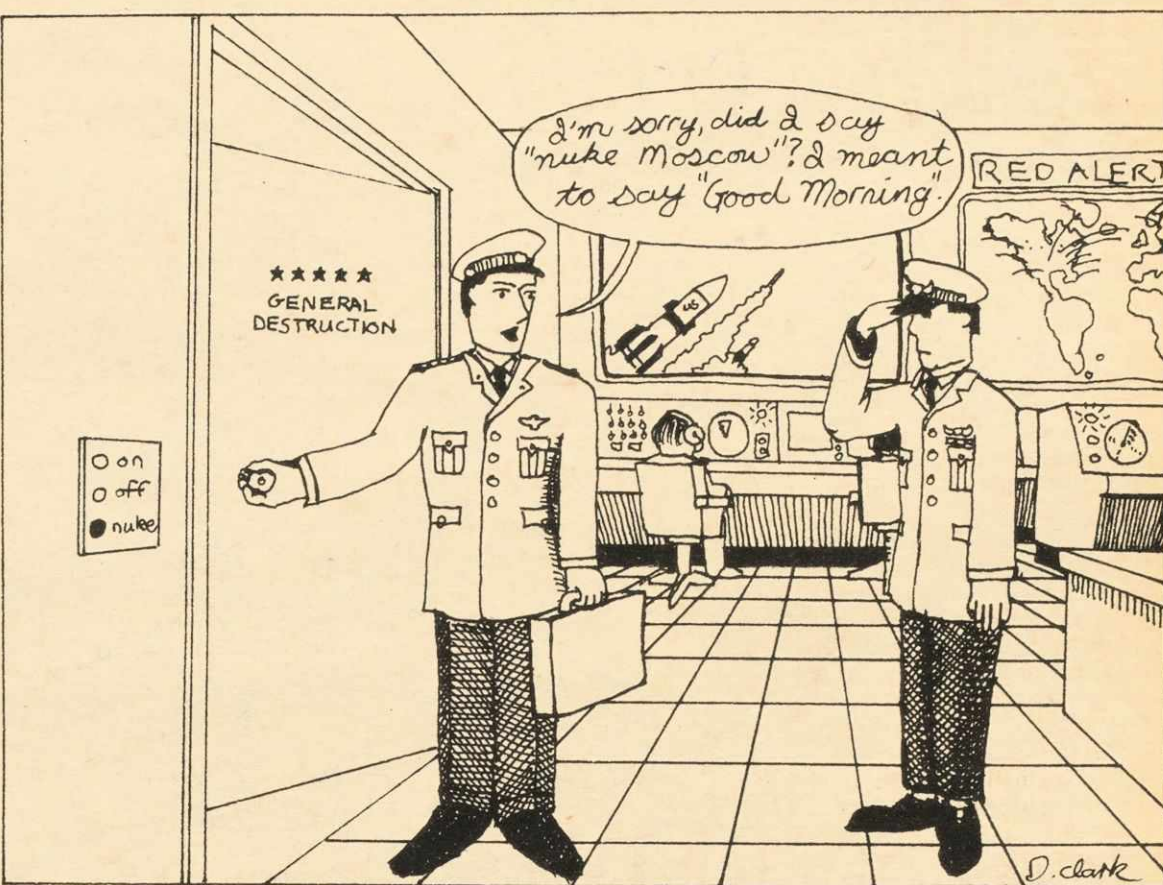
As I read the article entitled "Differential Fee Decisions Sparks Debate" in the March 14 *Gazette* I felt my annoyance grow into fury, and eventually found myself spluttering with rage over the ignorance and injustice of the whole system.

I am a foreign student from Bermuda and have been studying in Canada in the Dalhousie business program since 1981. Each year I have watched the foreign student fees skyrocket in comparison with tuition fees and each year the benevolent politicians have failed to see any injustice in this. Well, Terry, come down off your podium and read the writing on the wall for yourself.

Contrary to the informed (?) Dr. Butler's belief, the majority of foreign students are not wealthy. Many of them are only here at all because they have scholarships from their governments or have taken on whopping loans. We must pay for the trip to Canada and once here we must then cope with the exorbitant costs of living in Halifax.

As a result there is a large number of foreign students who are unable to return home for the duration of their degree (an average of three years or more) because they cannot afford the air fare. Halifax can be a very lonely place when all your friends have gone home for the holidays.

Unfortunately, we are not permitted to work in our spare time as Canadian students are, to help cope with the expenses. The laws governing the issuance of our visas do not permit it. Despite this Mr. Donahoe seems to think



that we are capable of coming up with \$1625 more than the average Canadian student is. If we cannot pay the \$1625 then that's too bad because regardless of what we may contribute to Nova Scotia's society and economy (\$24 million per year), we must pay for not having the good fortune of being born a Canadian.

The illustrious Minister of Education and his well-informed advisor must realise that foreign students are not scapegoats who must bear the brunt of an underfunded education system. This increase in differential fees is discrimination of the worst kind. Unfortunately foreign students do not elect Ministers of Education so the chance of any improvement is slim.

I shall always be grateful to the nation of Canada for my university education. As a people I have found Canadians to be overwhelmingly generous and hospitable. But the Government's proposal of raising the differential fee by \$325 is intolerable. It is unfair and unwarranted.

Yours sincerely
Cristina Woods
(Bermuda)

... with news of differential fee hike

To the editors,

The differential fee issue has come up at a bad time, right in the midst of the students' election.

Yes, I agree that the province should not pay for our fees, but to say that we "all come from wealthy" families can never be more inaccurate a statement. Personally, I know of some students who are here on borrowed money, not family wealth.

Claiming we don't pay taxes is a joke, unless it is assumed that the 10 per cent sales tax is not considered as such. Moreover, why should we be made to pay taxes when it is, as a rule for all international students, not allowed to take on any form of

employment while still here. I've been told quite often that we would be giving undue competition, for rare job vacancies available, if allowed to work. Ironically, I've also been told that minimum wage-paying job vacancies often go begging because one can obtain more "wages" collecting unemployment cheques.

Apart from recommendations, I'm here at Dalhousie because I have no wish to burden my parents further by paying the fees charged by Ontario Universities.

Finally, perhaps it should have been made clear to international students that the four per cent maximum fee hike negotiated for all Dalhousie students was not meant to be—all—afterall.

Sincerely
Hg, Boon Long

Sour cream or passionate purple?

To the editors,

Thank you to whoever reinstalled the prophylactic dispenser in the men's washroom on the ground floor of the SUB. I was concerned that Dalhousie, like St. F.X., had been overrun by the Holy Rollers and their divinely guided leader, General Jerry Falwell, forcibly imposing venereal disease upon those of us who dared to sin.

But fortunately my fears were unfounded. Maybe the machine was just broken. Frankly, I don't understand why they sell them in men's washrooms; why can't they just put them in Major Vending's machines, right next to the potato chips?

Jonathan Plymouth

Gazette clarifies inconsistencies

To the editors,

In reference to "Dal Student Dies," an article in the March 14 *Gazette*, it states, "Although McAuliffe was attending the party, test results released

afterwards showed that he was sober at the time of the accident." Yet, the article continues to make references to alcohol related deaths among university students. These alcohol related references have nothing to do with Michael McAuliffe's death. Michael is gone and his death was proven alcohol free.

Keep it that way!

Cynthia McCutcheon

Editor's note — We would like to explain certain inconsistencies in last week's story "Dal Student Dies."

Our reporter originally wrote that McAuliffe was intoxicated at the time of his death. He based this statement on the evidence of witnesses who had seen McAuliffe shortly before the accident.

Just before press time, the Gazette received information of the "test results," referred to above. As this information put the evidence of the witnesses in question, we changed the story to say McAuliffe was sober.

We have since learned from the Medical Examiner's office that "there was alcohol involved" in McAuliffe's death. That office declined to release any further information, pending further investigation.

The Halifax Police Department is continuing to investigate the accident. Details are not expected to be released to the public for two or three weeks. When the information becomes available, the Gazette plans to follow-up last week's story.

