

**Our only chance**

**Action imperative**

Government underfunding of education has already hurt the level of research and teaching at Maritime universities. Higher tuition fees will keep some students from returning to university next year.

Facts like these speak for themselves. To the provincial government, they don't. That's why we need to show our concern by marching on the legislature on March 21.

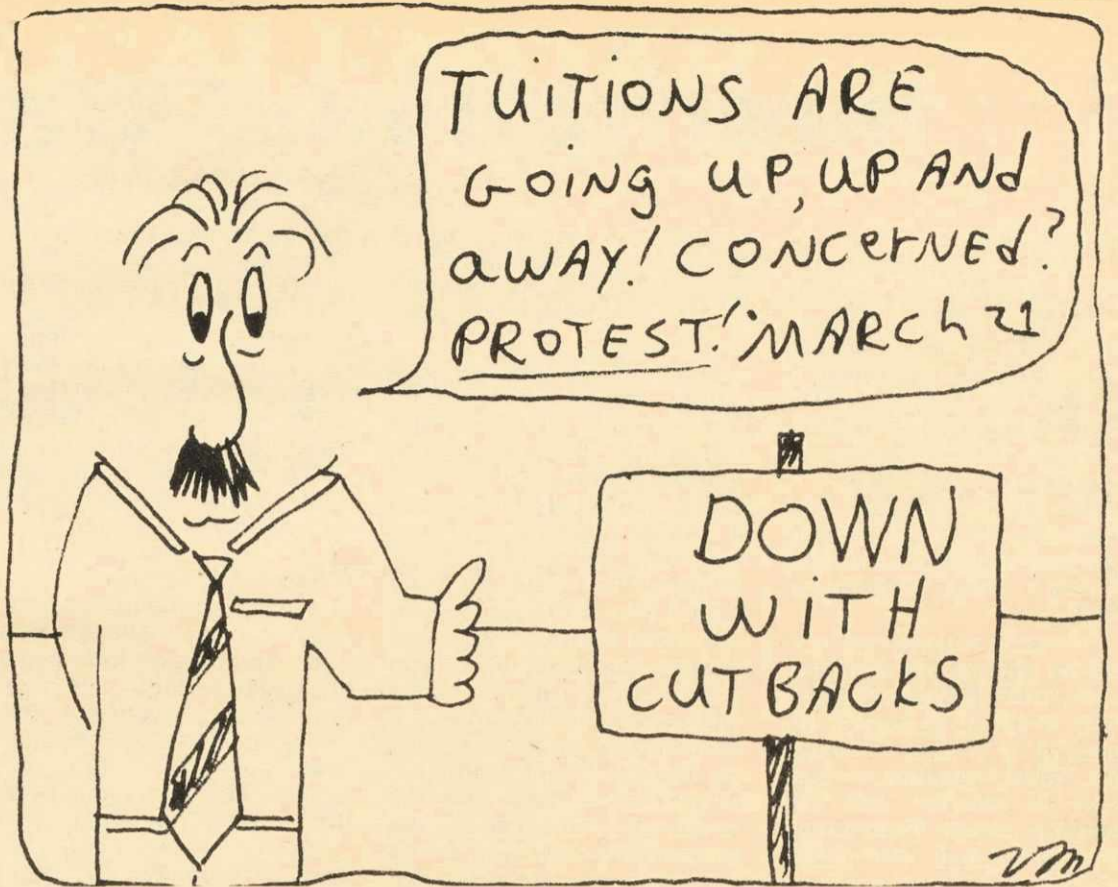
The government has been told that universities need a lot more money if they are to maintain the quality of education we have at present. The government has been told that tuition in the Atlantic is the highest in Canada. They've heard this from students, academics, university administrators, and even from their own advisory board, the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission. They've been told that differential fees for foreign students are unfair, and that many of our best students come from developing countries. These students find it difficult to afford the cost of a year's studies in Canada as it is. The government has been told these things, but it hasn't listened.

On March 21, faced by a group of concerned students, angry about the decreasing value of a degree from a Maritime university and by the fact that many students will not be able to attend school in the fall, the government will have no choice but to listen.

Tell the government that foreign students have a very real role to play both in the university and in the community. Tell them that you want a good education. Tell them you'll have a hard time attending university next year if tuition jumps \$150.

Visible action is the only real tool that students have to bargain with. Use it. Come to the rally in front of the SUB Wednesday at noon, and join the march to the legislature. The issues are real: the quality of your education, and the tuition fees you'll have to pay if you can afford to return in the fall.

Join the march. It could be the best two hours you spend on your education and your interests this year.



**Letters**

**'What kind of woman?'**

**To the Gazette:**

In the February 1, 1979, edition of the Dalhousie Gazette an advertisement for prophylactics appeared on behalf of Julius Schmid of Canada Limited under the Caption: "What Kind of Woman Buys Prophylactics?"

Upon receiving a complaint about this particular ad, the Executive committee of the Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women assessed the ad, and would like to protest its inclusion in your student newspaper. In our opinion, the advertisement goes beyond the bounds of good taste. While we agree with the dissemination of factual information relating to birth planning, we object to the exploitation of women in such advertising messages.

Thus, we would appreciate it if your Gazette staff would refrain from carrying such advertisements in future. Copies of this official protest are being sent to the company responsible for the ad, the Canadian Advertising Advisory board, and the Advertising Standards Council.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,  
Elizabeth Roscoe,  
President,  
Nova Scotia Advisory Council  
on the Status of Women

**Beal retired — not fired**

**To the Gazette:**

In last week's issue you printed an article entitled "Council Firing", in which it was stated that I was fired from the position of Housing Secretary. This statement is inaccurate and false, as I resigned from the position last year after suggesting that it should be abolished. I see that neither Council or the

Gazette have changed—the Gazette still prints inaccurate statements as fact and the Council continues to maintain positions that should have been done away with long ago.  
Yours sincerely,  
Sheilagh Beal  
Law 1

**Editor's note:** Sheilagh Beal was not fired. Our apologies. Last year's student council president, Robert Sampson, says he asked for Sheilagh Beal's resignation and she complied.

**Strike coverage critiqued**

**To the Gazette:**

The following sums up my response to the editorial query suffixing my reference to "a potpourri of biased and misleading statements" (Jan. 25).

1) At no time had students been intimidated or otherwise pressured into "volunteer scabbing".

2) A total of five separate offers were made by the Administration, showing a degree of flexibility and a desire to bargain, compared to the unchanged "demands" of the striking Local.

3) In keeping with the notions of "fair" and "just" wage demands, the CUPE workers were already earning more than many secretarial, clerical, and maintenance workers; and any of the wage offers, if accepted, would

raise the earnings above those of any Nova Scotia cleaners operating in university, business, or institutional enterprises.

4) It is interesting to note that the poverty line figure constantly quoted during the strike (\$9,500/year) pertains to a family of four.

5) The contract with Modern Cleaners clearly contradicted any rumours that strikers might lose their employment, or be forced to take a cut in pay.

6) The efficacy and validity of the Day of Protest must be called into question, because of reports of intimidation by the picketers, the failure to actually close the University, and the coincidental failure of the one article dealing with reasons why many students were not on campus that day (classes being held off campus, desire for long weekend, fear of intimidation) to make it to press.

I have kept this short, as interest in this matter has died down, and as there is no real sense in stirring up old mud; but I have written this to demonstrate the validity of my point of view on the media coverage of the strike, and I expect the above statements to carry some weight, due to my own research of available material and personal involvement in the situation. I have found satisfactory proof not difficult to come by, and appreciate the opportunity to, at least in short, present some clarification to the Gazette's query.

Sincerely,  
Eric Hominick



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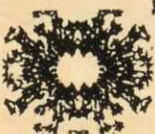
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