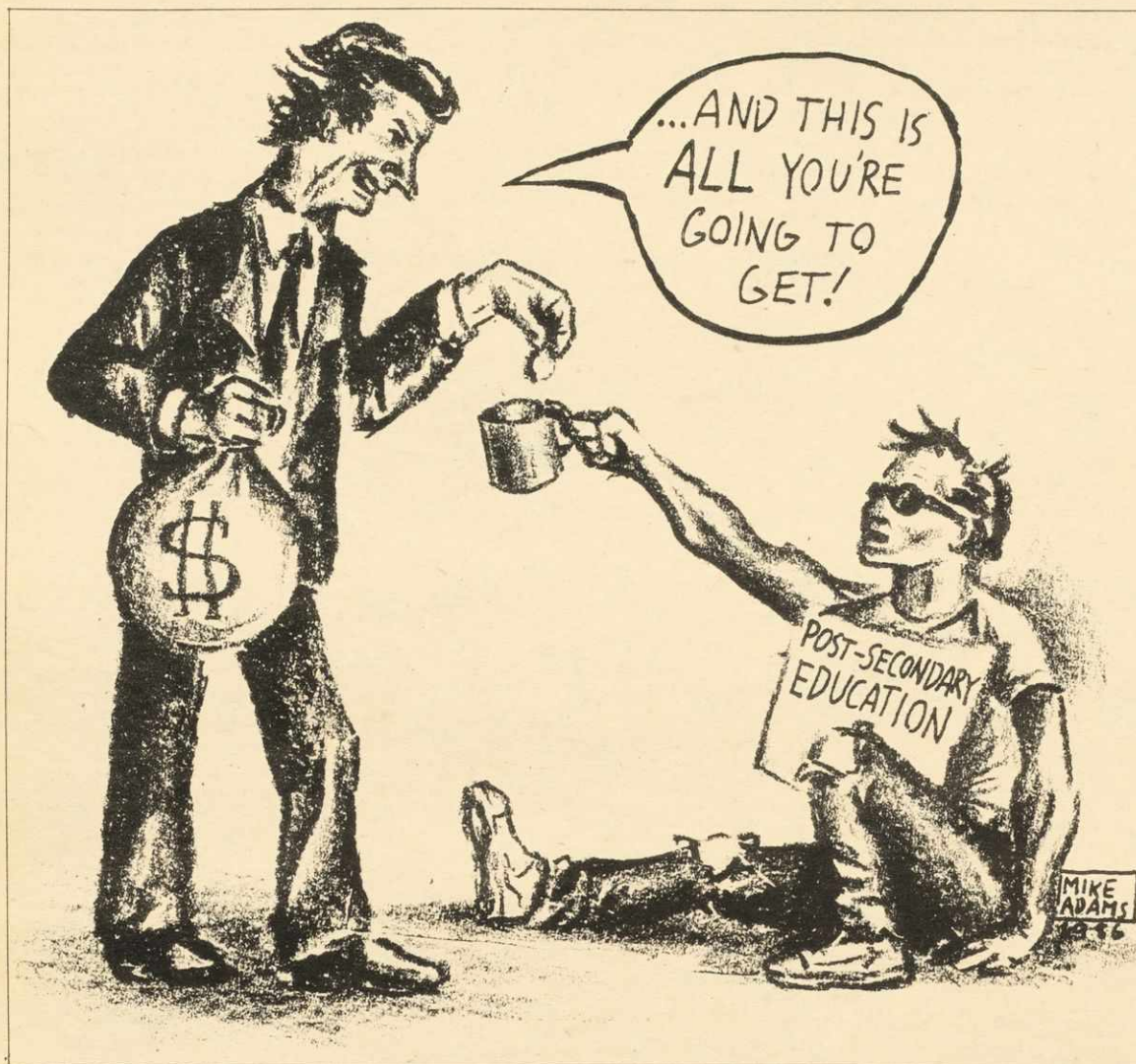


EDITORIAL



Government won't budge

EDUCATION MINISTER TOM McInnis says no to an increase in government spending for education this year.

New to his portfolio, McInnis must be given credit for gall. He thinks he is doing his best with the situation at hand but he is committing political suicide.

Accessibility to education will be eliminated, student cries will be ignored and the government will decide the fate of universities.

This is a curious situation for all concerned. Those who are least involved are making decisions for those directly affected.

What can be done? It is obvious the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission recommendation for a 4.6 per cent increase in provincial funding to universities has been ignored, and it is obvious that the government is not listening to the universities' views on the implications of freezing education funding at its 1985 level. Nor is the government listening to concerns about the recommendations of the Royal commission report on post-secondary education.

The government must realize it has lost the majority of support from the university community. It has also lost the support of many individual community members.

A recent survey conducted by the public relations department of Dalhousie suggests overwhelmingly that the community supports accessibility to all qualified students.

Considering the governments actions, the report on post-secondary education and the

freezing of funds (taking place within 40 days of one another), it is obvious the government is acting quickly to change a system it knows nothing about.

It's too late to wait for the next election to change governments. By then these ludicrous

recommendations will be implemented and the freeze on government spending still in existence.

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Sexist logo

HAVE YOU EVER WISHED for warmer weather, hot sun and no exams? Of course you have. Who wouldn't?

Posters advertising a \$500 trip to Mexico have been posted up all over Dalhousie's campus. Office Services, which is under the jurisdiction of the Dalhousie Student Council, approved the posters.

These posters, expressly designed to entice students to travel to Mexico for a bit of "fun in the sun", are exploitive and extremely sexist. The logo on the poster says "Bust loose to Mexico", and surely no student is naive enough not to realize that "bust loose" has a double meaning. Women in wet t-shirts accompany the logo, and this has made some students on campus extremely upset.

Advertising is no big deal, but the degradation of women is.

DSU said there is some sort of policy concerning advertising on campus, said a member of DSU council, but added in the same breath, "We can't keep track of everything."

If there is a DSU policy about advertising and it is not entirely certain there is, it should be made clear to the employees of Office Services. Sexist posters of any sort should not be allowed on Dalhousie's campus.

One of the representatives of the company offering the Mexico trip to students said the only thing he was told when he had his posters stamped through Office Services was there was a limitation on how many could be put up on campus.

The limitation should have been zero.

Misinformation

To the Editors,

In your January 16, 1986 issue you printed a letter by Mr. James Kadyampakeni that accused the Student Union of going "out of its way to be immoral". This is ridiculous and statements by Mr. Kadyampakeni show clearly that he is woefully misinformed.

He says that in light of current investment policies by the various Canadian banks that it "seems most peculiar that the Dalhousie Student Union takes this precise moment to move its funds" from the Bank of Montreal to the Royal Bank. The transfer was made in January of 1979. I, for one, hardly consider a transfer made seven years ago to be taking place at "this precise moment". The transfer was made at the time because the Royal Bank was considered by the Dalhousie Student Union Council to be the bank the least involved in investments in not only South Africa but in that country and others where human rights were being violated.

Mr. Kadyampakeni notes that at McGill it was the Student Union that initiated divestment of South African holdings and questions where the Dalhousie Student Union stands on the issue. For his information the Student Union is investigating

the nature of the university's holdings and a Dalhousie Student Union Councillor and Board of Governors representative, Stevan Ellis, gave notice of motion that we would be moving a divestment resolution at the Board. We are also circulating a petition urging the Board to divest.

Simply because some banks have started to adopt restrictions does not mean that they do not invest at all in South Africa. Therefore, Mr. Kadyampakeni's assertion that statements by Mr. Reza Rizvi are "totally inaccurate" is illogical. He does not make a sound argument. It is clear that banking practices are in a state of flux where South Africa is concerned. We are trying to keep ourselves informed on the matter. According to information we have from the Southern Africa Information Group and other sources, the major banks all have investments in South Africa; if not directly then through affiliates. If we remove money from one bank we will be giving it to another bank — in all likelihood a bank with some South African connection. The process of changing banks for a multi-million dollar business is an expensive one. It costs students money. If Mr. Kadyampakeni or others have any more information we could use it would be nice if they dropped it off to us. It is not nice, however, for them to sit back and make extremely unfair accusations that hard-working students are going out of their way to be immoral.

Yours truly,
Neil Ferguson
Treasurer
Dalhousie Student Union

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To the editor:

It is that time of year again when the medical students of Dalhousie perform the most controversial show on campus — EUPHORIA! This is an entertainment extravaganza unlike any known to man. Included are three main acts produced by the Med I, II, and III classes who compete for the prestigious honor of best skit. There is very little censorship of the show and hence the humour may be objectionable to some; however, those who attend usually find themselves rolling in the aisles with laughter. Other acts include a fine performance by the Tupper Band, as well as various singing and dancing routines, all arranged and performed by the medical student body.

This year, the proceeds from the show will be donated to the Beth Rafuse Memorial Scholarship Fund. Tickets will be on sale this week in the Tupper Link. The show is on Saturday, Jan. 25th at 7:30 p.m. in the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium.

In order that EUPHORIA may receive an unbiased review, we the producers cordially invite the editors of the Gazette to attend the show. Tickets will be supplied.

Thank you, and hope to see you there.

Sincerely,
Paul Risk
Marj Robb
Bruce Colwell