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job and the majority of the rest of us will not find a job which has anything to do with our skills and education. We are not fooled into thinking that this crisis will be in anyway alleviated by having a couple of up and coming students putting on their suits and ties and going to ask nicely if please could the burden be shifted to the upper class instead of us.

It is unfortunate, but too often our so called student leaders are eager wheeler dealers. Many, despite their pompous and benevolent statements of concern for students, are really concerned with making influential contacts and friends in high places in an effort to advance their future political and / or business careers. Before we start blaming the masses of students for not coming out to show support, I think we should look first to those in leadership positions who, by their inaction and bureaucratic games, consciously seek to obstruct mass student participation in the hard work which is needed to effectively deal with the issues.

Don Soucy

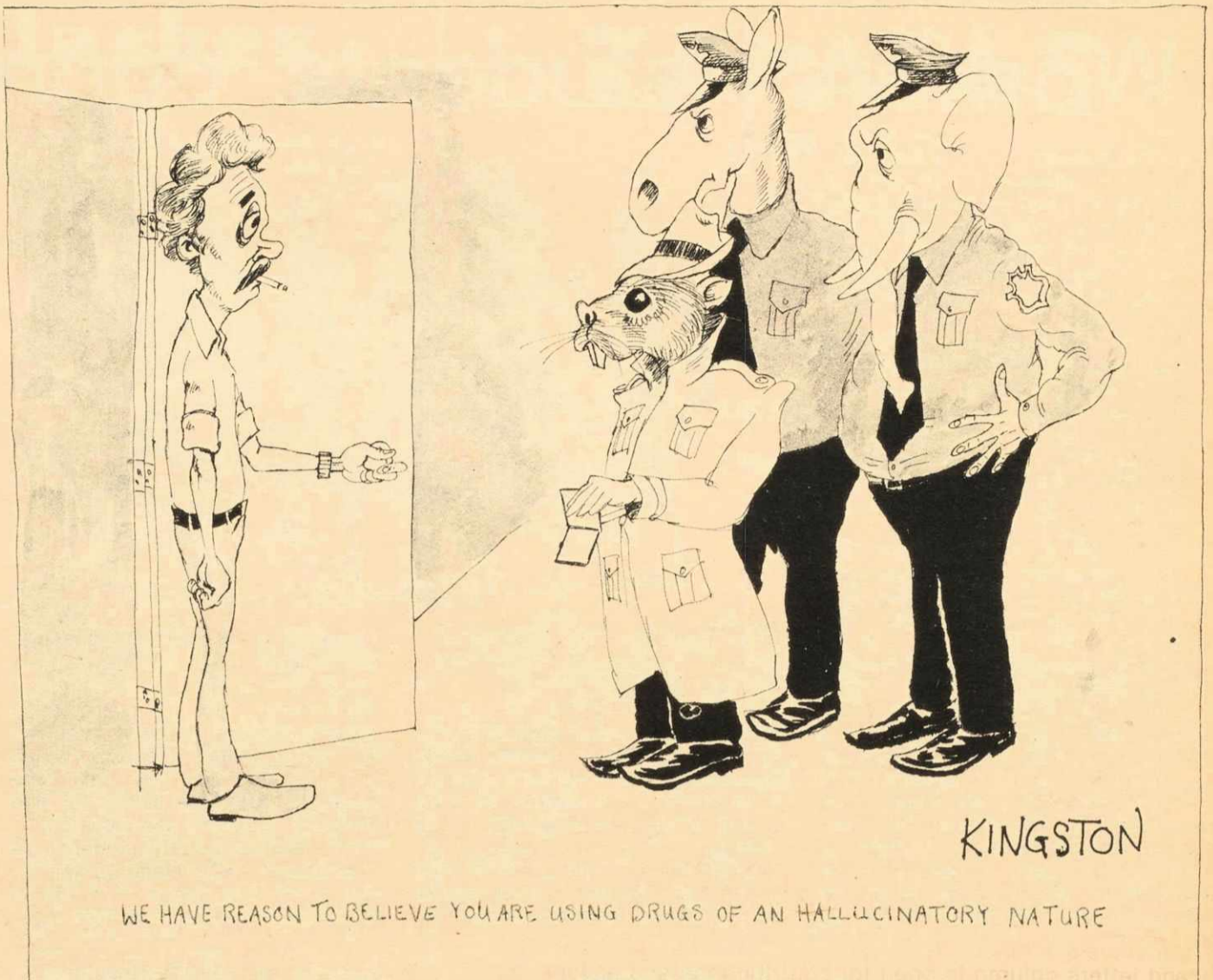
Sorcerer's apprentice

To the Gazette:

Please permit me to comment on the hysterical accusations made by Mr. Michael E. Brown in his editorial in last week's issue. Citing poor student support of the 28th September demonstration against rising unemployment as evidence of the DAL student body's "yellow" colour, Brown concludes that the majority of students are "apathetic, self-centered, conceited, unimaginative, insensitive, smug and most of all ignorant."

No one can deny that apathy has been the despair of Student Government here at Dalhousie for the past several years. However, the inference that this along with student insensitivity and ignorance account for the "disappointing" turnout on 28th September is absurd. Indeed, choosing not to participate in an Arts Society, or expressing a general disinterest in the outcome of a Student Union election is one thing; an unwillingness to endure the simplistic exhortations of local labour leaders (regardless of Student Council sanction) is quite another matter.

Perhaps it is unimaginable—or unpalatable—to Mr. Brown that a segment of the student body can be as sympathetic and knowledgeable of the unemployment problem as it can be critical of the solutions proposed by, among others, the Nova Scotia Federation of Labour. With 838,000 Canadians looking for work in August, a national (seasonally adjusted) unemployment rate of 8.2 per cent, and screaming headlines in the daily press, politicians are very much aware of the electorate's concern. Consequently, rather than chanting slogans and demanding that Parliament "do something," would not the unemployed and their supporters and spokesmen be using their collective energy more efficiently by offering thoughtful advice? Simply pronouncing that the Federal Government has a responsibility to meet social needs is tantamount to labelling Parliament an unlimited-liability insurance company in the business of caring for all persons at all times at any cost. Moreover, simplistic demands encourage a simplistic response; reducing personal and sales taxes and introducing temporary make-work projects are two inflationary favourites of governments today. In any event, if, as Mr. Brown



insists, those students who chose not to march on 28th September are ignorant, conceited and unimaginative individuals, does this make those who participated any better? I think not, for in the words of Anthony King, "their image of government is that of the sorcerer's apprentice. The waters rise. The apprentice rushes about with his bucket. The waters rise even faster. And none of them know when, or whether, the magician will come home."

Respectfully,
Cliff Cottingham

Moral insanity

To the Gazette:

The saga of Sampsonville continues as mighty Casey lurks just around the corner. If there is a competent pitcher at hand, please step forward now, or again there will be no joy in Mudville. Let us now look at those acts which constitute and brought on this premonition.

Thursday afternoon, September 29, SUNSCAD (Student Union of the Nova Scotia College of Art & Design) received a letter via mail. This communication requested the President of the SU to make every attempt possible at attending a "Presidents meeting" less than 48 hours from that moment. President Wendt placed a phone call to Robert Sampson, author of the letter, informing him that he would be out of the country October 1. Mr. Wendt then proceeded to note that an elected official of the 437 students at NSCAD, familiar with matters expressed in the letter, would be more than happy to attend in his place. That individual was myself, having been the Secretary with SUNSCAD since the summer of 1976, I had dealt with all the subjects (AFS / FEA, NUS / NUE) to an extent of being more than a token conversationalist.

Doubt was expressed that anyone but the SU President could or should handle "the present shaky

ground of AFS." And if one SU Secretary was permitted to attend, then all should be admitted for "you have to draw the line somewhere." But not to worry, the decision concerning NSCAD's President pro tempore would ultimately be left to the remaining presidents at the

already infamous "Presidents meeting."

The meeting commenced with 8 presidents from Maritime universities, 3 accompanied by elected student union officials; 1 meeting chairman (Dalhousie SU VP) appointed on page 6

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