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Commentary should not exceed 700 words, letters should not exceed 300 words. No unsigned material will be accepted, but anonymity may be granted on request.

Advertising copy deadline is noon Friday before publication. The Gazette offices are located on the 3rd Floor SUB. Come up and have a coffee and tell us what's going on.

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\$380 million and you

The Federal government is trying to pull a fast one. Bill C-12, an ostensibly simple name change, isn't.

The government wishes to change the name of the "Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements and Established Programs Financing Act, 1977" to the "Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements and Post-Secondary Education and Health Contributions Act, 1977."

What's the difference? \$380 million in University funding over the next two years.

The Feds' contribution to post secondary education funding has dropped over the last two years and under Bill C-12 it will drop further. Since the Act was introduced in 1977, Federal funds have had an "escalator clause" linking increases in funding to growth in the Gross National Product.

Under Bill C-12 [clause 7-(3)(b) and (c)], the escalator clause would be linked to the government's 6 and 5 program instead. A 6 per cent increase this year, 5 per cent the next.

Try it this way: \$118 million less funding this year, \$260 million less next year. Think inflation.

There are people screaming at this. The two opposition parties, the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) and the Student's Union of Nova Scotia (SUNS).

Particularly SUNS.

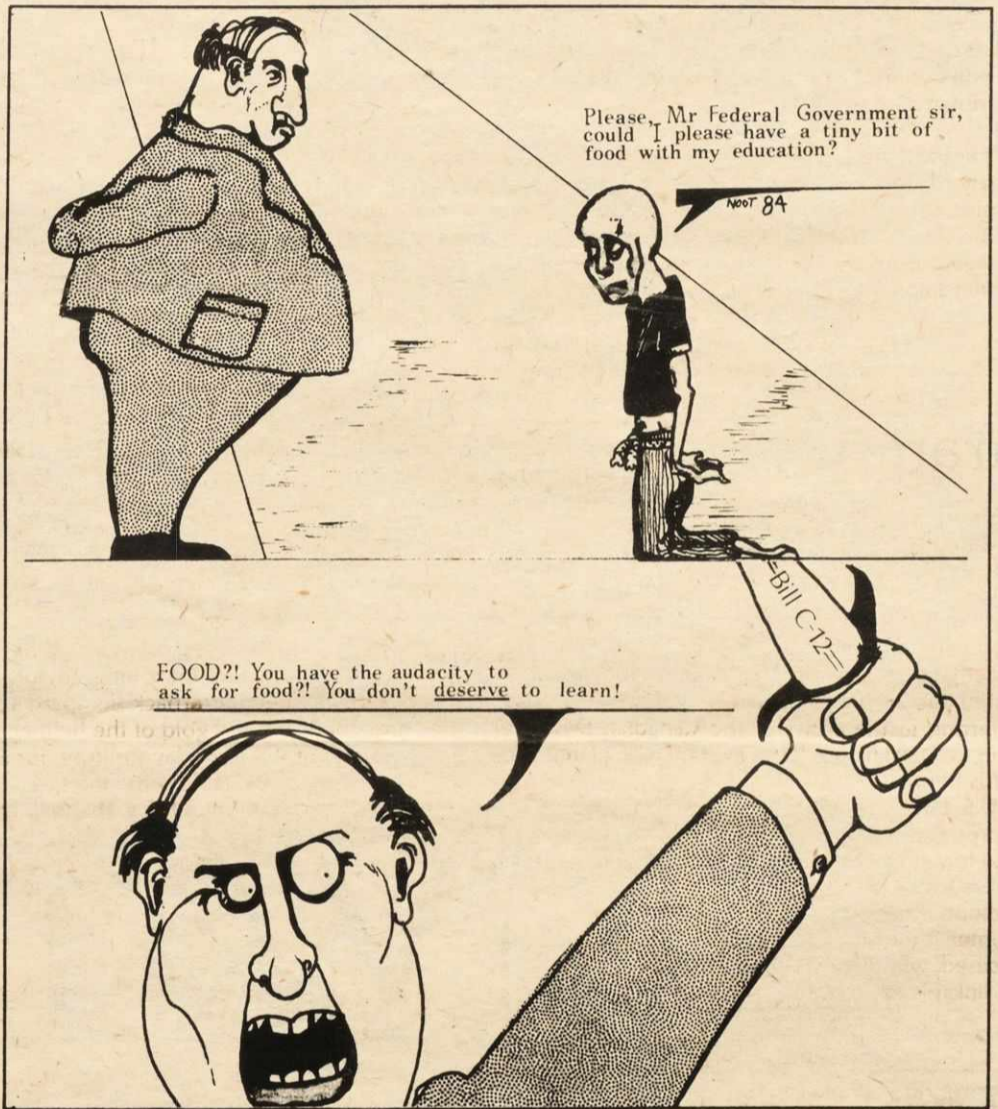
The Maritimes are in a bad economic way, and the universities are in real trouble. We already have the highest tuitions in the country, and the province claims it can't spend more than it is spending now. Nova Scotia students are in a bad way.

SUNS is beginning to move, but its highest priority is to inform the students of this and other equally important issues. Their strength comes from you.

It is students who are going to be hurt by Bill C-12. In Nova Scotia, 20,000 of you. In Canada, three-quarters of a million of you.

That sort of strength can move mountains.
Or change a government's mind.

A.D.W.



Hi, I'm Scott, I draw Noot 84.
If you join the Gazette, I
will personally steal the free
beers you'll get every Wednesday
when you work at the Gazette!



Noot 84.



Once again, the Gazette is beginning its annual search for an editor, co-editors, or editorial collective for the 1984/85 publishing year.

Required talents include an ability to pass on writing skills, a knowledge of copy editing, an understanding of layout and design, an ability to work well with people, a willingness to be responsible for the content and quality of a weekly newspaper, an ability to handle budgets, and an understanding of the functions and philosophy of the student press.

Nominations will be open until Friday February 24 at 5:00 p.m. All resumes should be dropped off at the Gazette offices, Room 312, third floor, S.U.B.