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## Letters

Remember, state your case convincingly. Why do you need a University education? How will it make you a better and more productive member of our society? What will the proposed increase in fees really mean to your life as a student? Positive answers to these questions, expanded by topics that you most surely can add, should get results. If sent in by enough students and other adults.

The rally drew attention to the student's plight; capitalize on that attention.

Sincerely,  
Ron Thomas

## Time to act

To the Editor:

The following resolution was presented in the Nova Scotia legislature on March 25 of this year by Bud McEachern. The resolution deals with a banning of South African wines from Nova Scotia liquor commission outlets. This is the fifth successive year that this or a similar resolution has been introduced into the House. A growing consciousness of our support for the apartheid regime of South Africa has developed in recent months.

We would like to call on people to write or phone their MLA's in order to have this resolution debated on the floor of the assembly otherwise it is likely to die and not get to the final vote. We feel that it is a concrete blow against racism and we hope that you can fight to support their resolution.

Resolution #26

Resolve that in the opinion of this house we deplore the racist policies of the government of South Africa and further resolve that as an indication of the feelings of the people of Nova Scotia the Nova Scotia liquor Commission should halt the sale of South African products and that the government should encourage the public to take similar action on an individual basis.

Please direct your letters or calls to the minister in charge of the Liquor Control Act, the Hon. Benoit Comeau and Premier Gerald Regan and your local representative. Thank you.

The Nova Scotian Southern  
African Information Group

## Trudeau replies

*Editor's note:* Early in the new year Ralph Loomer, from Falmouth, N.S. a longtime CCF and NDP candidate, and a political activist for many years, established an ad hoc committee calling for nuclear disarmament. A petition was circulated among students and faculty at Dalhousie and St. Mary's and sent to Prime Minister Trudeau shortly before his recent visit to the United States. The Prime Minister's reply:

Dear Mr. Loomer:

Shortly before I departed for Washington, Mr. Robert McCleave placed in my hands your petition with the impressive support that it had attracted in the few days that it had been circulated. I have no hesitation in saying that I approve and support the two statements of President Carter and General Secretary Brezhnev which were quoted in the document.

I share your enthusiasm for the dedication of these two leaders towards the goal of nuclear disarmament and pledge that Canada will play an active and forthcoming role in any steps towards this end. Indeed, as you know, Canada chose in 1969 to remove itself as rapidly as could be done prudently from the nuclear strike role. Over the past few years Canadian Armed Forces weapons systems in Europe have been converted in their totality to conventional arms.

The subject of disarmament occupied a good portion of the conversations which I held with President Carter in Washington a few days ago. I welcomed the initiatives that President Carter stated he was undertaking in the disarmament field and made clear the full support of the Canadian government in this vital policy area. You may have noted that I referred to the dangers of nuclear proliferation and the necessity for nuclear safeguards in my speech to the Congress. These references followed naturally on those in my address to the Helsinki Conference in mid-1975.

Please accept my thanks for the efforts that you have expended in focussing public opinion on this critical issue. I hope that you may find some means of drawing this response to the attention of the many concerned persons who signed the petition.

Yours sincerely,  
P.E. Trudeau

## 'Fair share'

In regards to last Wednesday's forum on tuition fees, it was suggested that we look closely at our universities' spending, however, it is my opinion that other post-secondary institutions should be investigated as potential areas to keep education costs down.

A case in point is vocational schools. These schools provide excellent educational and sports facilities to their students at no personal cost with the exception of books.

I think these students should take a "share in the blow" by paying a small tuition, i.e. \$200.00. This would relieve some of the strain from the university student and also discourage "freeloaders" who attend simply because "there is nothing else to do" and have no intention of utilizing their vocational training.

I realize that the vocational students have a shorter summer

break but I am sure a vocational student who was truly interested in a job would not be discouraged by paying a small tuition, especially in view of the fact that many vocational students receive equal or higher pay than their university counterparts upon graduation.

Further, I would venture to say that very few people attend vocational school because they cannot afford to enter university. This may have been the case in the past but

today's vocational student attends for the simple fact that it is their preference or they do not have a sufficient academic background to warrant university entrance.

To summarize then, I think if vocational students are to continue to receive the facilities open to them they should be prepared to pay at least a small portion of the cost in light of today's economic situation in Nova Scotia.

Ross Denman

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## New Grad council elected

A new council for the Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students was elected on Tuesday. The new president is Bob Rosebrugh, a Phd student in Mathematics, and a member of last years council. He defeated his only opponent Malcolm Grieve by a two to one margin. The following people have been elected to the Graduate council.

Mahmood Alam (Geology)  
Trish Archibald (Social Work)  
Elizabeth Beale (Economics)

Linda Keddy (Library Service)  
Marion Kielly (Library Service)  
Brian Langlois (Business Admin.)

Ghila Benesty (Philosophy)  
Tom Clair (Oceanography)  
Bob Flute (Political Science)

Barry Moore (Social Work)  
Robert Rideout (Business Admin.)  
Paul Shaw-Wood (Oceanography)

Michel Gagnon (Oceanography)  
Milton Graves (Geology)  
Greg Gray (Mathematics)

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Joe Woodard (Political Science)