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Deficits Abound

Money makes the world go around but operating deficits are alive and well and living at Dalhousie. An unexpected \$3.7 million deficit is of serious concern to Dalhousie Vice-President Robbie Shaw. (Mind you, the **Gazette** didn't do so hot last year either, see stories this issue.) Granted we are all pinching, squeezing and scraping our pocketbooks as we travel deeper into the eighties. This year's \$100 and \$200 tuition hikes is an effective sock in the collective student stomach. If this is indicative of the squeeze on Dalhousie's budget, we are in for some meagre days. Touchy decisions will be made in the coming months as the administration makes budget cuts, and its priorities will be closely examined by all.

In light of this, it is disheartening that the federal axe continues to hover so close to those precious transfer funds to the provinces. The parliamentary task force considered Finance Minister Allan MacEachern's proposal to cut \$1.5 billion from funds for health, post-secondary education and other social services, concluded that the programs are "serving vital social needs and merit undiminished support." In light of Shaw's gruesome report of Dalhousie's financial situation, the **Gazette** would like to agree with the task force that "there is now no fat left in the system."

Another year will pass when we are saved from the federal axe, but what about next year? What kind of percentage points will be tacked onto tuition costs for 1982?

Tuition fees have gone up again and there's nothing much one can do about it except to pay up and react later. And we will react, react angrily, react in letters, through our student leaders, through the student press, and in demonstrations.

From the point of view of the Board of Governors, after a hard look at the university's revenues and expenditures, raising tuition fees is a last regrettable option to meet rising costs. To the student however, after examining and trimming his or her budget, the last means to make ends meet, regrettably, is sacrificing an education.



Gazette in the hole

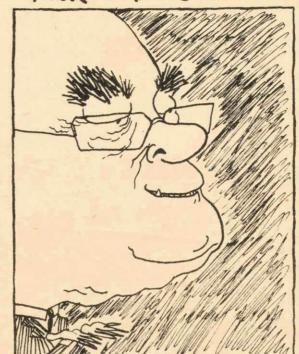
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In order to begin publishing this year, the **Gazette** has received a \$10,500 advance from the \$21,000 student union subsidy. Through an improved financial management system and a more aggressive advertising campaign, the **Gazette** hopes to decrease its deficit by at least \$4,000 this year.

This was the **Gazette's** first year managing its own finances under the supervision of the Gazette Publishing Board, a body consisting of the editor(s), the advertising/business manager, three members elected at large from the student body, one student council member, and three members of the community; a journalist, a Dalhousie professer and a lawyer.

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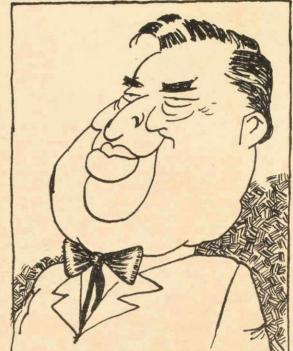
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