

Within a few days the students of Dalhousie will be faced with a referendum. It is expected to rouse many students from their usual state of apathy (hate to see that word used again), as the subject concerns the pocketbook. The four proposals re: student fees of next year are as follows:

- 1- whether to maintain union activities and student organizations at their present rate and increase fees by \$7.00 to cover the cost of inflation;
- 2- whether to maintain activities and organizations as well as support new projects such as a Student Union House on the lower campus--at a \$12 increase;
- 3- whether to combine one and two, as well as fund major projects such as a student owned and operated coffee house, rec rooms, etc., all for \$17;
- 4- whether to cutback on activities and not increase fees. If the student body chooses to hang on to its money there is no way of knowing what the Union will decide to sacrifice on our behalf.. Likely candidates are the student directory, winter carnival, and the graduation exercises. In addition the students may find their use of the SUB more restricted, as it will be rented to outside organizations on a profit basis.

Whatever the outcome of the referendum we believe few students will object to the subject matter considered. For too many of us the maintenance of a constant flow of bands and booze affairs in the SUB is the sole raison d'être of the Student Union.

Too few students view their government, their newspaper and their radio system as a potential part of their social life and a source of stimulation and enrichment during their university years. It is perhaps in part the fault of the handful of 'pillars' within these bodies who have made it an intricate part of their lives and are hostile to criticism and constantly condemning the majority for their lack of participation.

We definitely hope to see more people come and help with the Gazette in the future; not through a sense of mass guilt, but because they are aware of the fact that their efforts, opinions, stories, and time are needed, appreciated and respected by their fellow students.

Please consider allotting some of your time towards making the university facilities better in quality.

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