

Editorial

# Minister Mitchell mocks meeting

Student leaders throughout the province are very upset, and rightly so.

Last Saturday Provincial Minister of Education George Mitchell met with student representatives to discuss financing of post secondary education. Mitchell promised the students a two hour meeting to discuss provincial government policy. Instead, all they received was royal shaft.

Mitchell showed up for the meeting but soon after left to attend a Liberal party convention with a promise to return in half an hour. The students were left with the deputy minister who refused to answer questions from the representatives, advising them to wait for the minister's return—an event which never took place.

After a two hour waiting period, Carmen Moir, the deputy minister adjourned the meeting. Moir refused a request to have another meeting to finish the discussion telling the students to submit their

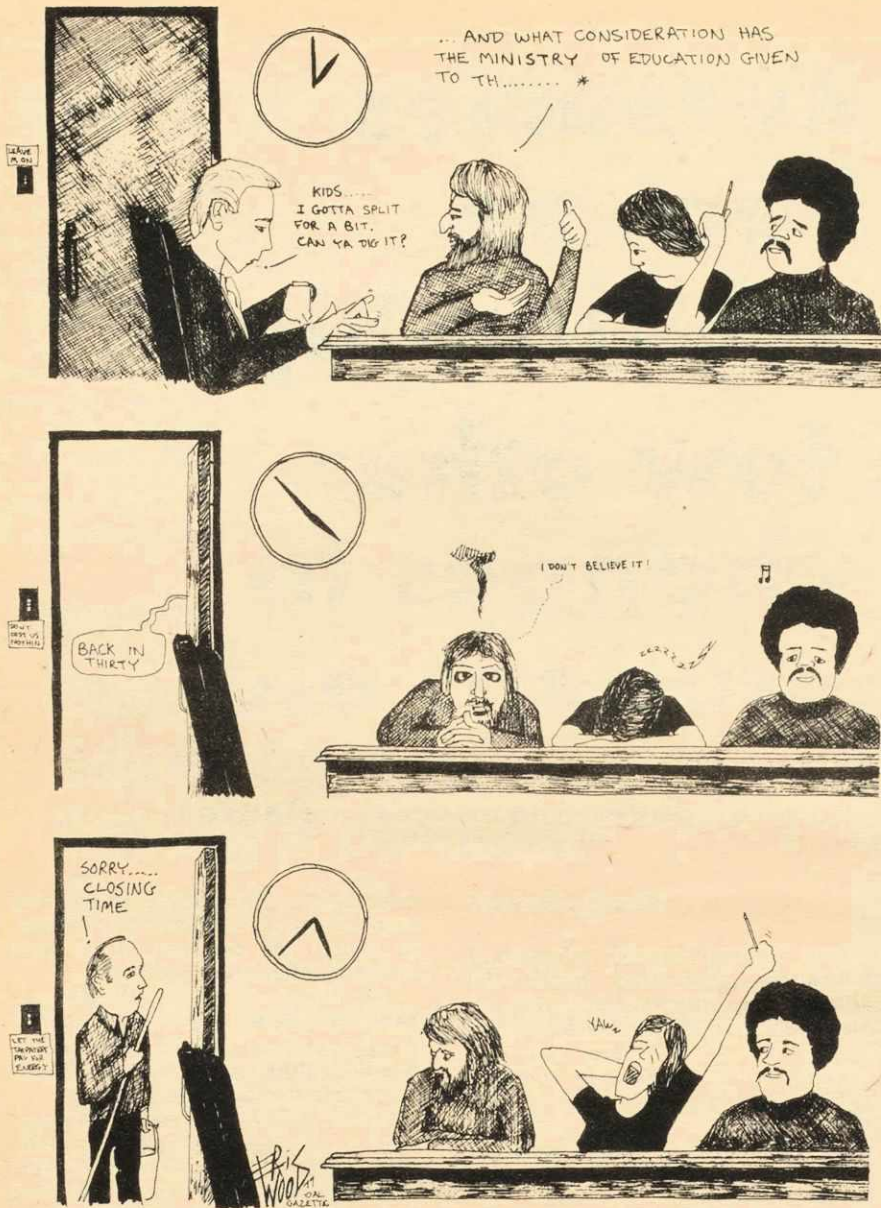
questions in writing for consideration.

Those attending were both angered and appalled by the callous attitude displayed by both Moir and Mitchell. We feel the insensitivity of the government to very legitimate student concern is not only offensive but indicative of the provincial government's education policy.

To treat representatives of at least thirty-six thousand students of the province in the manner displayed on Saturday reveals a government which is not out to serve the interests of a large segment of our population. Their student loan policy only reinforces the belief that they are immune from any real concern for students.

We would do well to remember their arrogant and reprehensible attitude at the next provincial election.

The George Mitchell waiting for students last Saturday are not going to forget very soon.



## Letters

### Ga—Gazette

To the Gazette,

Bravo on your article, re "The Strawberry Shortcake Conspiracy". The Gazette is to be congratulated for attaining an all time low in the areas of good taste, intellect and integrity.

The Gazette has shown the students of Dalhousie where it stands: straddling the fence between slander and depravity. Once more, the students have been presented with a masterpiece in repugnant innuendo masquerading as journalism.

If the alleged corruption of Sampson and Mancini breeds apathy, would the Gazette please publish an article explaining the high voter turnout in Howe Hall. Apathy it ain't.

As a student of Dalhousie University, I consider it a grave affront to my intelligence that, as the Gazette suggests, my vote can be bought with a piece of strawberry shortcake. This "article" has insulted and slandered the intelligence of every Dalhousie student.

The message of the Gazette is clear: find a target to shoot at and blast away, anonymously, Rona Barrett, the office of the Gazette. Thank you all the same Gazette, but I would rather pay \$.75 and read a movie magazine. It cost more but then the intellectual level is higher than that of this newspaper.

In the interests of fair play, one must give credit where credit is due; the Gazette makes an excellent litter box liner. My cat and I thank you for this one redeeming quality. Ioan Astle

## Gonzo

To the Gazette:

Flipping from page five to page six in last week's Gazette almost killed me. It was your Comment column that did it. Great stuff! It is about time that someone on your staff decided to take to task the whole phoney intellectualism of some Dalhousie intellectuals. Not only did you manage to chose an issue that was obviously ridiculous but

you managed to so mess up the syntax and content organization of the article as well. A poke in the ribs of seriousness that warrants applause!

So good were your allusions and illusions that I would bet my copy of J.P. Sartre that some person will write in complaining about the Gazette's Gonzo journalism, missing completely of course your real intent, that of pure satire.

Johnathan Swift or James de Mille would love to read you now I am sure. Both experts at a complicated art form they too, in their day, struggled against the sour mundane. As have you.

I mean what exciting things could you say about the Sampson Mancini ticket? That they're ticklish? Mature? Uncomplicated?

Arnold Marchbank  
Literarian

## CKDU speaks

To: Dalhousie Students

Two and one-half years ago the Student Union decided to increase Dal Radio's audience by placing transmitters in each of the Dalhousie residences, Fenwick Place, Shirreff Hall and Howe Hall. These transmitters effect a broadcast operation known as Carrier Current. They have now been installed and have been operated experimentally since late last November. Every radio station in Canada must state programme policies and technical specifications in the form of License Application subject to approval of both the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (C.R.T.C.) and the Department of Communications (D.O.C.). Although the rebirth of CKDU Radio (from Dal Radio) 2½ years ago was not quite as significant as any cosmic Big Bang, it did mark the beginning of an opportunity for Dalhousie students to communicate thoughts and exchange musical ideas, quite unlike some stations that play "what you want to hear".

The next hearing of the C.R.T.C. will be held in Montreal April 4, 1977, at that time the application of CKDU, Dal Radio will be considered and hopefully approved in entirety. The implications of this license are twofold, (1) the means by which Dal residence students can receive a wide range of alternative

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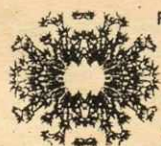
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