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## Tuition fees may rise !

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Tuition fees at Dalhousie may be increased next year. Exact figures are not known although indications are clear that the administration plans an increase.

The Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission has already made their financial recommendations to the Maritime governments. The outcome of the provinces' dealings with this report will determine the state of finances for the universities.

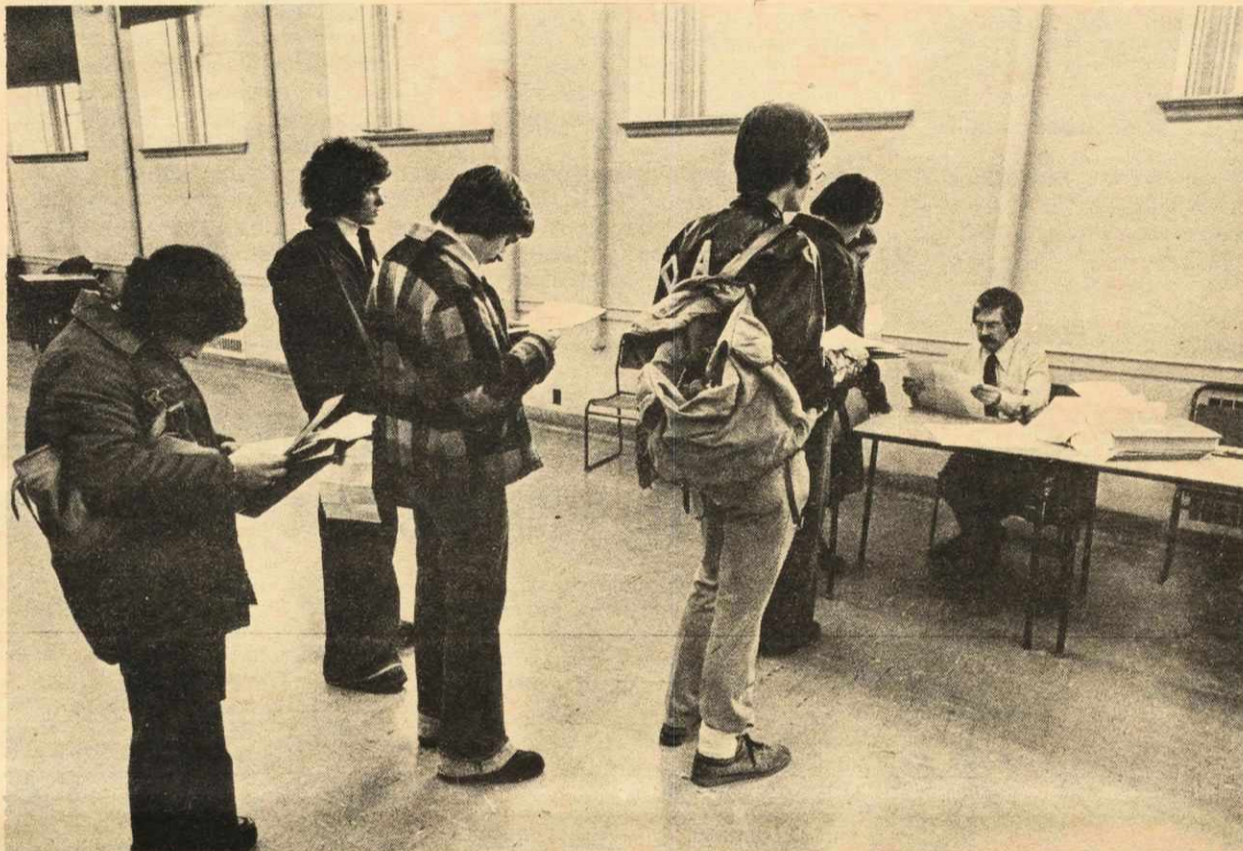
Other Maritime University presidents have been quoted as stating that their institutions will be facing an increase, but Dalhousie University President, Henry Hicks, has yet to make such a commitment.

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Hicks said "It is still too early to tell, as the final assessments will not be announced until February." He has not faced the problem of a tuition increase and hopes that the Council of Maritime Premiers accepts the recommendations of the MPHEC so that fees will not rise.

In the event that it is recommended that fees be increased, Dalhousie students will be taking action. Student Union President Gord Neal together with the student members of the senate and board will be taking action, the details of which have not yet been disclosed.

Neal said "It's about time we look at the university budget, not a



Nova Scotian students already are paying some of the highest tuition fees in the country and it looks as though they still may go up.

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skeleton but a realistic one. We should have a say in where the money is being used. Taking more money out of the students' pockets

is not the answer. That will only decrease enrollment."

"Not only an increase in fees, but the economic factors existing this

year will make everything more difficult for students.

Neal cites the student summer employment shortage and student aid restrictions as key issues.

## Council elections approaching

Student Council elections are likely to be held on February 16.

Recent suggestions for a date change, to allow candidates more

time to prepare their campaigns, will not be followed.

There is now insufficient time for a Student Council vote to change the election by-law.

Vice-President Anne Gillis predicts that the upcoming Atlantic Federation of Students and National Union of Students referenda will be a major part of the candidates' platforms

Gillis finds that housing is no longer a major concern as some residence rooms have been empty this year. One and

two bedroom accommodations near campus are lacking but students should not expect such a 'luxury'. She does feel that student summer unemployment will be a campaign priority.

President Gord Neal also suggested that the referenda on student organizations will be a main issue. He feels that the candidates will have to be well informed about NUS and AFS/FEA.

The issue of the Carleton Campus House must be reviewed. Building

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It's that time of year again. Council candidates will soon be announcing their platforms.

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