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We are gathered here today to mourn the final passing of concerned students. Where these poor individuals are buried we can not say. All we know is that they have dissolved in a fog of apathy, a state that turns the mind to peanut butter and the will to help others into a forgotten whisper.

We can not be sure when they started to disappear. There was a time when they were concerned individuals. Worried about their own futures in the world, they still cared about where their university was going, the state of their education, and the state of their student union. If something was wrong they would speak out against it or become involved in the efforts to correct it.

Oh but these happy days are long over.

This concerned individual, who helped the student movement grow so strong in the past, have turned into a group of self-indulgent flakeout artists who would rather watch 'Another World' than to actively get involved with something that could possibly help their university.

Take the institution known as Dalhousie University. Every year, student elections are held to determine who the leaders of the student union will be. In this time of troubles for all students, you would think there would be many people coming forth to lend a hand in the running of the student union. Is that the case?

No brothers and sisters that is not the case.

Fifteen of their leaders were elected without so much as a contest, a word of protest or anything. And their presidential election is only being run because someone did not want to see the election postponed again. It appears that running for election at Dalhousie is as popular with these apathetic individuals as two free tickets to a Lawrence Welk concert or a free pass to a party thrown by the Ayatollah Khomeini.

Yes brethren, these are the same individuals who will defeat a referendum asking for three more dollars a year for membership in student organizations or anyone of a number of worthwhile things, and yet still manage to spend \$50 a week every Friday on beer, movies, pizza, donuts, donairs and delights.

No my friends it is sad what has happened to the poor concerned students in their final days. They became mindless zombies whose only concern in life was a job and a good stereo set. They could not see beyond their noses to realize if they fought for better conditions as students there would be better opportunities in the 'real world'. That the government trying to hoodwink you does not stop when you leave university.

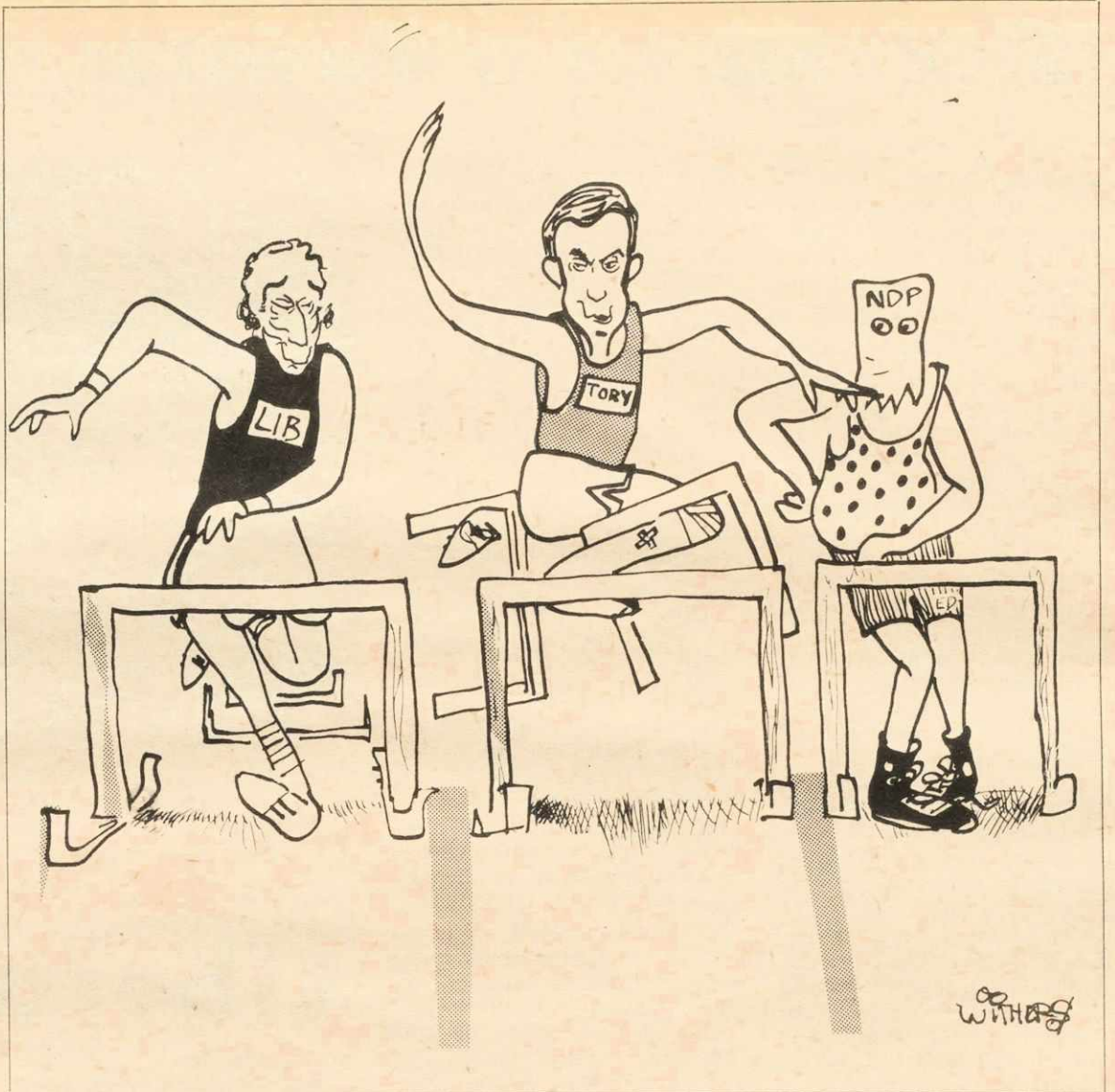
Nor could they see that just because you are thrown a crumb, you still do not stop fighting for what you know is right. That when a government says we will match the recommended funding level, which will still mean a tuition increase you do not crawl into a corner with your crumb and play with it. Did these students ask, well what about the conditions at our universities and why a tuition increase, what about jobs with good wages so we can earn the money to get back next year, what about changes in the student loan program so it's easier for low income students to pay back loans, what about help for part-time students, what about answers to any one of a million questions.

No my friends they did not, they calmly took their crumb and went off mumbling somewhere to figure out where they were going to take their vacation over the reading break with the money they had received for a student loan.

Well friends all we can do is pray.

Oh Lord please do not let us turn into the apathetic slobs that these poor individuals became. And do not let the few concerned students we have left disappear. (They are not hard to notice. They have huge circles under their eyes from lack of sleep because there are not enough people to do the job. They also can be seen running around eating lunch on the go. They even regularly attend scheduled meetings and still go to classes.) Because God knows that with the amount of horse manure that is spread around this university, we'd surely drown Lord, we'd surely drown. Amen.

**Staff Meeting
Thursday at
7:00
Gazette Offices**



Letters to Gazette

World Ends next Friday

To the Gazette:

The End of the Earth is Near!

The Bronson House Committee of Howe Hall, the men's residence on campus, announced today that they will be hosting an "End of the World" party on February 15th, 1980. This move was made in light of recent soviet troop movements in Afghanistan and the impending threat of Nuclear war.

"It seems like the right move" says Bronson House President-elect Andrew Grose "since we may be blown off the face of the Earth at any time... maybe even before the February study break!" Mr. Grose went on to say that "It would be a shame to be destroyed without having one last good party with dancing and drinking." "Of course" pointed out Grose "If the bomb should drop before the fifteenth, the party can be considered cancelled."

Don Norrad, the current Bronson House President, says he doesn't know who came up with the idea initially but it had caught on quite quickly. "I'm afraid we're going to have to limit the attendance to all females and only those males living in the Howe Hall residence." When asked the logic behind this move, Norrad explained "Attendance is always a problem at house parties and we have to limit the numbers somehow." Don's friends say that

all females are welcome as he never could say no to a lady.

The End of the World party will include bar services and dancing and will be held in the lower level of Howe Hall starting at nine p.m. "Don and I look upon this as a chance to say goodbye to all of our university friends and maybe act a little crazy," says Andrew Grose. "I mean, what have we got to lose?" Norrad quickly piped in that "should

the bomb not drop on the fifteenth there will be no refund on the price of admission or drinks. "After all" he mused "it would be typical of those bloody Russians to hold off dropping the bomb until after the Olympics!"

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Yours truly,
Andrew Grose

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