

Council donates to Disarmament

Dalhousie Student Council joined the Coalition for Disarmament last Sunday, donating 25 dollars to its efforts.

Caroline Zayid, who presented the motion, described the organization as a coalition of local citizen's groups to which students should add their voice.

The Coalition was recently organized to foster discussion in the community of ways to solve the conflicts which can ultimately lead to nuclear war.

Various sectors of the community are becoming concerned over the threat of nuclear war, notably doctors and health professionals, according to Dr. Paul Cappon, chairperson of the Coalition. A chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility, an organization that sprung out of Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts and is active in Toronto, could be forming soon in Halifax, said Cappon, who is a physician and social scientist. Throughout the United States and Canada over 6,000 physicians are active members of PSR.

The main event on which the Coalition is working is a May 30th demonstration calling for a freeze on the production, testing and deployment of nuclear weapons and working towards the creation of Nuclear Weapons Free Zones. (Such a zone currently exists in South America and is internationally respected and protected from nuclear attack.) The demonstration will coincide with worldwide protests timed to occur one week before the start of the Second United Nations Special Session on Disarmament.

An issue the coalition is concerned about is Canada's consideration of the U.S. proposal

to be a testing ground for the cruise weapons systems. Cruise missiles will soon be deployed in European countries to match the similar weapons in the Soviet Union.

Such a proposal could be seen to come under the famous "strategy of suffocation" proposed by Prime Minister Trudeau, according to Cappon. This proposal outlines four measures to deprive the arms race "of the oxygen on which it feeds". Cappon would like to see the Coalition support the idea of Canada formally adopting this position, which includes an agreement to stop the flight-testing of all new strategic delivery vehicles, at the coming United Nations Session, and add weight to its position by banning the testing of the cruise missiles in Canada.

Theft at the Killam

A "fair amount" of equipment was stolen last week from the Learning Resource Centre in the Killam Library, according to the Director, Dr. Carter. Two break-ins occurred, one during an afternoon, and a second Friday evening.

The glass window of one of the cubicles was broken, facilitating the thief's removal of expensive video equipment.

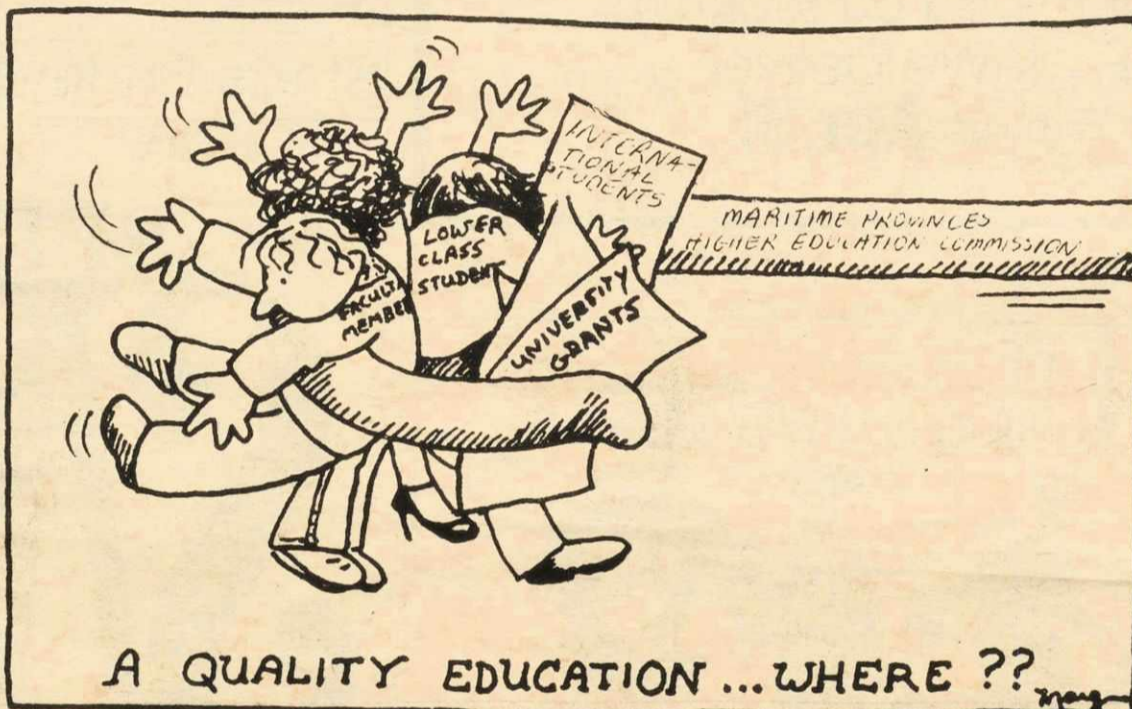
The equipment is permanently lost, Carter said, as there is no provision in the centre's budget for replacement. The centre is currently improving its security.

Foreign student fee up

The International Student Levy will increase from \$750 to \$1,000 next year.

The Dalhousie student council passed a motion on March 14 expressing its disapproval of further increases in the foreign student fee supplement. The Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission made the recommendation, which was approved by the Council of Maritime Premiers, following the intention of the original policy that the supplement be approximately equal to regular tuition levels.

As this fee will be withheld from government funding to the university, according to the number of foreign students enrolled at Dalhousie, President MacKay will be recommending that the Board of Governors ratify the fee increase along with consideration of next year's tuition levels.



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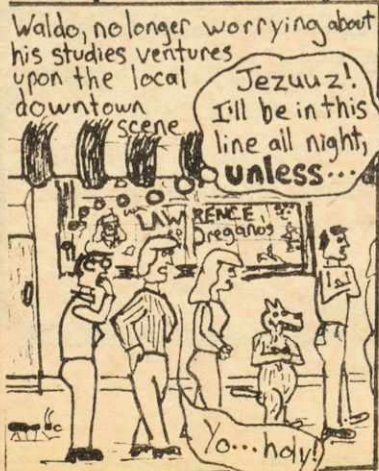
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