

\$1.5 Million mistake

The provincial government reduced its aid to students by one and one half million dollars this year.

The Student Aid program, already a tarnished tribute to the integrity of the provincial government, is becoming an embarrassment.

Our student leaders together with the provincial government have through negligence shafted us as students. Last summer the provincial government agreed to give sincere consideration to a presentation (in the form of a brief) from the Students' Union on behalf of all of us as students. It is important now that we recognize that a great deal of valuable time has been lost and it is even more important than ever that we state our case to the government.

It is futile to point the finger at the individuals that we, in our almighty wisdom, feel were responsible for the oversight - we as students must jointly share the blame. But now is the time for action.

Today students are holding a demonstration at the Legislature, your help is essential for a strong student voice. The provincial government was created legislation to prevent demonstrations and demonstrators from making their presence felt at the Legislature. This was in response to the embarrassment some members of government suffered earlier this week.

Both the elected and selected members of our government have a responsibility to act in our interests; but we must insure that they live up to their responsibility. The Legislature is where they meet and the Legislature is where we must meet them.

It is for yourself and your fellow students that you come to the demonstration today Thursday 25 March at the Legislature Assemble at 2:30 at the Dalhousie SUB, or be at the Legislature by 3:00 p.m.

This is a peaceful demonstration, we are not out to name call or raise hell, but we are out to show the government that we are concerned students.

It is a low key affair, no placards, just small signs that we can pin to our jackets that say "I AM A CONCERNED STUDENT".

Studying for an hour may be important, but no more important than whether you can afford to attend university next year or not.

One hour of your time is a cheap form of university insurance.

Don't waste your education, use it, be there.

Molson's boycott must continue

Last Thursday the strike of the Vilas furniture workers against Molson's was broken. It was not settled amicably.

Facing the threat of a nationwide boycott of its products, Molson's launched a massive advertising campaign in the Cowansville Quebec region in an attempt to lead the workers to believe they had been duped. After almost nine months of striking, with no real end in sight, many of the Vilas workers were prepared to believe that a quick resolution to their problem was in order.

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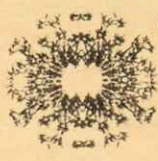
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The Molson's boycott was still embryonic when the strike was crushed. For many of the workers nine months was a long time to be on strike and three months was a long time to work on a boycott without seeing some substantive effects. Molson's on the other hand realized that the beer boycott could mushroom, that it takes a few months of ground work until the consuming public starts to change its tastes and the consumers may not switch back.

No, Molson's did not accede to the workers demands, the union rank and file agreed, at an open meeting, to accept terms almost identical to those of the original offer. While the union, itself, was not demolished, its back was broken when the workers were coerced into voting to return to work.

Some people may be quick to say that it was the workers fault for voting to return to work; but they were not without duress. After nine months without pay with the company threatening to close the plant and move its work elsewhere; the government doing nothing to ensure safer working conditions, and with court orders restraining picketing the workers were under enormous pressure.

While the strike may be over, the Vilas workers have asked that people continue to boycott Molson's to force them to adhere to safety standards in their Cowansville plant.

The Molson's boycott is still on. Industrial safety is still important; fingers and hands can not be replaced by Workmen's Compensation. Pay the price so other's won't have to pay with their fingers.

"No Molson's for me thanks".

Letters

Senate Reform: your concern

To the Gazette:

Dear Students:

As one of your student representatives on the Senate, I feel that I should bring certain events to your attention. The decision to reform the Senate is now in the final stages and it is to be decided by a vote of all members on Senate by mail. A majority vote of the total membership of Senators is required for the reform to be carried. In my opinion it would appear that this reform will fail due to the lack of interest that has been shown in the past. I base this opinion on the fact that during my tenure I have never seen a majority of Senate members present at any one meeting. In fact, I have not seen more than 20% of those who have member status, present. Thus, the reason for the vote by mail. If these individuals do not have

the consideration to attend, vote, and to be an active part of Senate, then it is unlikely that they will be qualified to make an informal judgement on this matter.

Therefore I urge you, the student body, to make your feelings known and to discuss this matter with your faculty members, student representatives and with other members of Senate, in order to urge them to give this matter its proper consideration. If this is not done then the reform is sure to fail, and so will an attempt to improve this university. If the reform succeeds then hopefully it will be a beginning in promoting other necessary changes.

If we, the Student body, cannot at least try to improve our own system of government by supporting this needed reform, then how can we

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