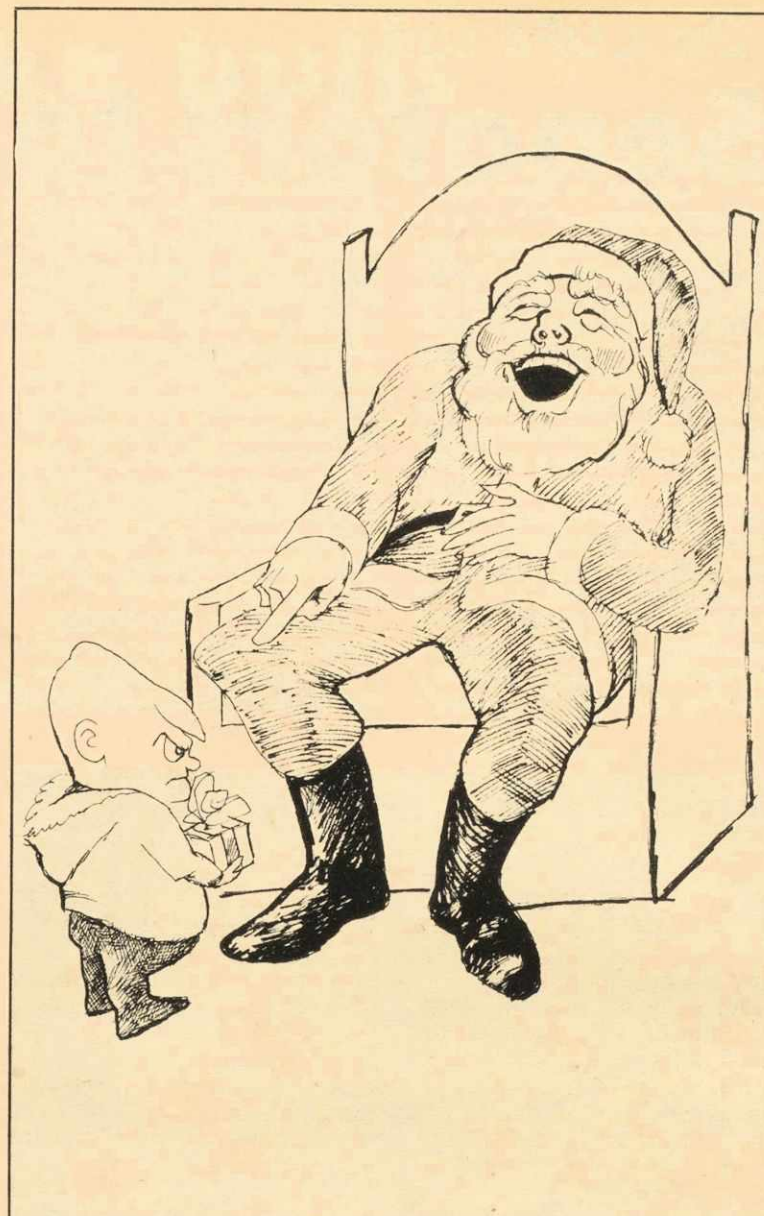




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## the Dalhousie Gazette

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## Letters

### To the residences

To the Gazette:

The Strike Support Committee has heard that a lot of residence students feel caught in the middle of the present CUPE strike on campus. They have been angered by both the union and the administration.

The strike is going to be a long one and the residences are obviously affected by the continued lack of CUPE services. This means that residence students do have it rough as their homes get dirtier and the Administration fails to provide them with proper cleaning services. The Union cannot be expected to cross their own picket lines to do this work even though many CUPE workers are concerned with the effect of the strike on the residences. If the administration refuses to clean the residences then students are obviously forced to do this work. This is not scabbing. It is simply maintaining a reasonable living environment.

The cleaning staff at Dalhousie is paid only \$3.82-\$4.84 an hour. The administration has offered a meager 31¢ increase, an amount which is less than the rate of inflation. To keep from falling far behind CUPE is asking for 85¢ over one year, the same amount given the Operating Engineers in their recent contract. The administration claims that they can only afford 7% wage increases for all Dal employees.

At the same time, in attempting to discredit the new Faculty Union, the University has offered the Faculty a 9.5% increase. The attempt is to divide the campus unions against each other and against themselves. In the case of the present strike, the administration has refused to bargain in good faith and is determined to keep the cleaners out over Christmas.

Dal cleaners do not want to keep Dal dirty but what they do want is their right to a living wage. Residence students do not want to be called scabs but what they do want is the services they have paid for and the administration has failed to provide. Residence students should organize themselves to demand rebates on their residence fees for all cleaning services that are not being done. They

should demand that the Administration go to the residences and do the cleaning during the strike. More than this, residence students should take a clear stand on the strike. When both students and employees face the common administration there really is no neutral stance. We urge all students to support the just demands of the CUPE cleaners. The residence students should support the people who clean up after them. We urge these students to help us win the strike.

Sincerely,  
 Denise Roberge  
 Mary Turner  
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 Tony Kelly

for the Dal Strike Support Committee

## Announcement soon

by Marc Allain

On November 10, the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission (MPHEC) gave the Council of Maritime Premiers (CMP) funding recommendations for the coming year. These recommendations will give the three provincial governments guidelines to follow when the time comes to give money to the region's universities. The CMP has decided to keep the recommendations secret until their meeting on December 18.

For over three weeks the Gazette has attempted, without success, to have either Minister of Education Terry Donahoe or Premier John Buchanan comment on the recommendations. Donahoe has ignored all Gazette calls, while Buchanan informed an aide on the third week that he was not prepared to comment on the funding issue until after the December 18 meeting. The Gazette nor any other Maritime student newspaper will be publishing at that time, which makes it difficult for students to respond to the recommendations.

The Gazette would therefore like to make the following predictions: 1—the MPHEC will recommend a 9-9.5% increase in funding for 79-80, 2—the MPHEC will also present the three provincial premiers with a funding formula that could keep tuition fees at their present levels.