

King's profs to stay in the classroom

BY MARK REYNOLDS

Salaries may be on the line for professors at King's, but they will not walk the picket line with their Dalhousie counterparts should a strike take place at the university.

King's professors are not part of the same union as Dalhousie professors, and are not part of the current negotiations. However, any new contract earned by the Dalhousie professors will also apply to professors at King's, who will achieve the same benefits or losses as Dalhousie professors, without any participation.

Eugene Meese, dean of faculty at King's says that as an affiliated college, King's is a separate entity from Dalhousie. Though professors can teach at either school, they are considered King's professors, and will continue to teach their classes in the event of a strike.

Michael Cross, chief negotiator for the Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA), says that the DFA does not expect King's professors to join them in strike action.

"We're not going to put pressure on them," Cross said.

"The understanding, as in the last strike, is that King's will not be picketed."

Cross adds that other arrangements will be made for King's classes taught at Dalhousie.

"The majority of King's professors that teach at Dal, won't have classes to teach," Cross said, adding that in the last strike, arrangements were made to teach classes in other locales, such as homes or church basements.

He also put to rest the rumours that some courses are being moved

to King's.

"All Dal classes are being cancelled," he said.

Cross explained that, as in the last strike, professors will make arrangements with students when classes are cancelled.

"We have no desire to cause difficulty with people that have no choice [in the matter]."

Colin Starnes, President of King's, confirmed that classes at the school will continue.

"King's is not involved in the negotiations. Therefore our classes will go on," he said.

"There is a question with respect to joint faculty," he added, saying that in those cases where King's professors teach Dal classes, attempts will be made to work around the strike.

"The universities position is that we will attempt to provide classroom space over here," he said.

Starnes said that professors are expected to accommodate students where possible. If a student has only one class still being taught, and feels that they should either go home, or find employment, professors will make arrangements to accommodate them.

"No student should be disadvantaged because of alternate arrangements," he said.

Chris King, is in foundation year at King's. He does not feel his professors should be obligated to walk the picket line.

"I'd be strongly disappointed if they did strike, because I'm paying for this," he said.

"It's a no-win situation. You want your profs to be paid well, but you don't want to pay more in tuition."

Francis Woobey, president of the

King's Day Students' Society says even though King's profs will not picket, students will still be affected.

"[We're] just like everybody else here. They're [DFA and

administration] talking as if [students] don't exist — it's kind of insulting.

"[King's students] suffer...I take my classes at Dal, we're going to suffer just as much."

Cross pointed out that King's professors are not the only ones affected by DFA negotiations. Ironically, the university administration will also fall under the new contract.

TAs reach agreement

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demonstrate, tutor, or mark in degree credit courses at Dalhousie who are not in the Dalhousie Faculty Association.

Under the tentative agreement, the union has the right to collect dues from its members. In addition, CUPE will establish a 'no discrimination' policy. And a labour-management committee between members of CUPE and the administration will also be formed. And members who miss work due to sickness or other appropriate situations won't be penalized.

The agreement will last two and a half years, ending Aug. 31, 2000. There will be two basic pay schemes for the teaching assistants (TAs)—one for 180 hours of work, the other for 260 hours of work. The pay rate will be set at \$14 per hour for 1998, and \$14.25 per hour for 1999 for both groups. Markers and demos will make \$9 per hour for 1998, and will go up to \$10 per hour for 1999.

Part-time instructors will be also broken down into two categories, but not according to hours worked. Their pay will be based on experience. All instructors at the basic rate will see a jump from \$5,700 per credit in 1997 to \$6,400 in 1999. All part-timers who have taught more than four full-credits will see a jump from \$6,100 per credit in 1997 to \$6,700 in 1999.

Instructors who teach clinics in Nursing, Dental Hygiene,

Physiotherapy & Music/Theatre will also be getting an hourly increase. Nursing will go from \$18.35 per hour in 1997 to \$19.05 in 1999; Dental Hygiene will jump from \$24.45 this year to \$25.35 in 1999; Physiotherapy will move from \$28.00 per hour in 1997 to \$29.00 in 1999 and Music/Theatre will go from \$40.80 to \$42.40 in 1999.

Individuals in all three units —

teaching assistants, clinical instructors and part-time instructors — who are getting paid more than the current offer will continue to be paid at the higher rate.

In addition, the union states that the charges against the Dal administration of unfair labour practices and bargaining in bad faith made by CUPE are expected to be dropped.

DSU elections

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election as well. Nick Murphy has become the first vice-president internal of the Dalhousie Student Union.

"I think this is going to be a big year," Murphy said, "especially because this internal position brings together the societies and communications that were split up and... kind of off to the side of the other person's portfolio. Here with them all in one portfolio, you can work with them better, work with the societies more, get the word out. I think it will build a lot of spirit because people have to know what's going on and have to be excited. I think we'll get more student involvement and bigger better societies."

Level Chan and Andrew Philopoulos were elected student representatives on the Board of Governors and Marie Abi Daoud, Mark Galley, and Amyn Lalji were

elected to represent students on the Senate.

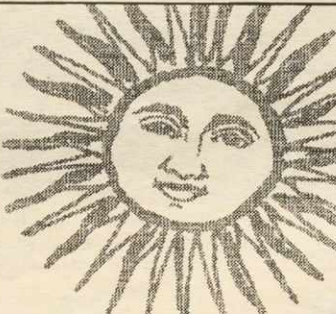
There were also four referendum questions included on the ballot. Both the Dalhousie Women's Centre and the World University Service of Canada (WUSC) easily obtained an increase in student fees. The attempt to reintroduce a student health plan wasn't as successful, and was defeated by more than 200 votes.

DalTech students came to the polls more to support their student newspaper, the Sextant, than for any concern over candidates. Of the 281 votes cast at stations on the DalTech campus, 61 students didn't even vote for candidates, answering only the referendum questions. DalTech students voted 217/37 in support of the Sextant, which just scraped through after Dal votes were added, winning their 50 cent levy by 131 votes.

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