

City buses later than usual

As of 2:30 a.m. yesterday (Thursday) morning, Fredericton City Transit, is on strike. The strike comes as a result of a breakdown in collective bargaining between the City of Fredericton and the

Transit workers local, represented by the Canadian Union of Public Employees. The main point, over which the two parties were unable to settle was wages, the union wanting a 10 per cent increase

over one year, the city offering 12 over two.

Art Cuthbertson, manager of City Transit, said yesterday morning that he felt the strike could quite possibly be a long one. Mr. Cuthbertson reported that he had not been in contact with the union since the strike had been called.

Cuthbertson said he thought students, in the city, would be especially affected. "City Transit



is the only way most students have to go", said Cuthbertson. He said that the system carries about 4000 people per day, and that the Transit's heaviest run is the Main Street - Skyline Acres run, which runs through the campus.

Cuthbertson said that he hoped that anyone noticing anyone at a bus stop would and give the waiting person a lift.

The union spokesmen were unavailable for comment.



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