

\$90 increase

Dal residences to cost more

by Danièle Gauvin

The Dalhousie Board of Governors last Thursday approved a \$90 increase in residence fees for the next academic year. In the face of widespread cutbacks in the university's budget, the price hike comes as no surprise.

According to John Graham, Dalhousie's housing director, residences operate at a deficit and the extra \$90,000 in revenue that will be generated will only keep this year's deficit on par with last year's.

Last year's residence costs were the second lowest in the Atlantic, next to Memorial University of Newfoundland, whose costs are partly subsidized by the provincial government. A single occupancy at Dalhousie's Shirreff Hall last year cost \$1574.00, in comparison with \$1640.00 at Acadia, \$1428.00 at Memorial and \$1720.00 at Mount Allison. These universities all had a

'21 meal' plan. For universities with a '19 meal' plan, prices were \$1660.00 for a single at Saint Mary's, \$1540.00 at UPEI, \$1800.00 at UNB and \$1666.00 at Mount Allison. St. F.X. was the most expensive: \$1675.00 for a '10 meal' plan.

Graham feels that Dalhousie will still be among the lowest priced residences despite the \$90 increase. Asked about the possibility of alternate meal plans for Dal students, he answered that students could only save about \$35 a year by adopting a '15 meal' plan, since this plan does not have a 'missed meal' factor. "Under the '21 meal' system, missed meals are estimated and taken into account, benefitting students as a whole but obviously harming individuals who happen to miss a meal," he explained.

The new prices are not included in the 78 / 79 calendar, but they will become effective on Sept. 12.

SUB cafeteria is selling Bens bread



Students in the Student Union Cafeteria are urged not to eat Ben's Bread due to the legal walkout by members of Local 446 of the Bakery and Confectionary Union.

by Mark Simkins

Bread from the strike-bound Ben's bakery is being used at the Dal SUB cafeteria, said striking Ben's workers. The driver of a Beaver Foods truck told strikers last Wednesday that the food bread was for '300 kids' and they allowed his truck to pass. The workers followed the truck to the SUB. George Peiker, District manager for Beaver Foods, said the driver "hasn't crossed the picket line but I'm not saying he won't". He would not divulge the name of the driver to the *Gazette*, and he said that the "workers always come to the students because the students can be counted on to throw a bomb or start a riot."

Yesterday two trucks driven by management supervisors broke the picket line to get into the plant. Three picketers were injured. Strikers said that four Halifax city police watched the operation without interfering and they refused to identify themselves to the picketers. Inspector Magood of the HPD told *Gazette* today, that "no one was injured, no complaints, nothing happened". Strikers were bitter that the police claimed to be unbiased but did not intervene in the breaking of the legal picket line. One long-time employee said, "The Police just stood by and watched".

The Ben's Bakery management and local 446 of the Bakery and Confectionary Union, broke off talks last Monday. One of the strikers said the company tried to offer sick benefits, but also wanted to take away seniority rights of some workers, and the union found this offer unacceptable.

Management supervisors are attempting to produce bread by day and ship it out on trucks at night. The *Gazette* questioned management supervisors as they entered the building and received the reply that they had been out of the country and did not know the situation. A letter from Frank M. Covert, President of Ben's bread, warned striking workers at the outset: "You will of course help the competition . . . we may try to run the Bakery a few days—not to preserve the Company but in an endeavor to save your jobs and those of the Teamsters." Covert also said that many bankruptcies are happening in Canada, and that "It could happen here."

Strikers on the picket line said management was taking pictures of the picketers. The picketers are attempting to get the drivers of the Brinks truck to obey the picket line. They said they were determined at least to slow the production of bread by management.

1978-79
RESIDENCE FEES AND MEAL CHARGES
PERIOD SEPT. 12, 1978 TO THE DAY
AFTER THE LAST EXAMINATION IN THE FACULTY
OF ARTS & SCIENCE

	TOTAL	PREPAID DEPOSIT	O R IN FULL AT REG.	PAYABLE AT REG.	BALANCE JAN. 19 INCLUDES \$5 SERVICE CHARGE
HOWE HALL¹					
Single Room & Board	\$1768	\$50	\$1718	\$900	\$823
Double Room & Board	1693	50	1643	900	748
SHIRREFF HALL²					
Single Room & Board	1749	50	1699	900	804
Double Room & Board	1674	50	1624	900	729
ARDMORE HALL³					
Single Room	845	50	795	450	350
Double Room	795	50	745	450	300
GRADUATE HOUSES⁴					
Single Room	830	50	780	400	385
Double Room	780	50	730	400	335
INTERNATIONAL HOUSE⁴					
Single Room	875	50	825	450	380
Double Room	825	50	775	450	330
GLENGARY APARTMENTS⁵					
Single Room	920	50	870	500	375
Double Room	870	50	820	500	325
Bachelor Apt.	1425	50	1375	800	580
MEALS ONLY - SPECIAL RATE FOR SESSION					
3 Meals Per Day	875		875	438	438
2 Meals Per Day	850		850	425	425

NOTES:

1. Charges include Residence Membership Fee of \$15.50, Key Deposit of \$3.00 and Caution Deposit of \$10.00
2. Charges include Residence Membership Fee of \$7.50 and Key Deposit of \$2.00
3. Charges include Residence Membership Fee of \$10.00 and Key Deposit of \$2.00
4. Charges include Key Deposit of \$2.00
5. Charges include Caution Deposit of \$50.00

Faculty moves closer to certification

by David Angus

Attempts by some members of the Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA) to stall certification moves by the association failed at a meeting of the DFA March 22.

One motion called for the DFA negotiating committee to meet with an *ad hoc* committee struck recently by the University Senate to deal with DFA. Consensus was that this was no more than a token effort on behalf of the senate and Administration to appease the DFA—too little, too late.

The central question in the move to certification lies in the definition of 'teaching faculty' at Dalhousie. According to the Trade Union Act, practicing professionals (dentists, doctors, and lawyers) cannot belong to a trade union. There are 821 full-time faculty members at Dalhousie. A portion of this number are paid through honoraria grants, or other outside funds, so are not actually in the 'employ' of Dalhousie.

The decision on who will be in the bargaining unit will be made by the Nova Scotia Labor Relations Board (NSLRB), after DFA presents the signed cards to the Board. This decision will have a direct effect on the certification process since 40% of those in the bargaining unit must sign cards in order for the Board to

hold a vote on campus. If 50% of those in the bargaining unit vote in favour of unionization then the DFA will be recognized as the sole bargaining agent by the labor department.

Since DFA has no idea how the NSLRB will define the bargaining unit the DFA must sign up as many faculty as possible before presenting the signed cards to the NSLRB. A motion to disclose the number of signed cards to the membership was defeated, on the premise, that to divulge such information would only be to the administration's benefit.

The meeting, which took four hours to discuss three motions, failed to discuss the question of faculty support for the demonstration against cutbacks on March 30. DFA had been asked by Dalhousie Student Union and the AFS to join with the other employees of the university in calling for the administration to cancel classes on the day of the demonstration.

Denise Roberge, AFS Nova Scotia caucus chairperson in attendance at the DFA meeting, said, "It is unfortunate that the general meeting of the DFA did not have an opportunity to discuss this matter. We trust that the executive of the DFA will take it upon themselves to vocally support the demonstration."