

Rallies, sit-ins, crashing the boardroom

Week 2 of strike sees more protests

by Heather Hueston

It's not just the Dalhousie Student Union that's organizing rallies and protest measures against the strike, more student bodies are also participating.

A rally organized by the students association of physical, health education and recreation students drew almost 700 demonstrators yesterday. The line of students, spanning several blocks, marched by the faculty offices, then headed over to President Clark's home and ended at his office at the A&A building where VP Academic Dennis Stairs addressed them.

One of the participants, biology student Mark Zelle said over half the students in the student directory were called to ensure a good turnout.

Zelle's own protest measure, a camp-out in President Clark's office, fizzled when none of the hundred-plus students who promised to show up actually came to the A&A Monday morning. Zelle eventually left because "there was no point in being arrested without any students bothering to show up to support me."

The DSU continued to press the Board of Governors to settle. Yesterday students formed a diplomatic style "reception line" to meet BoG representatives. The DFA also marched on the meeting.

"We want to address this Senate motion thing," said DSU Vice-President Academic Kim Vance, referring to the administration's cancellation of Monday's Senate meeting where striking faculty members planned to pass a DFA resolution protecting students who respected picket lines. Other student groups have also focussed attention on the damage the strike is doing to their academic year.

Students in the ten health professions, representing almost 2000 students with a combined invested tuition of \$4 million, held a press conference last Monday. Moderator Matthew Morgan said that because Dalhousie has

the only health training institution in the Maritimes, a lost year will affect the region's health care.

At last Sunday's council meeting, DSU president Juanita Montalvo presented a list of measures ranging from constant meetings with both sides to the current letter-writing campaign in order to urge a settlement of the dispute.

Various groups have made their statement in various ways. Although only some societies such as nursing and theatre have openly supported the DFA, others, such as the graduate students, have not taken a pro-faculty stand. But DSU grad rep Mary Jane Harkins said DAGS is planning protest posters.

Even the MBA students are showing their true colours. Some enterprising students are selling "I survived Walkout 88" T-shirts in the SUB lobby.

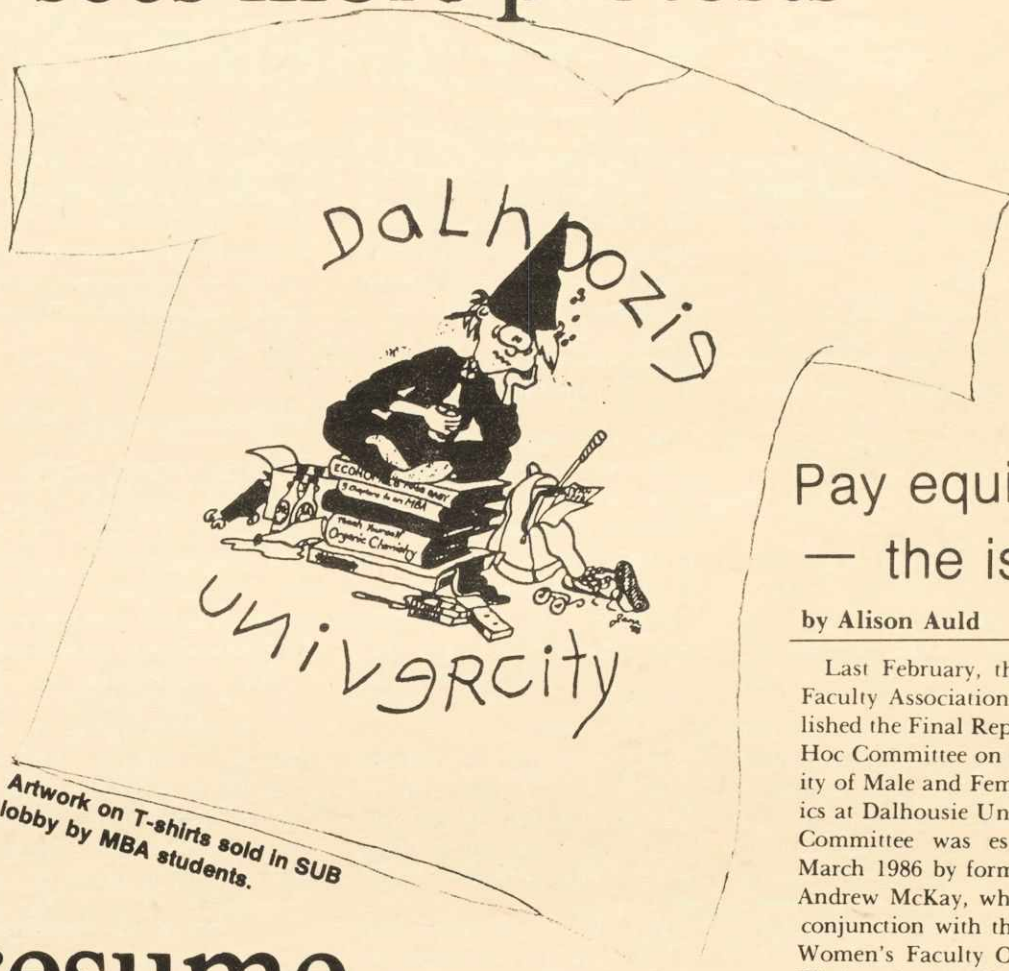
Talks resume

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The SUB lobby is full of strike gimmicks, student groups attempt eye-catching protests, but only good old-fashioned political lobbying resulted in administration and faculty returning to the bargaining table yesterday morning.

Less than two hours after the executive of the Dalhousie Student Union met with provincial labour minister Terry Donahoe, urging him to reunite both sides, a labour department conciliator was calling the faculty association with an offer of mediated negotiations. The administration had already agreed when conciliator Gordon Keeler contacted the DFA.

DFA spokesperson Carolyn Savoy said Monday the DFA "is always ready to talk" but hoped the board would bring a money offer to the table "otherwise



Artwork on T-shirts sold in SUB lobby by MBA students.

there's no point in being there."

Keeler also assisted during the last negotiations which broke off November 4. Savoy said that binding arbitration is no longer a possibility now that the strike is underway.

She said she was not surprised by the board's offer which she credits to the "strength that we've shown, and the unity in our strike plus student pressure."

DSU president Juanita Montalvo said the student executive "outlined" their concerns to Donahoe at the Monday meeting.

"We pointed out to him that Dalhousie (which falls within Donahoe's riding) contains 10,000 students and 10,000 constituents," said Montalvo.

Last Wednesday the Dalhousie Staff Association achieved a yet-to-be-ratified contract which will cost the board slightly more than 10 per cent over two years.

faculty advisors are intending on holding defences off campus."

This Friday three DFA members will hear a thesis defence in the DSU council chambers. Mary Jane Harkins of the Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students (DAGS) said one thesis defence had to be cancelled last week.

Vice President Academic Dennis Stairs defended the administration's action. "The effect of

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Pay equity — the issue

by Alison Auld

Last February, the Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA) published the Final Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Comparability of Male and Female Academics at Dalhousie University. The Committee was established in March 1986 by former president Andrew McKay, who worked in conjunction with the Dalhousie Women's Faculty Organization. Their primary objective was to "compare the salary, promotion, tenure, and potential appointments of men and women" at the

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Senate meeting Tennis court decision debated back and forth

by Donald MacInnis

Controversy and dispute surrounded the 'tennis court' meeting of the Dalhousie Senate last Monday. Faculty members and students representatives, surrounded by cameras and reporters, met on the Dal tennis courts. The originally scheduled meeting of the Senate was cancelled by the Steering Committee "in order that the integrity of the Senate be preserved."

The administration is questioning the legitimacy of the tennis court meeting and of the resolution passed there. The Senate is disputing the right of the administration, working through the Steering Committee, to unilaterally cancel the meeting.

DFA members had planned to have the Senate affirm a DFA resolution stating that all courses must be re-offered. The Senate is the only body that can enforce this as academic policy. However, the Student Council has received complaints that students were confused because of the lack of a uniform policy enforced by the Senate.

The Student Council supports

the Senate's attempt to clarify an earlier resolution to protect students. When asked if she knew whether the amended resolution would be considered legitimate, DSU President Juanita Montalvo replied, "I have no idea at this point; no one does."

Under the chairmanship of professor David Braybrooke, but without the administration members of the Senate, senators unanimously adopted the following additional resolution: "Therefore be it resolved that the Senate affirms that any classes held during the strike will have to be reoffered after the strike to students who have respected the picket lines, if the material covered is to be examined or the class content otherwise evaluated."

Dennis Stairs, Vice President Academic, says this new resolution is a revision, not a clarification of the previous Senate statement. "There is a real change here. The (original) October 7 draft clearly did not mean this."

Stairs says the administration interprets the Senate policy as originally meaning that "stu-

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Strike penalizes graduates

by James Hamilton

The Dalhousie administration has issued a policy forbidding striking members of the faculty association (DFA) to participate in scheduled theses defences unless members sign a form stating they are not on strike.

In a strike memo issued November 8, the DFA called this policy "a reprehensible demand, and one that certainly undermines the Board's supposed con-

cern for students. Such defences are arranged months in advance, usually involve travel arrangements for both students and examiners, and have immediate effect on employment opportunities for the graduate."

Last Monday, the DFA added "This is the administration's policy, not the DFA's, since professors have indicated that they are willing to cross the picket line and provide their services for these defences ... In some cases,