



Women want creeps off the streets

Halifax women are reclaiming the night

Chanting "we want streets without creeps," close to 100 women marched through downtown Halifax late Friday night to proclaim their right to use the streets without being harassed.

The demonstration, which began at 10:30 p.m. at Red Herring Bookstore on Barrington and wound its way up Hollis, Inglis, Queen, University, South Park and down Spring Garden to Barrington again, was probably the largest women's demonstration Halifax has ever seen.

It followed similar actions by women in Ottawa and

Vancouver in August.

The intention was "to increase people's awareness that women aren't able to walk safely alone at night," said one of the march's organizers, Diana Pepall.

"Most people just take it for granted that the streets are safe," she said, noting that, other than one police cruiser which followed the march for half a block on South Park, the streets where the women walked were virtually without police protection Friday night.

A beer bottle was thrown from an apartment building on South Park, and women at the

rear of the march reported being followed and harassed by drunks; otherwise, the spirited demonstration was unmarred.

Even the organizers were surprised at the large turnout, since posters advertising the event had been repeatedly, almost mysteriously, removed as soon as they went up.

Rape became an issue on campus last January, when **the Gazette** reported that three women had been raped within two weeks. Women are warned to stay away from unlit parts of the campus.

Dal Faculty Association claims Admin. stalling?

by Marc Allain

The Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA) has suggested that the University may be deliberately stalling negotiations with them in order to impede recognition of a faculty union.

In a newsletter to the membership dated October 2, the DFA stated that by drawing out negotiations on the definition of union membership the administration was either "engaging in its familiar obstructionist tactics or that far more sinister motives are involved."

The DFA had hoped that the results of a unionization vote taken last April would be tabulated before the commencement of classes. The vote will determine whether or not faculty want to be part of a union. Although most observers believe the vote favors unionization, it cannot be counted until a precise definition of the bargaining unit exists.

The DFA and the Administration have been negotiating over the definition of membership since early July. They had agreed at that time to try and arrive at a mutually satisfactory definition in order to avoid going to the Nova Scotia Labour Relations Board (NSLRB) for a ruling.

Because the Administration remains adamant on the need to exclude senior research personnel from the union the DFA now feels that its only recourse rests with the NSLRB. The DFA executive will be meeting today, October 5, to consider going back to the NSLRB to have "all unresolved matters resolved."

The matters that remain unresolved concern Senior Research Personnel. They may be defined as "employees who carry out research without supervision of the details of their work and have a responsibility for choosing some of the methods they will use to carry out the research, collection and analysis of

data." The university wants to exclude from the bargaining unit those Senior Research Personnel who receive 50 per cent or more of their salary from grants obtained from external agencies such as the National Institute of Health, or the Canada Council.

Vice President Andrew MacKay, the person who has been negotiating for the Administration, was unavailable for comment at press time. Dr. Guy Maclean, Vice President Academic and Research, however, told the Gazette that MacKay has been expressing the view of those research personnel themselves who wished to be excluded from the union.

The DFA, however, believes that either the Administration is stalling to impede eventual negotiations over a faculty contract or that it has long range plans to divide faculty into two components: a research component outside the bargaining unit, whose personnel would be hired and fired without the protection of a collective agreement and a weakened teaching component that would be denied or given limited facilities for research.

Maclean denied that the Administration had any such ulterior motives. "The membership question is just an honest difference of opinion," he said.

Engineering Lebensraum

by Nigel Allen

Dalhousie engineering students now have smaller class sizes, more accessible professors, and a house of their own, as a result of requests from the Dalhousie Engineering Society.

Last year, the engineering students lost their common room in the Dunn building. In exchange, they received part of the space formerly occupied by the bookstore in the chemistry building. They in turn lost this when the chemistry department decided to expand.

The university administration however gave the engineering students the use of a university house on South Street, when the matter was brought to their attention.

Society president David Bolivar told the **Gazette** that university vice-presidents Andrew MacKay, Donald McNeill and Louis Vagianos were quite responsive to the students' requests once they

learned of the problems.

Formerly, students who take labs at the Nova Scotia Technical College (Tech) on Barrington Street had ten minutes to get to their labs from the Dalhousie campus. Flexible scheduling requested by the Engineering Society has solved this problem, Bolivar said.

He added that the 16 Tech professors who teach some courses here had agreed to set up office hours at Dalhousie.

Most engineering class sizes have been reduced to 50 or less, Bolivar added, citing a study by the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission recommending this maximum. He said that, in his first year, one of his classes had 120 students.

Engineering department chairperson E.N. Patterson told the **Gazette** that first-year enrollment this year was limited to slightly more than 120 students.

Health care for all

by Danièle Gauvin

Every Dalhousie student is eligible for full health care services 365 days a year. However, many students living off-campus aren't aware of the scope of services available and fail to make optimum use of them, according to Dr. Joseph Johnson.

One of five general practitioners at the health clinic, Johnson says, the center's medical team is mainly concerned with prevention. To this end, inoculations, full medical check-ups and contraceptive advice are offered on a completely confidential basis.

The health center also provides a 24 hour emergency service and has fulltime nurses in its student infirmary. For those with problems stemming from 'stress or anxiety, both a male and a female psychiatrist are on

hand for consultation. In addition, x-rays, lab tests and specialist referrals can be arranged through the clinic.

Dr. Johnson said that he would prefer to see students long before they are actually ill. He emphasized the importance of a yearly pap test for young women and stressed that appointments can be made with less than a week's notice. A doctor is always ready to care for unscheduled patients and will sometimes make house calls. A new 'morning after' pill is also available for young women, along with abortion counselling.

The professionals at the clinic, including a public health specialist, are very student oriented and anxious to help. For more information or an appointment, call 424-2171.

Censure likely

Acadia vs. CAUT

WOLFVILLE (CUP)—The Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) may censure the Acadia Board of Governors because they have yet to resolve the disputed firing of a music professor.

Robert McCarthy, a woodwind specialist, did not have his contract renewed in 1973 after teaching at Acadia for one year. An independent hearing committee recommended that he be kept on for another year after which his contract would be reviewed. Despite active protests from both students and faculty, McCarthy was formally removed from his position in 1975.

Several investigation commissions have maintained that McCarthy was fired on

insufficient grounds. The University Faculty Association has been carrying on the fight outside of contract negotiations and independently of the courts.

Despite the wishes of the university's new president, Alan Sinclair, the Board of Governors in September reaffirmed its position that no action be taken to resolve the dispute.

The faculty association recently restated its lack of confidence in the Board, originally moved in April 1975, and have expressed confidence in President Sinclair.

CAUT's Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee recommended the censure which will be discussed at a November 3 meeting.