

# Strike vote underway: DFA goes to members this week

by Heather Hueston

Although conciliation is still in progress between the Dalhousie Board of Governors and the Dalhousie Faculty Association, the DFA began yesterday to ask its members whether they wanted to go on strike. An affirmative vote does not necessarily mean that a strike will happen. Only after the conciliator files his report and the two-week waiting period is over can the DFA legally walk out.

DFA president, David Williams, says that about 70 per cent of the members agree that a strike is necessary or at least unavoidable.

The 700 faculty, librarians and counsellors have been without a contract since June 30, 1988.

The DFA is asking for increases to the step system for grading rank and salary. They also want a guaranteed cost of living agreement separate from any salary increase.

President Howard Clark has stated that DFA demands would absorb 25 per cent of the university's operating budget over two years.

VP(Finance) Bryan Mason says that Dalhousie still hasn't recouped from years of cutbacks. He is exasperated by what he sees as faculty's inability or refusal to

understand the restrictions on the budget. "They say they want libraries to be a priority, they say they want updated equipment," says Mason, "but that money has to come from somewhere."

The DFA also want pay comparability for its members. Mason says he agrees as far as faculty is concerned, but says there is no evidence that any unfairness exists in female-dominated fields such as libraries and counselling services.

The voting will continue today, tomorrow and Monday, October 3.

## Killam open until 11pm again? Administration might back down

by Heather Hueston

Students should know by tomorrow whether the Killam Library will restore its hours of operations lost due to budget cuts last spring.

Assistant University Librarian Anita Boyd says that talks are underway between Dalhousie administration and the library to

find ways to extend or restore the lost hours — but only "in part."

Boyd confirmed that the discussions resulted after Dalhousie Student Union President Juanita Montalvo met with Chief Librarian William Birdsall and VP Academic Dennis Stairs.

Montalvo says she's happy that hours may be restored but notes

this won't apply to either the Kellogg or the MacDonald libraries.

Six library staff positions were cut last spring. Closing time was reduced to 10 pm from 11 pm Sunday to Thursday; to 6 pm from 11 pm Friday; and to 5 pm from 8 pm Saturday.

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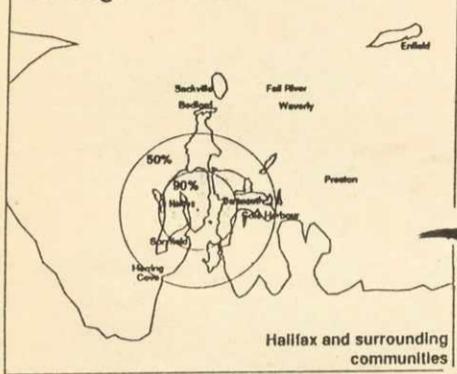
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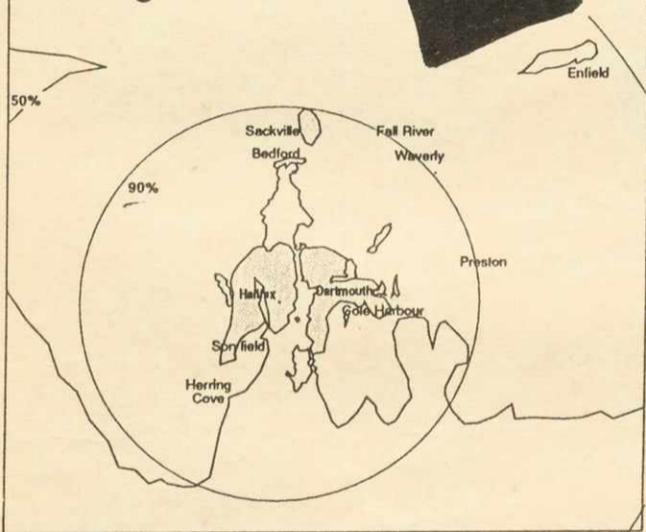
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Coverage - 50 watts



Coverage - 7000 watts



## CKDU awaiting power boost

by Michael Folk

CKDU has come a long way since the days when it was a strictly local endeavour heard only in a few on-campus locations. Station manager Mark MacLeod is heading the station's drive to expand services by increasing its prime transmitting area to as far as Sackville.

MacLeod says he wants to reach many would-be listeners, including Dalhousie students who currently live outside the radio station's range of coverage.

"Quality service has always been the first priority at CKDU," says MacLeod.

CKDU presently transmits with 50 watts of power from atop the Physical Plant beside the SUB. Reception in the Halifax/Dartmouth area is hampered by

both the low height and power of the transmitter.

The proposed 7000 watt transmitter, possibly located on top of Fenwick tower, would increase the prime reception area, in which 90 per cent of all radios receive satisfactory reception, within a radius of 18 km.

Even with its power boosted to 7000 watts, CKDU's range would still be substantially smaller than other FM stations such as 100,000 watt C100. However, MacLeod says CKDU is interested less in reaching Truro audiences than in serving the Halifax/Dartmouth community.

The project is awaiting approval from the station's Board of Directors and the Dalhousie Student Union. If it is approved and a loan secured construction could begin by Christmas.