



Hammered barkeep hammers wall

there are to be cutbacks in all departments within the University and that they would like the people who represent the different unions and associations to become involved more with the problems of running the University. We, the C.U.P.E. representatives of Local 1392, agreed.

Our first concern is **unnecessary expenses** in our own department (employee time cards). In a briefing with Professor Chisholm and the staff of the Thermo Plant we were told that the reasons for the time cards were a means of recording the time an employee worked or not worked, overtime, sickness, and time off for personal reasons. All this was for the purpose of having the information put on a file card and would be easily obtained at a moments notice. All this would not cost any more than our present time sheets. We say bull....

All the information stated above can be taken from the present time sheet. That was our suggestion at a meeting with Bernise MacDonald, Systems Analysis; Professor Chisholm, Bob Stuart, Charles Mosher, and myself, Bill Kelly, at the Thermo Plant. The answer we received to our suggestion came from Bernise MacDonald. She said that not all the people that work in the houses and fill out their sheets knew how to fill out the present time sheets properly. In other words, to the University it is easier to develop a new system plus many thousands of dollars in person hours than to take a handful of people for one day and train them in the present system for the information they want.

The time card would be pocket size. We asked if that was all that would be required in paper work. "Yes", they said. We found out after a few more moments that there would be another 4 or 5 sheets of paper to be filled out because of this time card. This as an added expense since we would still be using the present time sheets.

We have, in the cleaning department, three field supervisors who were hired to go around to the buildings and houses where the cleaners work, to see that the work is done and to assist the caretakers in the problems, supplies, or equipment that they would need. This, with their own paper work, would constitute a full day. They now will be doing the recordings from the time cards. Here is an outrageous waste of money; a group of people hired for supervising buildings at a wage of over one thousand dollars a month are now doing timekeeping. If the people in accounts and the time office are not

getting that kind of money, they better look into the matter. This added work they will be doing will cut down on the field work that they were originally hired for.

If System Analysis works this way when it comes to money, then we and the rest of the departments have no worry in getting anything required.

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Rape not spring prank

To the Gazette:

This is in reply to donalee Moulton's article, "Spring, C.P.'s and Sex Pranks". Halifax Rape Relief receives 2-3 calls a week from victims of rape or sexual assault. This is not a prank, nor is it necessarily related to the spring equinox; sex criminals are not seasonally employed. Incidents of rape occur on a consistent year-round basis, except they are on the increase--so much for the "spring fever" theory. Finally, it is unfortunate that the heading of your article gives the impression that the C.P.'s are somehow behind it. They may indeed be behind it, but in a different sense.

Let us consider other facts. According to volunteers from Rape Relief, the South End is the worst area in Halifax for sex crimes. This is a suggestive statement. Could it possibly be related to the concentration of university students--particularly females? This is the question which cannot be answered for the Campus Police, the City Police, and Rape Relief are highly reluctant to issue statistics. As a consequence, the potential victim is left with a false sense of security, so that I suggest that if this veil of ignorance is designed to prevent us from an upset, it is high time we became upset. In conclusion, having had a difficult experience one night on Coburg Rd., I am reluctant to believe that only two or three others share the same experience--I do not believe it.

Heather MacQuarrie, Arts II.

The Mummers Theatre Troupe of Newfoundland will explore some of the problems of underdevelopment --and what it has done to Newfoundlanders -- in a play called "What's That got to do with the Price of Fish?" at St. Mary's University April 3 and 5.

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am still on the Employment Board and co-chairman of SUB operations until May 1, and I may promise you that unless the situation improves radically, some of you may find yourselves looking elsewhere for work. Your performance has not been good enough and it must improve a lot or some heads are going to roll.

Angrily
John Hamilton
Med. Rep on Council

CUPE carps time cards

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To the Gazette:

A meeting with labour (Maintenance Cleaners) and management was held at the Thermo Plant March 17. Charles Mosher and Bill Kelly, the two members representing labour were told that the main topic of discussion was to be the high cost of running the university, that

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