

NEWS

Talks break down

CUP (HALIFAX) -- There seems to be plenty of labour unrest brewing at Dalhousie University.

The Dalhousie Staff Association (DSA) have broken off negotiations with the university, and will be asking the province's Ministry of Labour to appoint a conciliator in the dispute.

The 750 non-academic personnel at the university had been negotiating with the university since mid-June and the DSA's Executive Director, Delphine du Toit, says the meetings have been happening about twice every week except during September and October when the administration was forming its position.

Du Toit is confident that the actio has the full backing of the membership, saying that the feedback has been quite good from them.

She points out that the cost of living has risen by 70 per cent since 1975, while the salaries of

the Association membership have risen by between 40 and 55 per cent. She notes that the average difference between the cost of living and real salaries is about twenty per cent.

Union increases for the past several years have been below the cost of living increases, and the DSA now fear further drops in increases.

Du Toit says that the average salary of the job attendants is about \$11,000 with some salaries going as low as \$6500.

The association is aware that the university has incurred a deficit in the past couple of years, but says that the deficit was incurred by capital expenditures, and the interest charges on loans to Dalhousie are paid out of the operating budget.

The DSA covers support staff at the university. Included in the Association are secretaries, clerks, lab technicians, nurses and parking lot attendants.

MBA majors drive amok

by Pat Martin

A sunny Saturday provided ideal conditions for the first annual MBA Society car rally.

Twenty-five cars of all descriptions started from the Dunn parking lot at precisely 2:00 p.m. or thereabouts and spent the next five hours staring at maps and instruction sheets which lead the unsuspecting teams along a 140 km. route winding its way through Halifax-Dartmouth and surrounding areas.

Of the original 25 entries only 13 completed the course. (The remaining 12 have not yet been found, however RCMP officials are confident that clues may yet turn up.)

A good question to ask at this time might be, "Why would anyone want to spend a beauti-

ful afternoon inside a car, starting at a stupid map and trying to figure out where you are because the light is about to change and you're running out of gas and all-the-while thinking about the cow you hit because the yellow tint in your goggles made you mistake it for a pile of dead leaves." The answer? "Just for fun," or so says one of the rally's organizers.

On top of the heap at the finish was the driver-navigator team of Keith Tufts and Rick Blotnick who collected the \$100 first prize.

All in all the rally was a success for which credit belongs to organizers Sunil Dhar and Sherry Dooks who may be looking at a repeat performance in the spring.

St. Mary's withholds funds from CFS

CUP (HALIFAX) The student council of St. Mary's University is continuing its review of SMU membership in the newly organized Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), following the CFS national conference.

The review was needed after council acted on a motion to withhold funds from the CFS, since some of the "politics" of the conference did not mesh with the aims of the SMU council.

The motion that passed withheld for a period of two weeks the amount of fees that SMU pays to CFS.

At present, the review of the conference is almost completed, and the president of council, Mike McNeil, is agreeing that the review is needed. He says that "the review is good, in the

sense that it will simplify and present to students what CFS really is."

The review is being carried out by councillors who did not attend the recent CFS conference but are studying the conference's documents.

McNeil, who is also CFS chairperson, doesn't feel, however, that the withholding of funds from the fledgling student group is right.

"Not paying the fees is more of a punitive measure by council than anything else," he stated, "and they are going to be paid."

He said that the completed review of the CFS membership will be brought to council on Sunday night.

McNeil is impressed by council's review so far, and plans on taking the action a little further.

"I intend to propose a mandatory review of CFS after every conference, but it will not be accompanied by any freezing of fees," he said.

Federal New Democratic Party leader Ed Broadbent did not make it here to address the Commerce Society's young businessman's luncheon at Dalhousie today.

A spokesperson from Broadbent's office in Ottawa said Wednesday that the possibility of the government bringing forth a resolution on the constitution Thursday was too great to allow Broadbent, or any NDP member, to leave Ottawa.

Provincial NDP leader Alexa McDonough replaced Broadbent at the luncheon held in the McInnes Room of the SUB.

McGill denies tuition will double

MONTREAL (CUP) Officials at McGill University have denied recent reports that tuition will double next year.

An article published in the October 24 edition of the french-language daily, Le Devoir, reported that tuition fees at McGill, Concordia University and L'Universite de Montreal would double because the Quebec government plans to remove the current freeze on tuition increases. The article stated that the Universite de Quebec a Montreal would raise its tuition by 40 percent.

According to McGill Vice-Principal Sam Freedman, the reports are unsubstantiated.

"We have checked with the Ministry of Education and found there is no substance to these reports," he said.

Freedman said the article in Le Devoir was apparently based on information contained in one of 20 position papers prepared under the auspices of the Ministry of Education. The papers are to be presented at a series of workshops to be held in late November and early December on the subject of education cut-backs. Attending the workshop will be representatives of the universities, government officials and students.

Betsy Hirst, Director of McGill Public Relations, suggested the

Ministry leaked the information to Le Devoir in an attempt to "test the water." She said the same writer, R. Morissette, was responsible for several articles last year on the proposed increase in differential fees for international students before the government approved the hike.

Referring to the Minister of Education, Camille Laurin, Hirst said: "He is using Morissette to send up test balloons."

Officials at the Ministry of Education were only willing to confirm that the possibility of removing the freeze on tuition was being discussed. They denied a decision will be made before December.

Christmas Seal campaign

The Christmas Seal Campaign in Canada officially begins on November 1st, when almost seven million homes in Canada receive their Christmas Seals delivered by their mailman.

Contributions to the 1980 campaign totalled six million dollars, and the Canadian objective this year is to top this by at least 11.6%.

The Canadian Lung Association was the first non-profit voluntary organization formed in Canada. It was founded in

1900 to fight Tuberculosis. Today, Lung Associations are carrying out prevention and rehabilitation programs in all lung diseases, including Asthma, Bronchitis, Emphysema, Pneumonia and Flu.

Ralph E. J. Ricketts, Executive Director, of the Nova Scotia Lung Association, says: "At least 80% of chronic lung disease such as emphysema and chronic bronchitis could be prevented if people would not

smoke".

He said, "Ninety per cent of Christmas Seal Campaign Funds collected in Nova Scotia stay within the province to educate the public, patients and families about lung disease; to distribute information to schools, hospitals, industries

about lung disease and hazards to lung health. A contribution to the Nova Scotia Lung Association means a contribution to lung health in Nova Scotia."



Excellent weather prevailed Saturday as the first annual MBA car rally got off to a successful start.

Correction

Peter Rans was misquoted in last week's article "Dal's delegates meet with MP's" as warning the western delegates against taking a "holier than thou" attitude to the other provinces at the CFS conference in Ottawa. Rans was actually referring to the eastern delegates.

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