



It was good news for the Dalhousie Shine-A-Rama Cystic Fibrosis campaign, but bad news for Dalhousie Student Union Treasurer Frank De Mont.

De Mont pledged to get a crew cut if Dal Shine-A-Rama, which shines anything in sight to raise money for the charity, could exceed their \$10,000 target by \$4,000. Results: \$15,007.44 raised and a post-punk version of the DSU Treasurer. Things could be worse, Frank; you could have promised to have your nose pierced.



Pauli Grandy: Dal Photo

Faculty, Admin resume talks

by Heather Hueston

A provincial conciliator has been appointed to assist in contract negotiations between Dalhousie administration and one of two unions whose collective agreements both ran out on June 30, 1988.

The conciliator will meet September 21 with representatives from the university's negotiating team and negotiators from the Dalhousie Faculty Association to resume discussion of work load, attrition (non-replacement of vacant positions), wage benefits and salary.

The Dalhousie Staff Association is still waiting for the government to respond to its request for a conciliator made in mid-August after talks with the administration broke off. Pay equity and job security are issues for the 740-member predominantly female clerks, technicians and secretaries.

At a press briefing September 1, the DSU and DFA representatives joined colleagues from eight of Nova Scotia's nine universities and colleges in blaming the recent campus labour problems on "the mood of confrontation" prevalent in university boardrooms across the province. That mood is reciprocated by faculty and Staff. Steve Enman, president of the Acadia Faculty Assoc., which voted yesterday to go ahead with a strike vote, said that in light of continued cutbacks, "it's clear that maintaining a pleasant sort of relationship with the Board of Governors doesn't work."

DFA president David Williams said members are frustrated when they see buildings go up on campus while library hours are cut, secretarial support is lost and the spending power of faculty has declined by 20 per cent over roughly the last 10 years.

"There's no doubt that universities are being starved," said Williams, "but that's compounded by how the administration uses (the money)."

Dalhousie Vice-President of Finance and Administration Bryan Mason responded that although some may argue that spending priorities are strange,

"I'm not debating whether their salary demands are justified; the reality is that we can't afford it."

Mason said the increase to the operating budget under 3.5 per cent prohibits granting a cost-of-living clause or DFA salary demands.

As for DFA charges of an unfulfilled verbal agreement promising pay increases this year in return for faculty cooperation last year on leaving 50 positions unfilled, Mason said there never was such an agreement. Mason said the salary increases were already awarded in 1987/88 in return for the DFA granting the board some "flexibility" in staffing and added that the figure of 50 positions is not accurate.

"We hope over time that using staff flexibility we can free up funds for other priorities which would certainly include staff salaries," said Mason.

In an interview this week, DFA's chief negotiator Graham Morgan agreed that Dalhousie's spending priorities should be "rearranged" and stated flatly that a prestigious university like Dalhousie must pay its faculty a fitting wage. Countering administration's claims that DFA demands will run to 25 per cent of the budget over two years, Morgan cited the nearly \$2 million saved by not replacing 50 faculty positions and the larger-than-usual government money granted to Dalhousie last year. The DFA is also asking for a cost of living adjustment of 4.1 per cent, a clause that is standard in faculty contracts at the University of New Brunswick, which the DFA uses as a yardstick.

Mason said the academic community has a chance to influence the budget every year through Senate. He also held out a long-term hope of restructuring grants from the Maritimes' granting authority to make them more equitable for Dalhousie.

Dalhousie Student Union president Juanita Montalvo said she is meeting regularly with both sides. Although Montalvo said preparations are being made in case of a strike she added, "it's important that students not think that there's going to be a strike."

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Violence ends SuperSUB

By Ellen Reynolds

Some windows were broken and a member of the SUB staff was injured Saturday night when a few intoxicated students got violent during the orientation week Super SUB. Two fire alarms were pulled at three minutes to midnight in the SUB. The fire department evacuated 1700 people from the building and requested the crowd stay outside until an electrician could reset the alarms. The mood was high and according to Doug Stewart, a Dal security officer on duty at the time, "While waiting, some people in the crowd got violent, the

odd few got out of control and started throwing rocks and bottles." Stewart said the city police were called twice and it took 40 minutes for one squad car to arrive.

The electrician, who had to be called from home, reset the alarms by approximately 1 a.m. Unfortunately that was the hour when the Super SUB was scheduled to end and the restless crowd was told they would not be readmitted to the SUB.

"We wanted to let people in to pick up their coats but we had to wait until things calmed down," said SUB manager Steve Gaetz. But before people did settle down there were windows broken in the

Green Room and a rock thrown through a window hit a SUB staff member who was taken to hospital for stitches to his head and later released.

Saturday was the first night on the job for many of the SUB staff according to Gaetz and he credits them with doing the best they could to handle the situation.

Neither the people responsible for pulling the fire alarm nor the students who trashed the SUB have been identified so no charges have been laid.

"The people responsible for this damage caused a lot of grief for everyone else," said Gaetz.