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Chanting "No to Trudeau, no to Levesque, defend the rights of a united Quebec", eighteen demonstrators gathered on Friday in front of the Dalhousie Student Union Building and marched to Kings College, the site of the Hearings of the Pepin/Robarts Commission, the Task Force on Canadian Unity. The demonstration was organized by the political movement, In Struggle.



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Task Force Demonstrators were greeted by a chorus of "O Canada", when they arrived at Kings College on Friday.

Teaching assistants say no to CUPE

HAMILTON (CUP) -- Teaching assistants at McMaster University have rejected a proposal to become members of the Canadian Union of Public Employees.

Results of the referendum, which were released Sept. 6, showed that teaching assistants had voted 404 to 185 against forming an autonomous local of CUPE.

The vote, held June 7 and 21, came after 370 of McMaster's 900 teaching assistants signed union cards within a four-day period. The Labour Relations Board requires that 35 per cent of the bargaining unit sign the cards within that time period in order for a unionization vote to be held.

Ballots cast during the June vote were not counted until early this month because of McMaster administration claims that the 370 assistants did not constitute 35 per cent of the bargaining unit.

The university administration had submitted a list of more than 900 graduate students to the Labour Relations Board during the summer.

However, the McMaster Union of Graduate Students challenged more than 120 names on the administration list as being names of students no longer at the university, or of graduate students who were not teaching assistants.

After a hearing later in the summer, the LRB dismissed the administration challenge and said ballots should be counted.

The unionization drive began in April when the university administration refused to negotiate support levels for graduate students. It had lowered minimum support levels the previous month.

The previous \$4,500 minimum yearly support level was changed to a three-tiered system for MA students, which allots yearly stipends of \$3,880, \$4,380 and \$4,880. Under the new system, about three-quarters of McMaster's TAs will get \$4,880 a year.

Rob Woodside, a member of the union co-ordinating committee and of the graduate union executive, blamed the failure of the referen-

dum on lack of information. "The questions -- What is a union? What does it mean? How do TAs fit in? -- were not properly answered, otherwise the results of the vote would have been different," he said.

"Many people must have signed as a protest to the administration," he said. "This may account for the differences between the card count and the vote."

Graduate student union president Marvin Krank said the university administration should not interpret the anti-union vote as a vote in favour of the support levels. "We will not give up on this issue. The

end is to find equitable funding for all graduate students," he said.

He added he was concerned about possible future punitive action by the administration because the vote was held.

Graduate studies dean Leslie King said he was pleased by the outcome of the vote. "We didn't believe that unionization was in the best interests of the students or the university. It shows that the majority of students agreed with this, and we hope we will be able to continue working with them in the future," he said.

Dal day care - where is it?

by Danièle Gauvin


For many people in the Dalhousie community, Day Care is an area of the deepest concern. The provision of adequate daytime supervision for the children of students, faculty and local residents has been the subject of extensive surveys in the last 3 years. Sadly, these reports have had no concrete results until now.

For the last two months, a Parent's Co-operative Day Care has been in the works and spokesperson Cathy Davis expects the centre to open at the Sir John Thomas School within the next few weeks. The centre is to be kept small, in an effort to provide the children with a homelike atmosphere and a flexible schedule, which would allow fre-

quent excursions. It is hoped that the size of the project will also serve to free the concerned parents and part-time helpers who are to staff it from the red-tape of bureaucracy. At present there are still problems to be dealt with, notably funding for the unsubsidized co-op and building toys. However, organizers are confident that all will be ready for an October opening.

The project is a courageous one, and it should prove to be a successful first step in filling a real community need.

If you wish to participate or simply find out more about the co-op, please contact Cathy or Gwen Davis at 425-3614.



Dalhousie chess club offers free individual instruction, 7.30 - 8.30 P.M. every monday DSUB room 316 Lots of opportunity for practical play. Come one, Come All.

Sodales, the Dalhousie Debating Society, has begun another season of competitive debating. The club meets every Tuesday evening at 7:30 for some fun and enlightening interchange of ideas. We cordially invite everyone interested in debating to attend our meetings. See you there!

The Gazette thanks Cam Mustard of the Halifax Loyalist for coming to our rescue by doing our headlines late last night. Since the Gazette's headline machine is broken, the staff may have had to face an extremely long lay-out night.

CKDU to improve

by Rick Collins

Radio Station CKDU plans to improve its broadcasting services to Dalhousie students this year. There will be an increase in both news and sports coverage as well as continued broadcast of dramatic productions. The station is also planning to expand its publicity and record budget year by running outside advertisements.

Station manager Michael Wile, the man behind "Theatre of the Ear" and "Grassroots Theatre", is once

again trying to organize a full slate of activities. Assistance is still needed, however, in such areas as programming, production, public relations and office work. If you are interested in helping out at the station just drop by the CKDU's office on the 4th floor of the S.U.B.

CKDU, broadcasting at 610 kHz in the Dal S.U.B., Howe Hall, Sherriff Hall and Fenwick, is trying to flex its biceps but needs your support!