

Campus Comment

What have students been thinking about the current strike by Local 1392 of CUPE? In order to find this out, the Gazette conducted an informal poll in the Student Union Building earlier this week.

Of the fifteen students who were approached with the following two questions, seven declined to comment, not wishing their names and pictures to be published.

1. Do you think the University should meet the striker's wage demands?
2. What do you think of scabs?



Harvey Urquhart

(1) Definitely. From what I hear the workers are definitely not making enough money to support a family.
(2) There's not much that can be done about it, but I certainly disagree with it.



Janet MacNaughton, 2nd year Biology

(1) I think they should negotiate. I'm not really that well informed on the financial situation.
(2) That defeats the whole purpose of getting a better deal. It could go on forever and the students will become hostages in the middle.



Teresa Rowe, 1st year Science

(1) No, it seems like everyone's going on strike. The amount of money they lose by going on strike seems ridiculous. The University and the workers should get together.
(2) I don't think the University should be in a mess. It makes you wonder if 70 people can do the work of 300 (sic).



Steven Lee, 2nd year Psychology

(1) Definitely yes because they are poor people and at the poverty line they can't support families.
(2) I don't think people should be scabbing because the strike will be prolonged.



Beth Hamilton, B.Ed.

(1) Yes, I think they're reasonable.
(2) I don't think much of them. They obviously undermine the strike and it is the workers' legal right to strike.



Sean Hawkins, 2nd year History

(1) No, because they're exorbitant.
(2) It's alright because the scabs (needy students who normally supplement the cleaning force) are not really in violation of the strike.

Strike chronology

Monday, November 6

—Evidence Research Associated Limited of Dartmouth, a professional firm which specializes in surveillance, security and undercover operations, retained by Dal to provide extra security men and monitor strikers and strike supporters.

Wednesday, November 15

—Alan Story, a militant of In Struggle, is arrested for obstruction of police at the Physical Plant. Story was part of a picket line attempting to stop Shore Company garbage trucks from entering university property to collect garbage.

Friday, November 17

—Support for strikers reaches a high point when over 300 people gathered in the SUB lobby for a rally organized by the Support Committee. The demonstrators then marched on the A&A building protesting the administration's lack of attempts to come to terms with the union. A photographer at the rally is identified as an RCMP agent. The individual in question admitted to the *Gazette* he was employed by the RCMP for such services. He was later seen at the Cohn auditorium taking pictures of picketers and strike supporters.

Monday, November 20

—The Strike Support Committee

meets and makes tentative plans to hold a second rally and also a benefit in support for CUPE 1392.

Tuesday, November 21

—Members of CUPE 1392 and the Strike Support Committee form a mass picket in front of the Physical Plant in an attempt to block entry of Shore Company trucks. They gave way following recommendations of Al Cunningham after he consulted with the Halifax police.

Wednesday, November 22

—The Conciliation Services of the Department of Labour asks the bargaining units for both sides go to the table in efforts to end the walkout.

Thursday, November 23

—Negotiating teams for CUPE and Dalhousie meet for the first time since the strike started. Dalhousie offers a staggered 85c increase over a 20 month period.

—Later that evening union members of CUPE 1392 meet to discuss the offer. After learning that the percentage increase was only 7.5 the members decide to reject the offer.

—The Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students meet and decide to donate \$500 to the Strike fund. DAGS also calls on the administration to give priority to the principle of a fair living

wage for all of its employees.

Friday, November 24

—Dalhousie calls a meeting between representatives of the DSA, DFA and IUOE to explain their position concerning negotiations.

—Department of Economics Professor Mike Bradfield sends out a letter to all members of the Dal professional community asking them to donate 1 day of their pay to the strike fund.

Sunday, November 26

—President Henry Hicks, and Vice Presidents MacKay and Vagianos clean the law building in order for the University News to take pictures of their efforts to

keep Dal clean.

Monday, November 27

—Strike Support Committee finalizes plans for the second rally and benefit. It is decided that the rally will be held on Friday, December 1 and the benefit on December 6 at the SUB at St. Mary's.

Tuesday, November 28

—The Strike Support Committee meets and decides that the 2nd rally will enter the A&A building to show support.

Wednesday, November 29

—In a show of support the Maritime Fishermen's Union donate a fresh supply of fish to members of CUPE 1392.

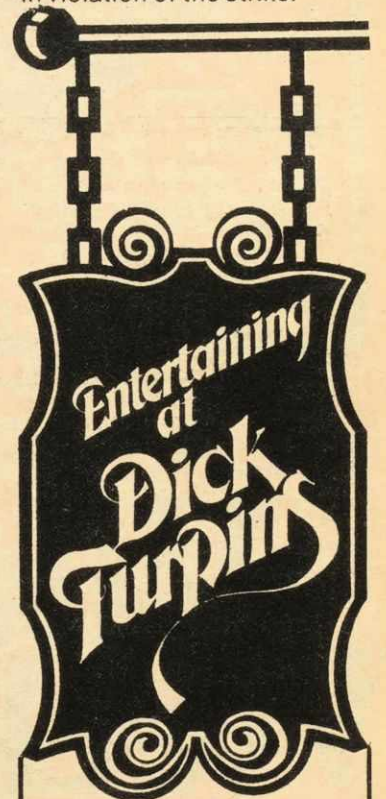
BENEFIT DANCE

Wed. Dec. 6, 8PM

**Multi-Purpose Room
High Rise 2 St. Mary's
Tickets: Dal Gazette**

Free Daycare **\$2.00**

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