



# DALHOUSIE GAZETTE

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## Strike looms Dispute goes to conciliation

by Alex Burton

Contract negotiations between the Dalhousie Administration and the Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA) ended August 20 as the Administration made a formal request for a provincially appointed conciliator.

The DFA responded by circulating a press release which said the Board of Governors had "broken off negotiations" and that after the conciliation process "the Board would be in a position to lock out faculty members."

As a result of these developments, Dalhousie students are facing the possibility of the second strike in three years. The last strike was in 1988 and lasted 20 days.

The Administration is playing down the possibility of a strike. Brian Mason, chief negotiator for the

Administration said, "I think building up fears of a strike is unnecessary, maybe just for a big headline... conciliation is a common occurrence, it happens all the time... there is no news in it."

The DFA also seems interested on avoiding a strike situation. DFA President David Williams said, "We are very anxious that a strike does not happen."

However, the two sides remain far apart on the important issue of salary. The DFA is asking for an indexed cost of living allowance, plus a three per cent increase. The Administration has countered with just the increase.

There are other issues the DFA is hoping to address in these contract negotiations including faculty attrition, sabbaticals, promotion, ten year, and blue shield benefits.

"On a large number of issues we have reached agreement...



some issues we haven't been able to agree on because they aren't workable, or if you tried to make them work everything would seize up. We have to deal with the real world," said Mason.

Although both sides have expressed a desire to minimize any adverse affects to students that the present labour situation

might create, neither side informed student leaders of the call for a conciliator.

Dalhousie Student Union President, Ralph Cochrane, said he heard of the latest development through the local media. When asked if he felt the failure to inform the DSU of the latest developments demonstrated a lack of concern for students by

both sides Cochrane said, "I hope not. I hope it was just an oversight. They probably didn't even think of it."

A provincial conciliator was appointed Wednesday. Joel Matheson, Minister of Advanced Education, made the announcement at a conference organized by the Nova Scotia Confederation of University Faculty Associations

## Shinerama aims for \$21 000

by Munju Ravindra

Over 600 students will participate in Shinerama today, storming Metro to shine shoes, bumpers, heads and anything else, in an effort to raise money for the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (CCFF).

Cystic Fibrosis is an inherited disease affecting one in twenty Canadians. It affects the respiratory and digestive systems, coating the lungs and stomach with a heavy mucous that inhibits breathing and digestion.

CCFF initiated Shinerama, a fund-raising venture designed to allay the costs of CF research and care, in 1964. Today it is the largest university-run charity involving almost 70 universities across Canada.

Last year, Dalhousie came ninth in the country, raising nearly \$20,000. To celebrate Dalhousie's twenty-fifth anniversary of participation in Shinerama, organizers hope to raise enough money this year to defeat the University of New Brunswick, and declare Dalhousie number one in the

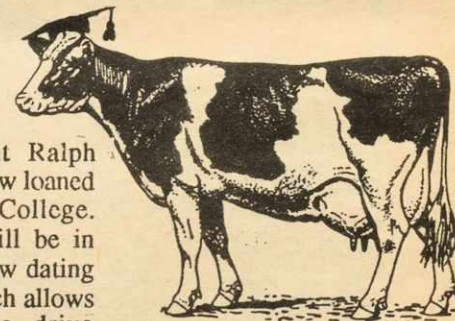
eastern provinces.

This year's organizers, Lilli Ju and Jeff Smith, are optimistic about the current goal of \$21,000. Rumour has it that if they exceed their goal and raise \$25,000, fall orientation co-chair Troy Wallace will shave his head.

Activities other than shining are planned for this year's Shinerama. There will also be car washes, and voluntary cover charges at various Halifax bars.

In addition, organizers plan to hold a publicity stunt Wednesday, at Parade Square,

where DSU president Ralph Cochrane will milk a cow loaned by the Agricultural College. This demonstration will be in accordance with a bylaw dating back to the 1880's, which allows Dalhousie students to drive horned cattle on Grand Parade square.



## Canadian champs need cash

by Alex Burton

Sodales, Dalhousie's debating society and the Canadian National Champions, may not be able to compete this year due to a lack of funds.

Sodales President Tim Daley presented the debating society's budget at the first Student Council meeting of the year on Monday and received a cool response. Daley asked council

for a grant of \$3000, which he said would be matched dollar for dollar by the Dalhousie Administration.

"The suggestion for matching funding was made by someone connected to council... and we believe matching funding will make it easier for both the Administration and the Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) to fund Sodales", he said.

Sodales had originally approached summer council on August 9, and asked for \$2000 from the Special Programs Fund, but a decision was postponed until the full council could meet. Daley's second proposal asks for an additional \$1000. "The requested increase in the DSU grant is the result of a decrease in financial support from the Administration and corporate sponsors," said Daley.

However, the DSU seemed reluctant to provide the supplementary funds. Peter Potier, the DSU Treasurer, said there is enough money in the Special Programs Fund for Sodales but the fund would be wiped out if the full amount

requested was given.

"We'll give them something, I'm sure, but I don't think they'll get the full amount," said Potier.

Daley is worried that a lack of funds will adversely affect the society. If Sodales does not receive the funds it needs "our competitive program will be non-existent this year," he said.

Both Daley and Sodales Vice-president Paul Drysdale appeared to be frustrated with the lengthy process of acquiring funds from the DSU. "When was the last time the Dalhousie Tigers brought back a National Championship?" said Drysdale.

A final decision on funding for Sodales should occur at the next council meeting, September 9.

