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Members of the Dalhousie Faculty Association stand in front of the administration building during the informational pickets leading up to the one day strike on Wednesday. If no settlement is reached by Jan 28, this could

be a familiar and more permanent sight until matters are resolved. Photo: John Davie, Dal Photo.

Dal quiet as profs stage one day strike

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DALHOUSIE CAMPUS WAS quiet Jan 16 as faculty picketed the campus in a one-day strike. The usually packed Grawood bar sat empty during the lunch hour and there were no lines at the Garden cafeteria.

Bruce Crouter sat alone drinking a beer after his economics class Wednesday. Despite the strike his professor chose to teach and Bruce chose to attend the lecture.

He says of the 20 students who regularly attend the class, only about half were in attendance and the class was unable to continue with new work.

For many students the one day strike was a time to decide — a time to test newly formed political ideals. For many the test was made harder by professors who planned to continue teaching through both the one day and the indefinite strike scheduled for Jan 28.

Despite motions passed by the university senate Jan 14 assuring students that the decision not to cross picket lines will be treated as a matter of conscience not bearing academic consequences, some students are still worried.

One political science student says he's concerned that his refusal to cross picket lines will result in his losing a 10 per cent grade for participation in one class.

The professor made it clear that in the event of an indefinite strike students are expected to be there and those who aren't will lose out.

"I respect his decision to teach but he should respect my decision not to cross picket lines," he said.

Dave McCann, a student representative on the senate, says one of his top priorities has been trying to ensure students won't be hurt by the strike.

McCann says he's glad the administration has promised students they won't be penalized for supporting the DFA, but he's not optimistic about their abilities to see that promise through.

"They made a rash claim, now they're going to have to figure out how to administer it," says McCann.

Political science professor Dr. James Eayrs says he's not sure

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