

Dal Security says there is no parking problem

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Dalhousie Security says there is not a shortage of parking spaces on campus.

Max Keaton, Director of Security and Parking, says there are enough spaces for those who have permits. He says there are at least 200 spaces more than absolutely necessary.

"Of course we would like to see more spaces, just as anyone would like to have more money. But what we have is adequate," said Keaton.

Keaton says the problem is because people expected to be able to park right next to their destination.

"Some people expect to park outside the SUB if they want to go to the SUB," he said.

Keaton says if people wanted to park, they may have to walk a little way from their cars. He viewed this as quite acceptable.

Helen Vanenburg, DSA representative on Security and Parking, said that overall, parking was not so much the problem, but says there were specific examples where a problem did exist.

"I often want to park by the Tupper Building, but I have to park at the Dunn parking lot instead—which is an inconvenience," said Vanenburg.

Another example was when visiting faculty from Tennessee in early September could not find spaces outside the Arts and Administration building, although they had permits.

"The day care workers, students registering and the employees in the A&A building had filled up all the spaces there," said Vanenburg.

She says it was particular areas that have the problems.

She says a solution to the problem would be to assign all those with permits to a particular parking space, "like the President hall behind the Faculty Club." But she says Security and Parking had said this was too much effort and too expensive.

Both Keaton and Vanenburg agreed that the charge of \$71 a year was very reasonable.

"You could pay \$71 a month for parking in central Halifax," said Keaton. □

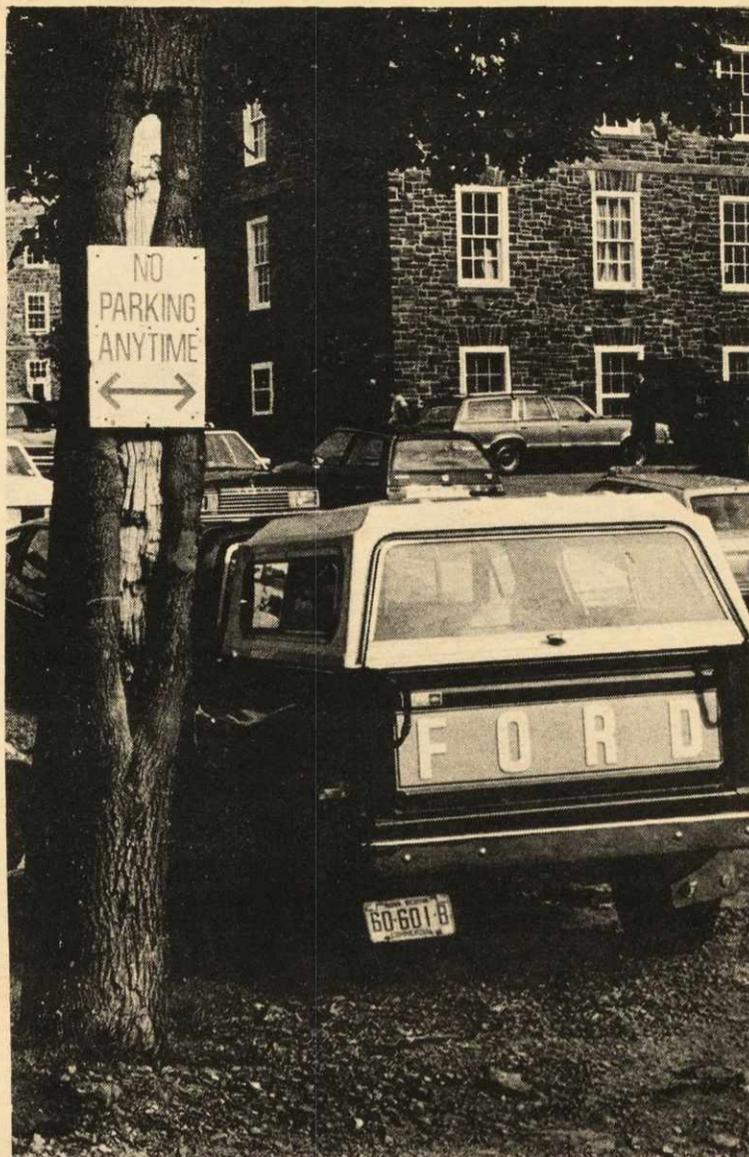


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Bosnitch under fire from UNB administration

FREDERICTON (CUP)—The student council president at the University of New Brunswick is under fire from UNB's administration and may soon be expelled from school.

A growing controversy between John Bosnitch and university administration president James Downey erupted Sept. 28, when Downey dissolved the student

union building's 11-member board of directors and replaced it with six university trustees.

Downey claims the SUB's finances are in "disarray" and that Bosnitch's "improprieties" forced him to take control of the building. Downey seized Bosnitch's keys to the building and changed the locks on the doors.

The take-over by the administra-

tion comes after a summer of infighting on the board, which was made up of both administrators and student politicians. Both sides wanted greater control over the building.

Downey claims the board was not carrying out its business properly, and that the board delayed executing leases with commercial tenants in the building.

And in an earlier letter to Bosnitch, Downey told him that further "improprieties" and "unacceptable behavior" would lead to his expulsion.

The controversy is complicated by a long-standing council-administration disagreement on the Third Century Fund, a capital fund drive at UNB. Students donate \$10 a year to the fund and can claim a rebate from the student council. The balance is normally turned over to the administration.

Bosnitch claims the money is part of student union fees, and the council must pass a motion before it is handed to the administration. Downey said the council is holding administration funds, and refused to release more than \$200,000 in student union fees until the Third Century Fund balance is given over.

Council passed a motion turning the \$38,870 in excess monies from the Third Century Fund over to the administration on Oct. 1. Bosnitch is now pressing them to pay fees in one lump sum instead of their three installments.

Downey has refused to comment

on the incident. But Bosnitch, outraged by the letter and the takeover, said he considers Downey's actions a "violation of trust".

"Students contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars" to the SUB, Bosnitch said. "Students just want control of a postage-stamp sized corner of campus."

The student union president plans to seek the support of New Brunswick premier Richard Hatfield and will retain a lawyer.

Although he hopes to work out a solution with the administration soon, Bosnitch says he will not "compromise on other people's ideals."

"We're not the ones with the long hair. We're not radicals shouting in the streets. We're fighting for free enterprise."

Student council lawyers have already sent a letter to Downey calling his actions on the SUB board "unauthorized" and "illegitimate" and demanding that Bosnitch's keys to the SUB be returned.

According to Bosnitch, Downey's actions violate the university act. The act requires the president to call each of a meeting. Downey only called half of the members to inform them of the decision, Bosnitch added.

Bosnitch wants the administration to lease the building for 99 years for \$1 a year.

"We've literally asked the administration 'Name your price,'" he said.

Bosnitch has been student union president for two terms at UNB.

He gained notoriety with his first campaign by running with a slate of candidates who called themselves the "Student Party". Their style of dress and campaign was reminiscent of the Nazis in Germany, although their policies did not match this image. □

Activists pedal for peace

OTTAWA (CUP)—Thirty peace activists pedaling across the country will cycle into Ottawa Oct. 11 with petitions for members of parliament to protest the cruise missile.

The petitions, part of the National Peace Petition Caravan, also protest Canada's military spending on the arms race and demand that Canada be declared a nuclear-free zone.

The peace activists, who left Vancouver Aug. 24, average 100 kilometres a day. The trip is about a 4,500-kilometre ride.

"Cycling is a fantastic sport. I love it!" said Pedal for Peace organizer Jim Truat. "I've managed to see the country in a way that I don't think I could duplicate. We've had a chance to discuss these issues with people across the country on a personal level in small communities."

The peace activists decided to travel by bikes instead of motor vehicles because bikes are environmentally safe. □

College teachers vote in favour of strike

TORONTO (CUP)—College teachers at Ontario's 22 community colleges voted 78 per cent in favor of a strike and if a settlement is not reached this week, pickets could be set up around campuses by Oct. 17.

About 7,600 teachers, counselors and librarians could be walking the picket line and about 120,000 community college students will be affected.

The strike vote followed weeks of talks and a controversial last-minute offer in late September from the Council of Regents, which represents the college's administration and college and universities ministry in the negotiations.

Union president Sean O'Flynn said the union rejected the last-minute offer because it did not deal with the union's workload demands.

The offer included a five per cent increase in salary but O'Flynn said the issue is the teachers' workload, not money. Instructors now teach 19 to 22 hours per week, in addition to marking time and time spent developing curricula.

Margaret Hart, a Humber College teacher, said the teachers want time to develop a working relationship with their students, mark their papers and prepare the day's lesson.

"Most teachers don't want to strike, but we must take a stand on workload," she said.

Hart said if the issue of workload is not settled to the union's satisfaction, the quality of education in Ontario's community colleges will drop drastically.

The teachers have been without a contract since Aug. 31. □

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