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## Faculty and Staff pass strike vote

The Dalhousie Faculty Association will return to the bargaining table with the knowledge that the members are prepared to strike if necessary.

The strike vote tally showed that of the 80 per cent of the membership who cast ballots, 79 per cent were in favour of a strike. A legal strike or a lockout by the Board of Governors could not happen before October 19. It is up to the government conciliator, Gordon Keeler, to decide whether the two sides are too far apart to continue discussions. Two weeks after he files his report to the provincial labour board, the union would be legally able to strike and the administration could also lock them out.

The Dalhousie Staff Association tallied their votes yesterday. Of the 88 per cent of the bargaining unit members who cast ballots, 85 per cent supported a strike if contract demands are not met. At Acadia University, a settlement was worked out between faculty and their administration after faculty there voted in favour of a strike.

But Dalhousie administration seems unfazed by the union winning the strike vote. Director of Public Relations Marilyn MacDonald says, "Just because there was a strike vote doesn't mean there'll be a strike."

In an interview with the Gazette, Vice-President Finance Bryan Mason pointed out that Dalhousie has had only three strikes in its history. The DFA struck for one day in 1985.

The administration maintains that the past six years of cutbacks preclude granting the DFA's demands for salary increases plus a 4.1 per cent cost-of-living agreement.

The Student Union plans to distribute postcards starting tomorrow, urging President Clark to take action to settle the dispute. DSU President Juanita Montalvo says Clark is the target because the students' contract for classes is with the administration and not the faculty.

## Hours extended

by Gazette Staff

Effective next Tuesday the three main campus libraries will have (almost) their old hours back. Vocal student protests prompted university administration officials to provide the library administration with more money. That money, along with some reallocation of funds within the libraries' budget, will be enough to partially restore the hours.

The decision to open up again came last week after a Library Committee meeting. Library administration had come under pressure from students and university administration.

Assistant chief librarian Bonita Boyd said that the library used money from its collection fund, used to buy books and journals. She said there was some surplus in the fund due to an "underexpenditure" last year. Boyd said the money was reallocated despite strong Senate pressure to spend

the money solely on library material.

Boyd could not confirm the amount of collections money transferred to keep the library open longer. William Birdsall, university librarian, was out of town when the Gazette tried to contact him.

Dalhousie University VP (Finance) Bryan Mason said that the university's contribution amounted to \$10,000. When asked how the university could find surplus money, Mason said that the contingency fund was wiped out by the first \$4,000. The remaining \$6,000 put the budget into a deficit position according to Mason.

**Library Hours**  
**Killam and MacDonald Science**  
Monday - Thursday: 8am - 11pm  
Friday: 8am - 6pm  
Saturday: 11am - 6pm  
Sunday: 1pm - 11pm  
**Kellogg Health Sciences**  
Monday - Thursday: 8:30am - 11pm  
Friday: 8:30am - 6pm  
Saturday: 11am - 6pm  
Sunday: 1pm - 11pm

## BUF rebuffed at Marshall hearings

by Valerie Ruth Legge

The black community's position is not being heard at the Marshall Inquiry says Burnley (Rocky) Jones, Research Director for the Black United Front. The Marshall Inquiry hearings began in September of 1987 with the purpose of investigating not only the purpose of investigating not only the purpose of the Marshall case, but the criminal justice system of Nova Scotia.

BUF was recently denied permission to present witnesses at the Marshall Inquiry by Chief Justice Alex Hickman, Marshall Commission Chair, on the grounds that racism is difficult to prove in a legal forum.

Chief Justice Hickman was unavailable for comment on BUF's grievances.

Jones says his organization feels that "racism can be dealt with in a legal sense; that's why we have human rights legislation. The inquiry should hear direct evidence because this direct evidence is relevant to the case, relevant to showing that the system of justice doesn't work when blacks are the victim, as in the case of Sandy Seale."

BUF requested permission to present two witnesses at the hearings. One witness was to be Jones himself, who would have talked about cases in research. The second witness was to have been Ken Crawford, a black lawyer who grew up in Sydney and practices law in Halifax. "We only asked for two witnesses for half a day," said Jones.

Jones says it has been indicated that there would be an opportunity in final submission for BUF's lawyer to present the organization's case. "But," says Jones, "we see this as different from calling witnesses, where we can point out and explore those areas where we feel the system doesn't work."

Jones says the inquiry has shown how the criminal justice system failed Donald Marshall, the individual, but the problem of institutionalized racism has not been addressed.

BUF has recently been investigating five cases in Nova Scotia in which blacks were murder victims, and the community was not

## DND funds Dal Poli Sci

by Alex Burton

The Centre for Foreign Policy Studies, a semi-autonomous research organization under the auspices of the Dalhousie Political Science department, could receive up to \$100,000 this year from the Department of National Defence.

Walter Chipchase, senior public affairs officer at the Atlantic Regional Defence Department Public Affairs bureau, says the money is "not only to explain we need more tanks and airplanes. It

is used to inform people of what the DND and the Canadian Forces do." The money is used to support awareness and increased knowledge of military and strategic issues, from studying foreign policy to examining approaches to disarmament.

Dr. Robert Boardman, acting head of the Political Science department and director of the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies from 1982-87, backs up Chipchase. Boardman says the money is used to finance conferences,

create publications, and bring in experts or figures of some reknown to teach specific classes in the Political Science department when these posts cannot be filled by existing Dalhousie staff.

Boardman says the main focus of the centre, and thus the incoming funds, is to increase educated debate and Canadian proficiency in the fields of foreign policy studies and political analysis. He suggests the United States has had a virtual monopoly on these subjects, and there is a general feeling in Canada that we should be increasing our efforts in these areas. Boardman suggests this is the reason the DND will expand its Military and Strategic Studies Program over the next three years from ten universities to 14, creating four more centres that will provide, in one form or another, courses on military and strategic topics.

Although the DND provides a significant part of the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies' budget, it is by no means the sole funder. Boardman says the centre would continue to exist even if the DND were to withhold funding

"If the program did not exist war and foreign policy studies would still go on (at Dalhousie)."

## Grads want journals

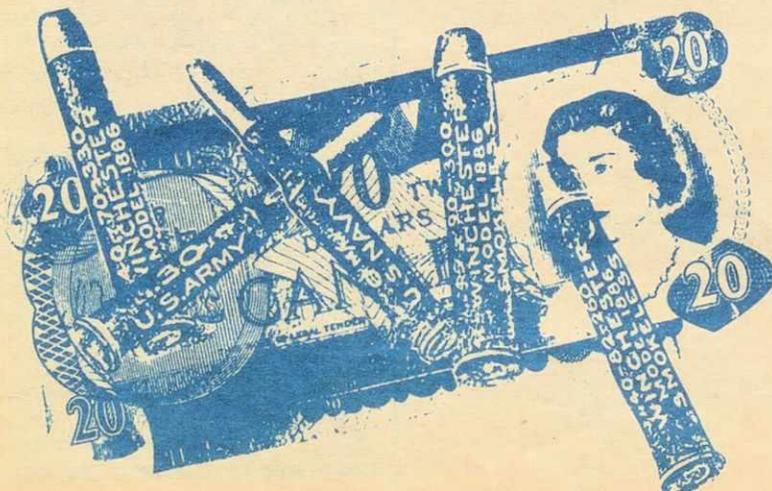
by Scott Randall

The Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students (DAGS) wants to see a journal circulation policy more restrictive than the old one but less restrictive than the new one.

DAGS president John Inegbedion says although the graduate students appreciate that the old library hours have been restored, they would like to see journals allowed to circulate for three days instead of the present non-circulating policy.

Earlier in May, DAGS proposed to the library committee to have the loan period for journals reduced from seven to three days. They also proposed that more priority be given to reshelving and that heavier fines be given for overdue journals. The heavier fines would give students a greater sense of responsibility in returning journals that might be urgently needed by someone else.

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