

## Strike over

# CUPE settles

by Alan Adams

After 88 days in the picket line members of CUPE 1392 will be returning to work on Monday. The pickets were called off after the cleaners voted to accept the latest contract proposal offered from the administration, yesterday.

Under terms of the new contract all members of CUPE will receive a staggered 85 cent increase over the next 14 months; 40 cents on February 1, 20 cents on September 1, 15 cents on November 1 and 10 cents on January 1, 1980. In addition CUPE members will receive \$200.00 in cash for the period they were employed by Dalhousie but without a contract. (September 1-November 5). Also a 30 cent shift differential premium is included in the new agreement.

The new contract expires on March 1, 1980.

The contract will increase the salary of a light duty

cleaner to \$4.67 per hour while a heavy duty cleaners salary will increase to \$5.39 per hour. A caretaker will be receiving \$5.69 under terms of the contract.

Dalhousie will remain the employers of CUPE 1392 but will contract managerial services out to Modern Building Cleaners. A mutual agreement concerning worker mobility has been reached between Dal and the union. Cleaners will be able to be moved from building to building but management and the union will be meeting before to decide as to who goes where. When deciding this, the question of age, seniority, and

family considerations will be dealt with. Dalhousie will be using Modern's expertise in managing the cleaning duties.

CUPE representative Al Cunningham said he and the executive "are happy the strike has ended and were pleased with the settlement." Cunningham had words of praise for the cleaners saying "throughout the whole affair they didn't let down one inch."

Vice-President (Administration) Vagianos said "we're delighted to have a settlement with the union." He added that he was "glad the union was willing to compromise to make it possible to use Modern as a managerial consultant." He added that he thinks Modern's expertise will save money for Dalhousie in the future.



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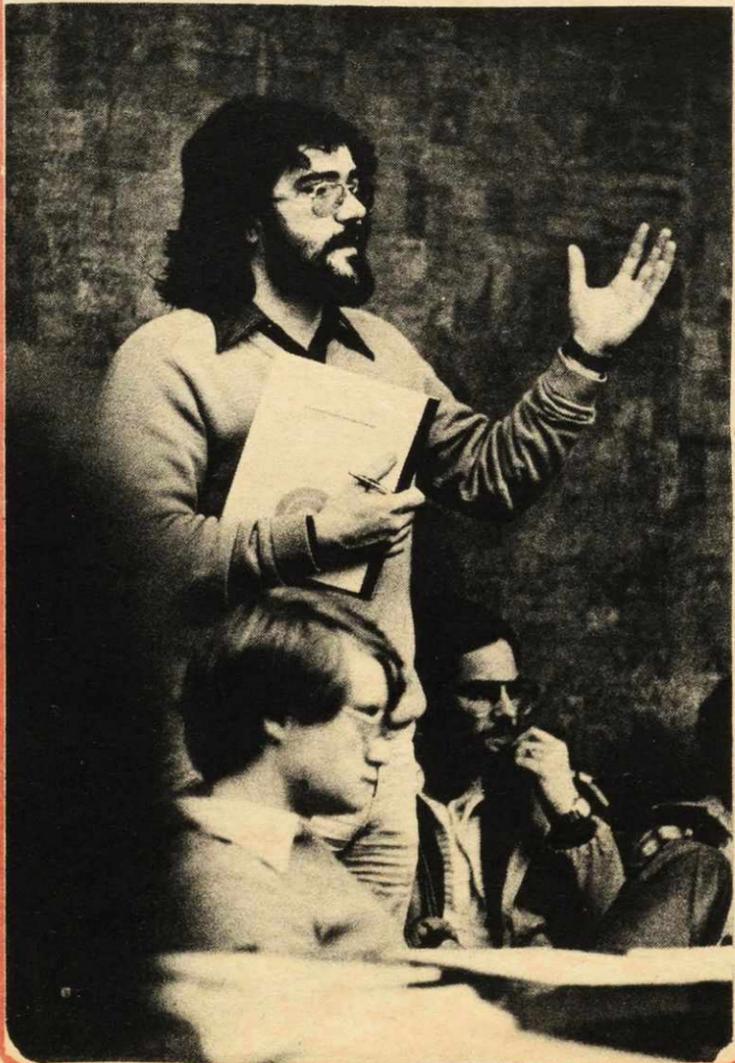
Al Cunningham strikes a Nelsonian pose under Horatio's portrait at press conference announcing CUPE's contract settlement.

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B.J. Arsenault of SUNS spoke to Dal Council on Sunday about their non-participation in the organization (see letter page 4).

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## Council in the dark

# SUNS comes up

by Elissa Barnard

Dalhousie representatives failed to attend last weekend's meeting of the Students' Union of Nova Scotia (SUNS) making it the second plenary session Dalhousie has missed.

B.J. Arsenault, chairperson of SUNS, came to Sunday night's council meeting himself to report on the conference and urge Dalhousie's participation, first by approving SUNS' constitution in principle and secondly by committing itself financially and with attendance at future meetings.

Student union president Mike Power explained that other matters had risen to demand the attention of the proposed delegates, David Bolivar, Cathy MacLean, Gary McGill vary and S. Dawe, but promised himself to attend the next meeting and act as a liaison officer to council.

Arsenault was disappointed and surprised that an advertisement in the Gazette attracted little response and that all four people planning to attend the meeting couldn't.

"I am a little concerned that Dalhousie hasn't had representatives at the two plenary meetings but I'm hopeful that council, since it has approved the grant and the constitution in principle, will follow up with active participation," he said.

Earlier in the evening council voted to grant SUNS the \$100 it has requested to keep operating until the end of April. Nova Scotia universities will be holding referendums in the spring to decide whether or not to join SUNS, which will not be a fully constituted organization until the spring of 1980.

"Council has chosen to ignore the whole thing," councillor Denise Soucy-Roberge, a former AFS official said, "It hasn't discussed SUNS much at meetings and hasn't discussed the whole

question of cutbacks at all.

"Supposedly Power has been our liaison all along but we haven't received any information. Now, he will supposedly fulfill his responsibilities," she said.

Gail Picco, who chaired the weekend's plenary meeting, said, "Since the MPHEC report indicates tuition fees increases are inevitable and students in the Maritimes already have the highest tuition fees in the country, it is important for students to form some sort of body to articulate their concerns.

"Personally I think council should feel responsible to their students concerning these matters and should support and participate in SUNS."

Councillor Joe Wilson attributed Dalhousie's lack of representation to the fact that

a large number of this year's council members have done very little thrusting the load on a few who are loath to take on more work.

He said the now disbanded Atlantic Federation of Students (AFS) could have served a worthwhile purpose. "I don't know what to blame its failure on, except perhaps the strong political and social biases of its leaders. "It is difficult to attract student support while pursuing ideological objectives unsaleable on campus."

The future of SUNS as a successful lobbying group depends on the ability of its controlling members to represent the case to the students, Wilson added, mentioning that he has not received a copy of SUNS' constitution or minutes of its meetings.

## Going, going...

# Council shrinking

by Alan Adams

A Constitution's Committee's proposal that would reduce the number of council seats to 25 and perhaps to 15 was accepted in principle at Sunday's council meeting. After accepting the proposal Council instructed the Committee to appear before their next meeting with concrete reduction proposals.

Constitution Committee chairperson Jim Prentice said that with 31 members "we probably have one of the largest councils in Canada."

He added that the committee felt there was "dual representation" on council presently because of the existing structure.

In debating what seats could be cut Council agreed the number of residence representatives should be reduced to 2 (presently there are 3, Shirreff, Ardmore and

Howe Hall each have a seat. Ardmore is an off-campus women's residence.) Council also decided the Transition Year Program (TYP) rep. should be dropped. (TYP is basically a preparatory program for students before they enter Dalhousie.) It was felt the number of problems presented to council from these representatives were minimal and really no reason to retain them.

Grad representative Joe Wilson said that representation of three residences on council "creates a double or worse representation". He said that residences "already have representatives in Arts, Sciences and Commerce faculties." Wilson added "students at Dal are not probably getting terrific performance from their council," as is!

Ardmore rep Davlyn Wea-

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