

Memorial students support fishermen

A private citizen's group and students from Memorial University in St. John's Nfld. have indicated their support for Newfoundland's striking trawlermen. Plans were set by union officials for a demonstration yesterday.

Memorial's student union council has called for immediate

implementation of recommendations presented by a conciliation board report.

A group of about 25 citizens have formed a group to help the trawlermen and Bud Cowan, Student Union council president said that Memorial students were not afraid to demonstrate in favor

of the fishermen.

Money will be raised to help support trawlerman's families. As well, the group plans to launch a campaign to make the public more aware of issues in the strike.

The trawlermen went on strike January second to back demands that the wage recommendations of the conciliation report be accepted by Newfoundland's six major fishing companies. This report was

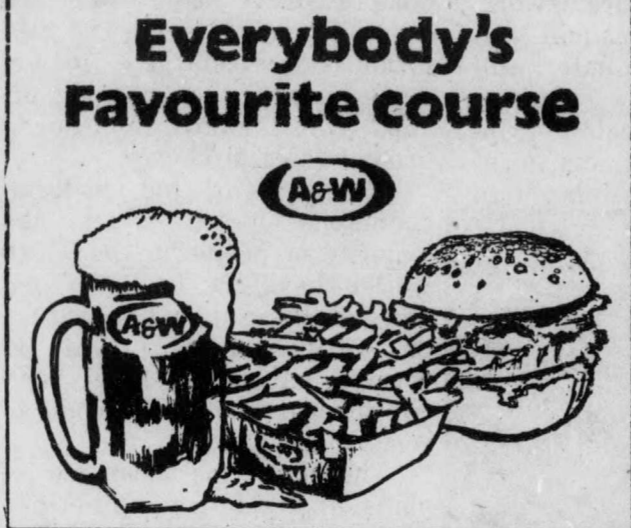
formulated six weeks after the trawlermen went on strike in mid-September. It recommends a \$13,000 annual wage.

The union wants an hourly wage as opposed to pay according to the amount of fish caught, as is the usual practice.

The original offer of the companies was a guaranteed \$8,000 per year plus 3½ cents per pound of fish caught. The next offer was a

gross income of \$482 for each trawlerman for a ten day trip plus a guaranteed \$150 at the end of each trip even if no fish were caught. This was done on the basis of 24 trips annually.

However, union spokesmen claimed this still tied their earnings to the price of fish. The demonstration was held on January 14.



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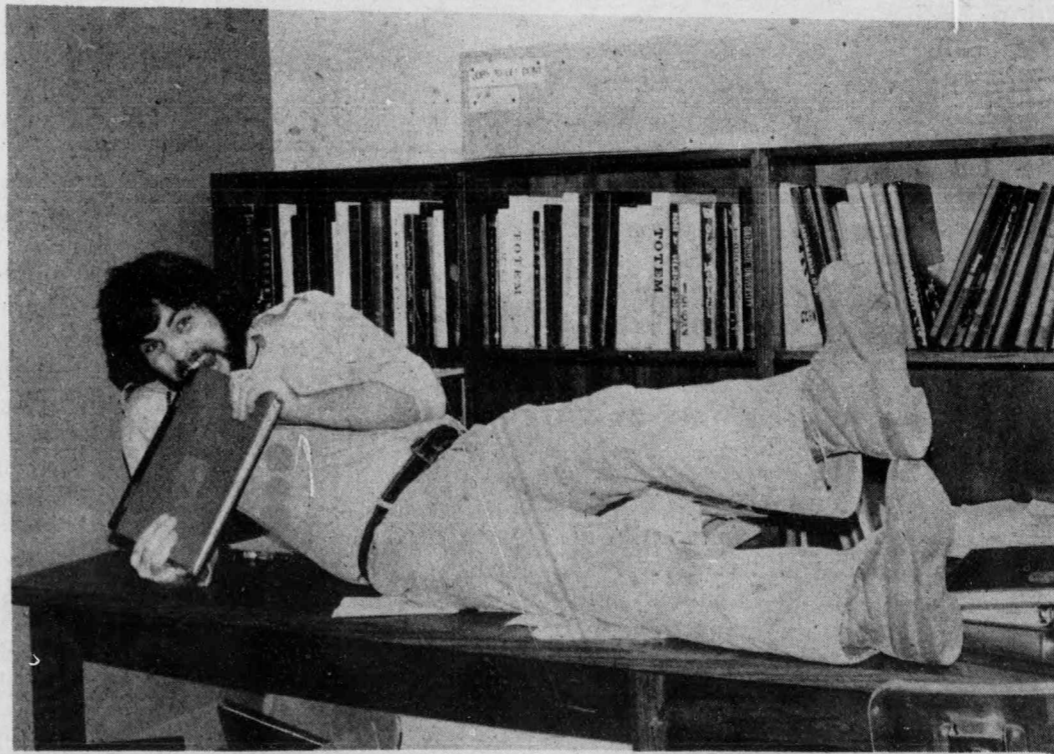
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