

NSCAD workers suffer

The maintenance workers at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design have decided to support the October 14 national day of protest. "People will be walking out across the country," said Stewart Allen, one of the NSCAD workers, "and I think we should join them in making known the support for the workers of Canada."

The decision was made at meeting held Friday afternoon. Earlier that day NSCAD's president, Garry Neill Kennedy was approached by members of the Student's Union (SUNSCAD) and asked if any action would be taken against NSCAD workers who chose to support the protest. "Of course there'll be no reprisals," said Mr.

Kennedy.

"We're going to support it," said maintenance worker Clary Martell, "but we're not sure if we can afford to lose a day's pay by not coming into work."

"Our paychecks aren't going very far as it is," added Mr. Allen.

Earlier in the week, SUNSCAD gave its support to the Dalhousie

workers who are presently facing a rollback in their wages due to a decision by the A.I.B. When NSCAD workers read the signs relating to the situation at Dal, they realized that, even with the rollback, Dal workers would be making over a half dollar more an hour than was presently being paid to the NSCAD maintenance crew. Up until that time, the NSCAD workers had believed that their wages were on par with their counterparts at the other Halifax universities.

According to the guidelines set up by the government, a Dal worker with two children will have an imposed wage which is 23c an hour below the poverty level.

"There's no price controls," said NSCAD worker Leo Goneau, "There's only wage controls. First they keep our wages increases down to 10% and then they increase the Nova Scotia power rate up to 65%. Where am I supposed to get the extra 55%? I can't shit it."

"Even if I could," he added, "the government would probably take it and sell it back to me for fuel."

teaching assistants unionize

BURNABY (CUP) -- It took the reality of a strike and a repressive administration policy to do it, but Simon Fraser University teaching assistants are attempting to unionize.

Fifty of them met September 14 to announce they had obtained a union charter from the Association of University and College Employees (AUCE). They also adopted a position paper which supports the campus' 71 striking mechanical trades workers and denounces President Pauline Jewett's strike policy.

The workers struck on September 8 after summer-long negotiations for a shorter work week and parity with workers at the University of

British Columbia failed. In the midst of those negotiations Jewett announced a policy which is part threatens SFU's non-unionized faculty "or other members of instructional staff" with disciplinary action if they fail to cross picket lines.

Resolving not to "find ourselves in an unprotected position with respect to future labor disputes with the university," the teaching assistants embarked on a two month membership drive in a certification bid as Local 6 of AUCE.

If 35 per cent of the approximate 400 teaching assistants sign, a vote in favor of certification is needed. If 50 per cent sign up no vote is necessary.

Locally, unionization of teaching assistants appears to be in the distant future.

Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students President, Jennifer Smith said that the issue is not a main priority this year. Here at Dal there are only two hundred and fifty to three hundred teaching assistants. In order to form a union, salaries would have to be raised and then standardized. Only about one half of their salaries are negotiable as the remainder comes from scholarships. Should the university disagree with the decided salaries they could always deduct money from the scholarships. Also, problems would arise because each department has a different policy regarding their teaching assistants. It will also have to be decided just what part teaching assistants play in the various departments — whether they are a burden or an integral function.

The Graduate Council also has urged support for the National Day of Protest and it looks as though many teaching assistants will walk out.

Jennifer Smith will be heading for the Regina convention of the Association of University and Colleges of Canada being held from November 1st to 4th.

Grad students at Dal are presently interested in determining the need for a Day Care Centre.

'Manhood' course

A "women's university" offering a course on manhood...that's what will happen this fall at Mount Saint Vincent University when Peter Schwenger teaches the literature of manhood.

According to Schwenger, many male writers in the twentieth century have taken maleness itself as their subjects. Through an intricate and sometimes agonizing process of self-consciousness, they have tested the validity of manhood's traditional characteristics.

In a seven-lecture evening course beginning October 26, Schwenger will explore the relationship between the writer as a male and the writer as an artist. The works studied in the course will not deal with men in relation to women as much as in relation to their male self-image.

The literature studied will be Alberto Moravia's *Two: A Phallix Novel*, Yukio Mishima's *Sun and Steel*, the Nick Adams stories of Hemingway, James Dickey's novel *Deliverance*, poets Lincoln Kirstein, Rudyard Kipling and Robert Service and Alfred Jarry's novel *The Supermale*.

Peter Schwenger was a member of a men's liberation group in Toronto and belongs to a similar group in Halifax. He stresses that such groups are not merely auxiliaries of women's liberation groups, but instead deal with how men treat each other. They are consciousness-raising groups, he stated.

Information may be obtained by calling 443-4450.

Blakeney in town

Saskatchewan Premier Allan Blakeney and Minister of Regional Economic Expansion Marcel Lessard will be keynote speakers at the annual conference of the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council on Oct. 24-26, in Halifax.

Theme of this year's conference is "Assessment '76", which will provide an in-depth analysis of the various federal-provincial incentive programs available to firms in the Atlantic region.

A native of Bridgewater and a graduate of Dalhousie University, Premier Blakeney began his political career when he was elected to the Saskatchewan Legislature in 1960 as an NDP member.

AUFA bargaining

WOLFVILLE (CUP) — The Acadia University Faculty Association (AUFA) became the 17th faculty group in the country to win certification as a collective bargaining agent in July.

Association president Dr. Mark Taylor said in the past there was "a tremendous feeling of frustration among faculty" which the new bargaining position should alleviate.

He said under the new agreement the right to strike had been cut off because the faculty chose arbitration over confrontation.

According to Taylor the certification will mean an equalized relationship with the administration.

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funds from the United Appeal and a cost-sharing programme of the government. In the same year, the Help Line and Volunteer Bureau were inaugurated under one administration, and they continue to be to this point.

After seven years of service to the community, Help Line continues to move forward. More and more people utilize the Line, be it for information and referral, or emergency service and crisis intervention. Each month's statistics are analyzed and at the end of each day, the number of calls are recorded. Last month, calls ranged from a low of twenty-

four calls to a high of eighty-one calls. This difference can be explained to some extent according to the number of Line workers working a particular shift on a particular day. If only one person is manning the phones, all phones can not be utilized in the same way they would be if two people were working. This seems to have a great effect on the number of calls received. The total number of calls for September was 1,569. The total number of calls for the 1974 year was 12,739 and 16,382 for 1975. These figures say it all - Help Line is indeed a vital service. Help Line 422-7444.



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