

'Work to rule' at SMU

# Faculty rights threatened

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The Saint Mary's University Faculty Union has begun a "work to rule" campaign after voting overwhelmingly to reject the administration's proposed contract changes.

Student Union Treasurer Michel Arseneau has voiced dismay that the result of the "the work to rule" campaign is a faculty boycott of registration. Senior students and administration personnel processed first year students in the first day of registration, September 15. The faculty members remained available in their offices to counsel students.

The Faculty Union will continue its "work to rule" campaign until they feel that the administration begins bargaining in good faith.

The Faculty Union has termed the administration's proposals "nothing less than authoritarian".

The union claims that the proposed contract would render tenure meaningless, limit freedom of speech and destroy academic freedom.

The union feels that clauses such as "to maintain a scholarly competence and a pedagogic effectiveness" and to make a "prompt and timely reporting of the grades" of students are "extreme."

The contract has to the potential of nullifying tenure with no recourse to the protection of the Grievance of Dismissal for Cause sections of the present agreements. Under the proposal of the administration, the union would be obliged "to avoid, discourage, repress and oppose picket lines, information lines, and media communications." The SMU Faculty Union considers this a serious infringement on their right of freedom of speech. The

union feels that to sign this proposal they would relinquish basic rights already won by the Trade Union Act.

The administration has made no comment on the situation, except to imply that the stumbling block is money. The union considers money a tertiary issue, and states that its stand on money is negotiable.

SMU Faculty Union militancy is evident in the 112 to 8 vote to reject ratification of the administration proposal. Voter turnout was 92%, with 120 of a possible 130 votes cast. This is the second year in a

row that the university has been plagued by faculty - administration contract disputes.

The Faculty Union campaign to "work to rule" will continue through

the remaining two days of registration, and a strike vote and study session will be held on Monday, September 20th, the first day of classes.

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## Gazette declares boycott

At the fall Atlantic Regional Conference of Canadian University (ARCUP) newspapers held in Wolfville, the **Dalhousie Gazette** announced its plans to boycott CBC Radio advertising because of the manipulation of CBC Public Service Announcements policy to discriminate against gays.

**Dalhousie Gazette** Editor Allan Zdunich urged representatives of other newspapers to likewise boycott CBC Radio advertising and otherwise generate public pressure to cause CBC to reverse its policy.

Delegates unanimously passed a motion to examine this issue and consider a boycott of CBC ads.

"Whereas: CBC is discriminating against gay people through the manipulation of its Public Service Announcements policy, and  
"whereas: Canadian University

Press has declared through its code of ethics 'that all CUP papers realize that racial or sexual bias or prejudice should have no place in the editorial policy of the paper and that the editor and staff should do all in their power to eliminate the same from society.'

"be it moved that: Canadian University Press through its news service and its feature service attempt to bring this discriminatory practice to the attention of its readership and the Canadian public with the intention of causing CBC to reverse its policy due to public pressure.

"Further that: individual staffs in Canadian University Press be encouraged to examine this issue and consider a boycott of CBC advertising."

The **Dalhousie Gazette** was the mover of the motion and the **Saint Mary's Journal** seconded it.

During the discussion **Gazette** representatives gave information about how the practice of refusing Public Service Announcements is carried on throughout the country although not sanctioned by official policy. On their own initiative, Public Service Departments of CBC Radio in Halifax, Toronto, Ottawa and Vancouver among others are refusing to advertise gay informa-

tion phone lines or meetings of gay organizations. This action, Zdunich told delegates, contravenes CRTC regulations as well as CBC's own Public Service Announcements policy.

ARCUP delegates were also told that the Halifax based organization Gay Alliance for Equality (GAE) will be filing an intervention against the licence renewal application of radio station CBH in Halifax.

This coming week, in the issue of 23 September, the **Dalhousie Gazette** will be publishing a feature on the Halifax organization **Gay Alliance for Equality (GAE)**. Information on the Gay Conference in Toronto will also be provided.

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