

Students shafted by UI changes

"Students are among the groups hit hardest by changes in the Unemployment Insurance amendments passed by parliament in January." Halifax Coalition for Full Employment spokesperson Gary Burrill told the Dalhousie Gazette Monday.

"Students must work for two full summers to qualify for Unemployment Insurance, unless they have worked for five months."

Speaking at an information booth held in the SUB to publicize the group's public meeting protesting government-induced unemployment, Burrill explained how recent changes in the Unemployment Insurance Act will affect several groups including students.

Women, young people and both part-time and seasonal

workers will have their eligibility rules severely tightened. An action Burrill described as "part of the government's strategy of blaming the unemployed for unemployment when as everyone knows, unemployment is caused by government and business."

HCFE representatives distributed that organization's pamphlet "Students and Unemployment" which explained at length the effect changes will have on Dalhousie students. Young students new to the labor force must work for 20 weeks to qualify for UI, an impossibility when school is only out for 16 weeks.

Pressure from student groups such as the National Union of Students forced Employment and Immigration Minister Bud Cullen to abandon

his original plan requiring students to work for 40 weeks (9 months) in the previous two years.

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The coalition pamphlet Burrill explained, was in error: "we quoted the changes they tried to push through in the fall, but public outcry made Cullen compromise on them a little".

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government finally did make still place UI out of the reach of most students.

"If a student is unable to find a job, the government is forcing them out of school."

The HCFE is a coalition of community groups and unions organizing unemployed people. The Dalhousie Student Union is one of the organizations supporting the Coalition.

This evening (Thursday 11 January) the Halifax Coalition for Full Employment together with the Nova Scotia Federation of Labor is holding a public meeting on unemployment and the UIC cuts. The

meeting will be at 8 p.m. in the lower hall of the Anglican Diocesan Center, 5732 College Street. Speakers will be there from many organizations including the Maritime Fisherman's Union, the Public Service Alliance, the Newfoundland Association for Full Employment, as well as a student of a government retraining program and a former women's employment counsellor.

Childcare is available. Interested people unable to attend could contact the coalition at 423-4813 for further information.

Philosophy department upset over campus mail

by Danièle Gauvin

Faculty and personnel at Dalhousie's Department of Philosophy have expressed dissatisfaction with the university's policy on mail delivery during the strike. The administration has asked all departments to collect their own mail at the mail office and to distribute it themselves. The Philosophy Department feels that being forced to collect mail, the responsibility of striking workers, violates their stand

of neutrality in the dispute and may be a legal violation. Robert Martin, chairman of the department, wrote to Vice-President Louis Vagianos to express his concern. Here is an excerpt from that letter:

"We wonder whether your policy of not delivering our mail, the property of each addressee, involves legal violations; for you are legally prohibited from forcing any employee to do a striker's job, yet at the same time you make it impossible for us to obtain

our mail, which we are legally entitled to receive, unless we do a striker's job of delivering our mail. We found your response to a query on this matter—an invitation to sue the university—unhelpful and offensive."

Since that letter was sent, the Philosophy Department has been receiving mail every ten days, on the weekends. According to Martin, the mail is being delivered by supervisory personnel, although the latter have denied doing so. Other departments have had to continue delivering their own mail or have received irregular deliveries. Martin feels that since not all departments are being told the same 'story' about mail delivery, the matter should be clarified by the administration.

Assault charges

by Alan Adams

Charges of assault have been brought against Wilfred White, an employee of Dal Security, by CUPE 1392 member Stephen Kelly over an incident at Shirreff Hall in early January.

Kelly alleges that White physically attacked and choked him in an attempt to remove him from a picket line so trucks could be let out. Kelly required hospital treatment and is under doctor's care.

Physical Plant Co-ordinator, Roger Jollimore, dismissed the incident saying "it was just another situation where a young fellow acted in a manner he shouldn't have" and Mr. White "just tried to subdue the individual." White was unavailable for comment.

The case will be heard on January 26.

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