

# Bad faith bargaining

Through the failure of previous negotiations, Dalhousie maintenance workers have been maneuvered into voting overwhelmingly for a strike, effective March 30th.

After looking carefully at the situation, we believe that the University has been bargaining in bad faith, hence the understandable frustration of these employees and the unwelcome result. The fault does not appear to be with the negotiating committee, but rather with the University 'heavies': Vice-presidents Vagianos, MacNeill and MacKay.

The administration's negotiating committee appears to have had no real power because the 'big three' are making all the decisions. But most of the blame must be directed towards Lou Vagianos who allegedly wants to bring in the 'new' regressive sick leave policy. As of Tuesday, a day after the strike vote was held, the University has made an apparent about-face asking to reopen negotiations, beginning sometime next week.

A further breakdown of negotiations would not be over wages since that is not the major area of contention. The **Gazette** has listed the three main issues: sick leave, transfers and "contracting out" (the practice of hiring outside work to do work traditionally done by Dal maintenance personnel). The University's position, quibbling over these issues, appears not only foolish but irresponsible. If the administration forces the workers to leave their jobs, as it appears to have so done, it will be a great loss to all involved.

Might we remind Mr. Vagianos that there are people on this campus that depend on the work environment 'maintained' by Dal maintenance — students, faculty and many others.

Students and faculty certainly are not going to appreciate the campus being closed down during the last week of classes and possibly for the exam period as well. We hope that the blame is attributed to the right people. Not those forced into the strike but the persons who caused it: Vagianos, MacNeill and MacKay.

Remember that fact if you do not get to write your exams.



# Why march

Friday morning at 11 students will leave the Dal SUB and march on Province House. The issue is the government's decision to give the universities less money than they need for next year. And the effect of the march should be good.

Through enthusiastic participation from university students from all Nova Scotia, we can show our true concern about the future of education in this province. The government must understand that student enrolment will drop if we have to pay any more. If Gerald Regan keeps tuition low without increasing funding, we'll suffer just as badly.

It's not too late to do something about tuition. If faculty, workers, and students come out in strong support we will certainly benefit.

On Friday show your support for quality education. We must fight to keep tuition down.

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