

Maintenance Workers Vote to Strike

On Friday the Maintenance Union at UPEI voted 100% in favor of strike action. As reported in previous Cadre editions, negotiations between the union and the university had broken down. Following the 21 day cooling period, the union took the required strike vote.

When negotiations broke down, union and management were stalemated at 34% and 28%, respectively. Since the union contract ran out last July, bargaining pro-

gressed with union firmly insisting on wage increases that would give them parity with others in their trade. The university had refused the union equality and continues to, thus forcing the negotiations to be brought all the way to strike action.

Since strike action seemed likely last month, union went to the student's council for support of strike action. The S.U. agreed to back them on whatever decision they made.

When the strike will take place will be decided at a maintenance meeting this week.

The administration on the other hand has seen fit to answer the question of strike action by getting workers to put in excessive amounts of overtime, and in one case, a suspension for refusing to do so. The administration can resort to this type of tactic because of a vague phrase in the contract that has presently run out.



Of course, it's legal.

Although the union demand of 34% pay increase means a total outlay of over \$100,000, this does not justify present management tactics. Thus the Cadre re-states its support for maintenance in their struggles. As of now, most of the union members are highly underpaid, making under \$6000 per year, while others in their trade make a minimum of \$6500 per year. The maintenance union acts on reasonable and legal grounds.

Kenny Higgins

Student Union General Meeting

To the general meeting on Thursday October 16/75 in Duffy Amphitheatre or not to the general meeting! That is the question. Are you going? This, the fall general meeting of the Student Union is something that you, the student, each and every one, has a right to attend. This will be your opportunity to see what the people who students pay in the range of \$20,000.

a year (via the S.U.) are doing to earn their money. It will be an exposé of current issues facing the Student's Union. It will ask how your employees - the Student Union Executives - are handling said issues. Ever asked questions such as: Why is the price of the Yearbook going up again? Why do we need a new student union building to replace the Barn? What

have the student union President, Vice-President, Comptroller, Treasurer, and Communications Officer done to earn their \$2900 (total) per year? What is a constitutional change? Well, friends, here's your chance to ask it point blank! And as a member of the student body, it is your right to get answers. Answers on anything

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HOPE calls for Moratorium on Pt. Lepreau Project

HOPE, a group of environmentally concerned Islanders, supports the call by the Maritime Coalition of Environmental Protection Associations for a moratorium on nuclear power generating stations, The Point Lepreau project in particular.

We feel that there are too many unanswered questions as to the safety, secur-

ity, environmental impact, and economics of such projects. Questions such as:

1. What is a tolerable and safe amount of radiation leakage? Is there a safe level?

2. How are the waste products to be disposed of? Can their transportation, storage, and security be guaranteed for the thousands of

years that they are active and capable of producing cancer?

3. Since nuclear power plants are prime targets for terrorists, in event of war what safeguards do we have that will protect us?

4. Who is liable for damages caused by accident at a nuclear power station. Such damage could reach upwards

of seven billion dollars! Most insurance companies will not accept the risk.

5. Is nuclear fission power cheap? Is it in fact more expensive than coal and oil? How does it compare with the available alternatives - solar, wind, and tidal power.

These are just a few of the questions that have not been answered thoroughly. We must not depend on industry and government's so-called experts but search, question and educate ourselves as to the incredible consequences of a decision to finance and provide nuclear-generated power to the Island.

Does Prince Edward Island need the kind of power which could bring cancer and genetic mutation to our children and contaminate productive land for centuries?

Ask your provincial and federal government because they have the answers or know where they can be found. Let's slow down and take a good common sense look at this far-reaching decision, which our Island government

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