

Interviews - On the Line and Off

Comments and opinions having been flying on the campus lately so the Cadre decided to catch some of them. Unfortunately the selection of the interviewees on Friday P.M. was limited. Also, the opinions stated may have changed since Friday, so don't stick to our quotes; we don't have a suit lawyer. Additional anonymous commentary included;

- 1. Not enough students involved.
- 2. The student union must be more united.
- 3. A march to Provincial Government Offices would be effective.
- 4. The continuation of negotiations is the most important action to be under taken.

The following interviews are in order of time:

Our first interview was Ron MacKay, (4th yr. Biology) Cadre: How long have you been on the lines?

Ron: Since about 8:30 this a.m.

Cadre: For how long will you support a campus shutdown?

Ron: Maybe two days after this.

Cadre: What effect do you see the student action as having?

Ron: Well, to tell you the truth, this student action right now, I don't think would be as good as staying in the class, and just using the university and making the university administration realize that they need Maintenance to run the university, but I'm a union member and the union has decided to go on strike, so I'm going on strike.

Heather Stevenson is a 2nd-year psychology maj. Her support was as follows; This is my second day, I picketed alot yesterday and I did alot of running around on campus trying to get things going. I think I'll support as long as needed. But I don't think it would be affective to carry it on for two weeks because there is not enough student support and without the support of the students It can't keep going. I think there should be more action happening next week, perhaps a walk on the Premier's office or something. The student action has given the Maintenance alot of moral support. They feel alot better about picketing; they don't feel alone. We are keeping alot of people off of campus which is good. John MacMillan (3rd Sociology) who was on the picket lines all Friday

A.M. Cadre: For how long would you support a campus shutdown?

John: It's hard to say because I want to do my school work but I agree with this supporting the maintenance workers because they just don't have enough to live on. I would go maybe another week but I couldn't see going any longer. It's a lot to ask from the students, It's great. It's about time we did something like this. It's a really good reason for this sort of action.

Cadre: What effect do you see the student action as having besides what you already said?

John: Put a little pinch on the admin. because that's what they need. It's something we have to do until the admin. comes to it's senses and gives these people their money.

Dale Le Goe of the cafeteria staff saw the campus shut down as far from efficient, especially because the cafeteria was still open. Kurt Forrester, head chef of the cafeteria felt that the student action was completely backward. In his opinion the admin. would suffer most if the cafeteria was used as much as possible, thereby making more mess and higher costs.

Fred Von Dreger: chairman of the Political Science

dept. had this to say:

For me, the matter of a campus shut down is one of several principles. One is a basic fair and equitable wage for the workers concerned in relation to what other workers are making in the maritimes, generally, and at this university. For me it is a matter of the decision making structures who decides things at the university. Since these, for me, are very grave questions, there is no time limit that I would put on the resolution of either of them.

I see the students, at least those among them that are informed about the issues, having a substantial effect in that they will bring several things to the attention of the university community, internally, and to the outside community, that is; that academic life is disrupted by the Maintenance workers strike; that they have a concern as individual members of the community that this matter be settled, and settled equitably and fairly; that they have a concern about who in fact is making decisions at the university, both about the total amount of money that the university gets from the outside as well as how that is distributed within the university. I think their effect is very

substantial. Ted Crockett, (4th Business) was convinced of real effects of the picketing such as: "The administration's not smiling anymore so I think they are getting abit worried." He felt the strike would certainly not last until Christmas. His other comment; "I think each student out here appreciates the other students for coming out to picket and keeping the other people company in lines. C.I.M.N. could have been out here a little bit more giving us some music. A lot of students who did come out found out it's not as bad as everybody thinks it is. They are having alot of fun along with doing what they believe in, along with serving the purpose".

Barry Chandler

Tony Reddin

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