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Strike!

In a surprise move, Maintenance workers, members of the IBEW local 1432, here decided to strike Friday Oct. 17th. A strike would not have been legal until Monday the 20th.

It is rumoured that the reason for the early date of the strike was that Beaver Foods, contractor for the University Cafeteria, had planned a huge shipment of foods to come in on that date, lessening the effectiveness of a strike.

The major area of dispute in the strike is wages. Both the university and the workers are pushing for parity with what workers in the Public Service Association (P.S.A.) are making. However there is disagreement over what parity means. The university offer of 65¢ per hour retroactive to July 1 combined with another 20¢ per hour April 1 would bring the workers on that date to a level equivalent to what the P.S.A. are making now. However, the workers are holding out for \$1.25 per hour more, meaning that they would be making now what the

P.S.A. will probably make next Spring.

Confusing? Yes. But to put it simply, the workers want now what the PSA will make in April and the university wants to give them in April what the PSA is making now. The workers argue that since the PSA has been making more all along, their position is the right one. Privately, high officials in the university tend to agree but they argue that by offering the workers as much as they have, they have already overspent the budget.

Both the Faculty Association and the Student Union have supported the workers. In a statement dated Friday October 17, 1975 the Faculty Association says that it "supports the salary demands and strike action of the Maintenance workers employed at the university, members of the I.B.E.W. local. The Association hopes that both parties will resume negotiations to reach an equitable settlement in the near future. Faculty members will continue to meet classes until conditions become in-



Photo: Mark Rock

Workers on the Picket Lines'

tolerable at which time classes will be suspended".

Student Council issued a statement to the same effect Sunday Oct. 12. It is, as of this writing, debating further moves in support of the workers, probably to take the form of a class boycott, possibly with students joining the workers on the strike line.

In an interview with the Cadre, President Baker stated that he felt that a boy-

cott of classes by students would have no effect as students presently are not forced to attend classes. In so far as staff boycotts go, if individual staff members feel that their conscience dictate that they not cross the lines, then all they have to do is notify the Business Office to cease their paychecks.

For more information on the Student Council's position see the article, page three.

Senate Considers Chairman's Status, Timetables

At last Thursday's Senate meeting, it was decided that the position of Chairperson should be elective. Previously the University President had been Chairperson - but simply by tradition.

In response to a motion by Jim Kelly to the effect that Senate should decide as soon as possible how it was going to select its Chairperson, Dean Duffy, moved that the President have the office ex officio (because he is President). Gary Webster, Political Science Prof, and Wade MacLaughlan, Senior Business Student, argued that Senate should have the right to decide who its chairperson would be; and that a President, even a very good one, could make an incompetent in the chair. Therefore, they should not decide who their chairperson will be before they've even met him.

The only point raised by the opposite side was that to put the President in the chair would reduce some of his power as a protagonist by forcing him to be neutral. To this Mr. Webster replied that the Senate Chairman, unlike

most others, is indeed a protagonist, taking part in voting, usually in debate. It is traditional that the Chairperson "throw out" suggestions to the floor.

The motion was finally defeated by a vote which this reporter think to have been 11-10 (it is difficult to see all those hands - anyway it was close) with five profs and all six students voting against it.

After this vote Senate was then forced to ponder what it would do for a Chairperson now that Baker does not automatically hold the office. Finally, the President was elected Chairman "until proceedings are devised by which a chairman may be elected". There was strong suggestion that should take place within a year, but in typical Senate fashion, no provision was made to ensure that it would.

This vote is in direct conflict with a decision taken last January to recommend to the provincial government that it change the university act to make the President ex officio Chairperson. Therefore for some reason the Sen-

ate has decided to do one thing in the long run and its direct converse in the short.

At present, of the other fourteen universities in the Maritimes, all have their President as the Chairman and all but two have him ex officio.

As well as changing (or establishing) the rules regarding the Chairman, Senate made considerable changes in timetabling. Timetables have been among the major problems at this university. Profs tend not to run courses according to any specific pattern but to hold them at virtually any time. This is particularly true of Arts.

Starting next year it will be University policy to run courses within definite bounds; the reason for this is that, if a prof schedules a three-hour course at the same time as one-hour courses, then he will be denying his students the right to take all courses offered at the same time as his. For example, if a course is scheduled to run from 9:30 to 12:30, then, in order to take that course the student must give up the op-

tion of all courses offered between those hours - three 'sets' of courses.

Election Results

Senate: Dean Doyle	96
David Gallant	30
Brian Howatt	105
Derek Key	130
Charlie Mackenzie	79
David MacRae	56

Education Representative:	
Chris Brennan	15
Mike McCabe	18

Thus elected were Brian Howatt and Derek Key for Senate and Mike McCabe as Education Representative. Elected by acclamation were John Jenkins and Bernadette Power as Science reps and Art Reddin as Board of Governors Representative.

Voting by class:	Seniors: 80
	Juniors: 47
	Sophs : 75
	Frosh : 78