

RECENT PRESS RELEASES

UNIVERSITY OF B. C. LIBRARY AND CLERICAL WORKERS VOTED THIS WEEK IN FAVOUR OF STRIKE ACTION TO BACK CONTRACT DEMANDS. BY A MAJORITY OF 85.5% THE ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE EMPLOYEES (AUCE) VOTED TO BACK THE NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE WHICH HAS BEEN TRYING TO SIGN THEIR FIRST CONTRACT WITH THE UNIVERSITY'S ADMINISTRATION.

THE AUCE HAS BEEN GIVEN THE UNQUALIFIED SUPPORT OF THE FACULTY ASSOCIATION, WHO WILL ALSO BE SEEKING CERTIFICATION AND A CONTRACT THIS YEAR. IN A LETTER SENT TO PRESIDENT GAGE THE FACULTY REITERATED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE UNION. STAFF SHORTAGES AND LACK OF APPLICANTS FOR OPENINGS ON CAMPUS HAVE CREATED PROBLEMS IN MANY DEPARTMENTS.

ED SIMS, PROVINCIAL MEDIATOR, IS DUE BACK ON AUGUST 13 AND WILL TRY AGAIN TO REACH A SETTLEMENT.

MR. MACLEAN, SPOKESMAN FOR THE UNIVERSITY, HAS SAID THAT THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT WILL NOT GRANT ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO COVER WAGE INCREASES.