

Maritime Student Union Said Possible

By Jim Hornby

For the present, it's going through the Student Councils.

This was the tactic for student unionism that was decided by the delegates from Atlantic universities at the Conference of Atlantic Student Councils, held in Charlottetown Oct. 17-19.

The conference was the result of a student meeting held last May at St. Mary's University in Halifax, where the question of an Atlantic student organization was discussed, because of a feeling that the Canadian Union of Students is orientated toward other areas.

The Charlottetown Conference elected Geri Gaskin of

Mount St. Vincent University to chair the Federation of Atlantic Students which gathered commitments of support from Mount St. Vincent, St. Mary's, Memorial, Kings, St. Thomas and St. Francis Xavier.

Cathy Walker and Skip Hambly were elected field-workers and a representative was chosen from each of the Atlantic Provinces. Dennis MacKay is the Prince Edward Island representative. All appointments are until the next meeting in December.

A conference working paper on principles explains the reason for working through existing student council structures for the present:

"Student councils are by

nature conservative since they must represent student opinion and all student groups on campus. The silent majority has a definite braking effect on the council's ability to take controversial stands.

Instead of all decisions being made by the council for the students, the students who take an interest in issues by coming to mass meetings will have to be given the right to make decisions. One vote per man. This way the concerned people aren't dragged down by the passive majority, who will have to go to meetings to have their weight felt.

It will be an educational experience all around, and every one will benefit."

ELLEN MacDONALD SAYS

OLD S.D.U. STILL EXISTS

SDUSU President Ellen MacDonald, in a recent letter to The Cadre explained that the now-defunct St. Dunstan's University Student's Union is technically an existing organization.

The reason that it still exists is that it is an incorporated body, and must remain so until all the legal commitments, assets, and liabilities, etc., are disposed of. Only then may the charter be dissolved, which, in essence, is another legal step that must be coped with.

The Union President explained that technically she is still the legal head of the union, and by law must remain so until the union is legally dissolved under the laws of the Province. She has asked THE CADRE to publish the following letter to clear up any misconceptions students may have about this problem.

"To the Students of the University of Prince Edward Island:

**From: Ellen MacDonald,
President, SDUSU Incorporated**

In compliance with the requests of many students, I write this letter in my combined status as a member of the University of Prince Edward Island Student Union and as President of the Saint Dunstan's Student's Union Inc. which is, by the way, a legally incorporated body.

Regretfully, there has been a series of misunderstandings particularly with respect to my decision not to accept any further position in student government. Initially then, my purpose is to establish (A) That I have never forwarded any resignation and (B) that I was never "shafted" from student politics by anyone.

As I stated earlier, I remain as President of the SDUSU Inc., and will continue in that office until all my commitments have been fulfilled. I beg that this not be interpreted as an attempt to maintain a tradition. Instead, it is a legal necessity due to the SDUSU status as a legally incorporated body. Implicit with this status are a number of le-

gal requirements which prolong our dissolution.

First, we cannot surrender our charter until we have disposed of our total assets and liabilities. Needless to say, our biggest asset is the Coffee Shoppe situated on the Malpeque Campus.

Presently we are waiting to receive the equity that we have paid toward the debt on the Coffee Shoppe from St. Dunstan's University. The reason that the sum is returned to the SDU Students Union from the University is that it was from the latter that the loan was originally taken in 1964.

Having received this sum, which is expected to be in the vicinity of \$30,000, the executives of the SDUSU Inc. and the members of the Coffee Shoppe Board of Governors will have to make a decision regarding its use.

Personally, I would like to see it given to the University of Prince Edward Island Student's Union as a capital building fund for the new student union building. As soon as this transaction is completed, the SDUSU Inc. will be dissolved and my duties therein fulfilled.

Regarding my "absence" on the "Interim Executive", I would like to point out that I was never "shafted" or never "ran out" on any particular group of students. Instead, I want to make it quite clear that I was actually offered a position on the Interim Executive, but could not accept because of a recent personal decision to begin a Masters degree next year which necessitates a heavy course load, in this, my senior year, at university.

In addition, I am working part time and I feel that if I were to take on Student Union activities, I would graduate with a poor academic standing, which would limit my chances of being accepted at a graduate school of good standing.

In closing, I hope that each student who has questions regarding the status of the SDUSU will confront me directly. In this manner all misconceptions may be removed. I trust that some of these questions are now answered."

CAMPUS NEWS BRIEFS

COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES ON CAMPUS

Senior Business Administration students will have the opportunity to apply for positions with Imperial Oil Company of Canada on Friday, October 24 when representatives of this company will appear on campus.

The interviews will take place in the Malpeque Campus Canada Manpower office, and students wishing to be interviewed are asked to make appointments early with this office.

Engineering students at the Junior level are also invited to apply.

STUDENT CONFERENCE AT MEMRAMCOOK

Students from across the Maritimes will attend the Atlantic Student Conference being held at Memramcook, N.B., Friday, Oct. 24 to Sunday, Oct. 26.

It is expected that regional student problems will form the basis of most of the discussion, and that solutions may be formulated for some of these problems.

Guest speakers at this conference will be the Honourable Jean Marchand, Minister of Regional Development,

and Laurier LaPierre. Both speakers will give talks on problems peculiar to the Maritime Region.

A maximum of 15 UPEI students will attend.

REGISTRAR WILL ATTEND CONFERENCE

University of Prince Edward Island Registrar M. R. Hennessey will be absent from campus Friday and Saturday, Oct. 24 and 25.

He is a delegate of UPEI to the Regional Conference of Atlantic Registrars, which will be held at Xavier College, Sydney, Nova Scotia.

At press time, it was not known what would be discussed at the conference.

DANCE PROCEEDS FOR FOOTBALL GAME

Hopes are high for obtaining enough money for a chartered bus for either the Dal. or St. F.X. football games.

It is hoped that enough fans from UPEI will be present to cheer the Island team to victory when it meets St. F.X. in this most-important game of the season.

Accordingly, proceeds for transportation will be raised at a dance to be held at Downtown Gym, Oct. 24.

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RAW VIOLENCE?: "Take this, yo lousy stoolie! An' this! An' this!"

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We badly need reporters and photographers. So come try your hand this Sunday at our weekly meeting at the office, 285 Kent St., where we'll do it all again. There'll be the usual music, violence, typewriters, and witty conversation.

All bodies and ideas welcome.