

CFS converges on capital, including three from UPEI

OTTAWA (CUP) — Some 100 student politicians will converge on the nation's capital next week to discuss the future of Canada's national student lobby group.

Delegates from UPEI INCLUDE Student Union president Michelle Dorsey, VP Internatl Howard Beattie, and new CFS provincial Board rep Cathy Campbell.

They will attend the seventh semi-annual general meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students, at a time when the three-year old organization is strapped with a \$65,000 deficit.

The general meeting, scheduled for Nov. 4 to 11, follows a series of blows to the federation. The University of Calgary graduate students recently pulled out of the organization meaning a loss of \$6,000 in membership fees next year, and the University of Alberta student council has voted to hold a pull-out referendum in February.

The University of Waterloo student council is also giving

the organization headaches. At a recent council meeting, the council vowed to sue the National Union of Students, CFS's predecessor, for \$17,500 in membership fees. CFS is now responsible for all of NUS's finances.

And two CFS staff people in Ottawa, executive director Diane Flaherty and information officer Yvette Diepenbrock, have handed in their resignations. Diepenbrock left Oct. 12 and Flaherty leaves Nov. 2. Both cited other job opportunities as the reasons for leaving.

CFS chair Beth Olley says the timing of the two resignations is "pure coincidence" and denied that they will have an effect on the organizing of the general meeting. She says CFS has hired a temporary replacement for Diepenbrock and will hire a permanent one after the general meeting.

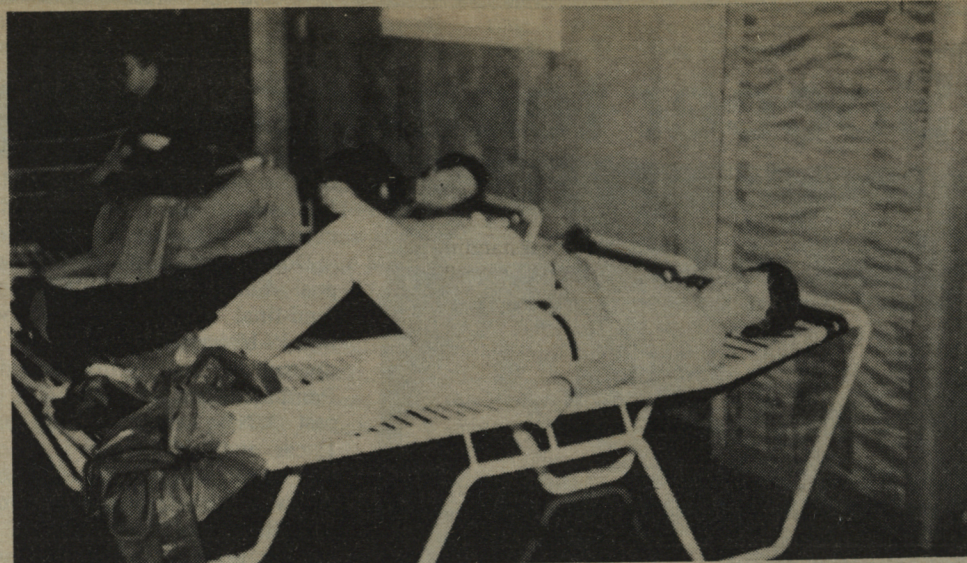
At the general meeting, Olley says delegates will dis-

cuss CFS's financial plan as well as the federation's lobby strategy on the issue of post-secondary education underfunding. They will tabulate

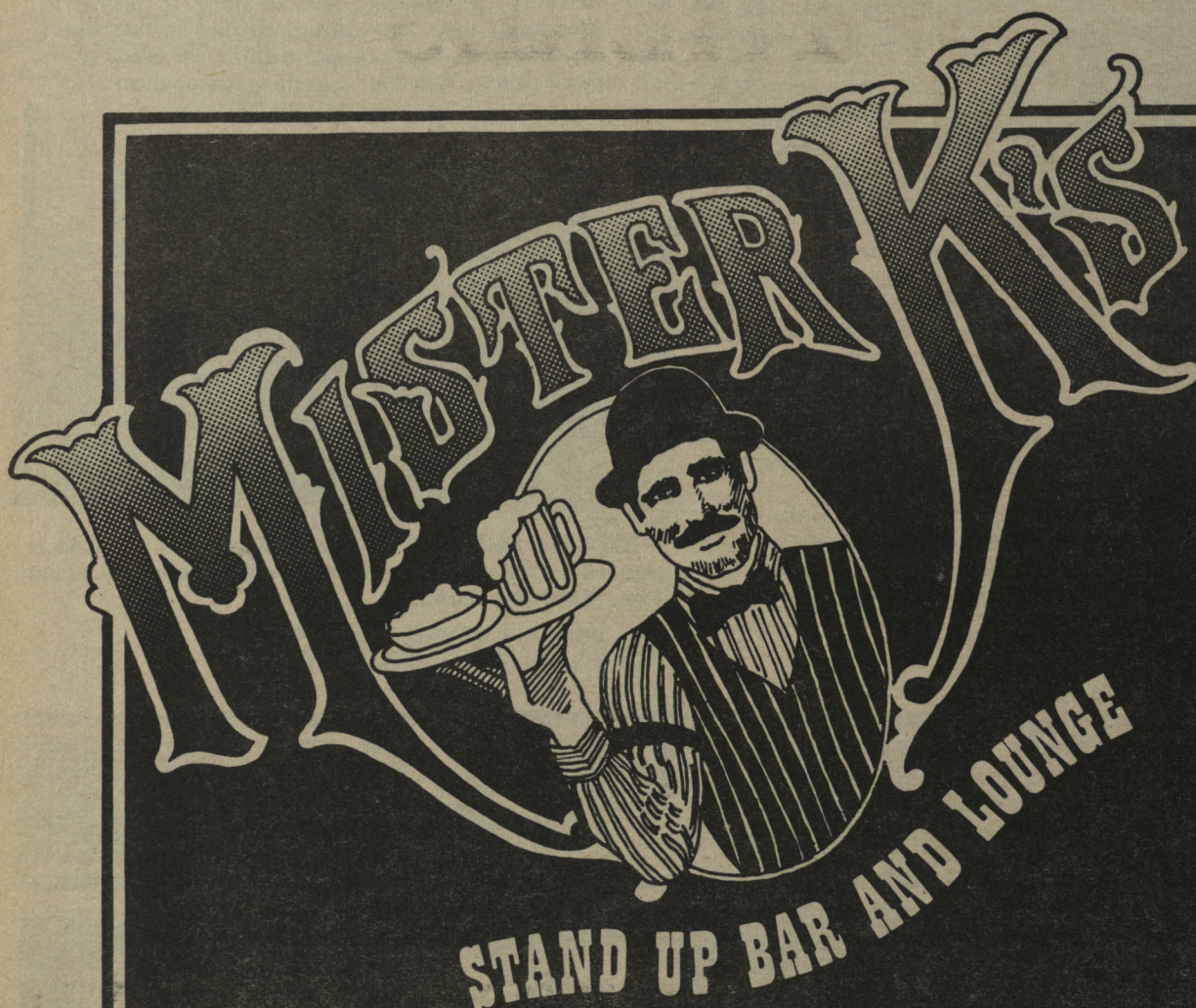
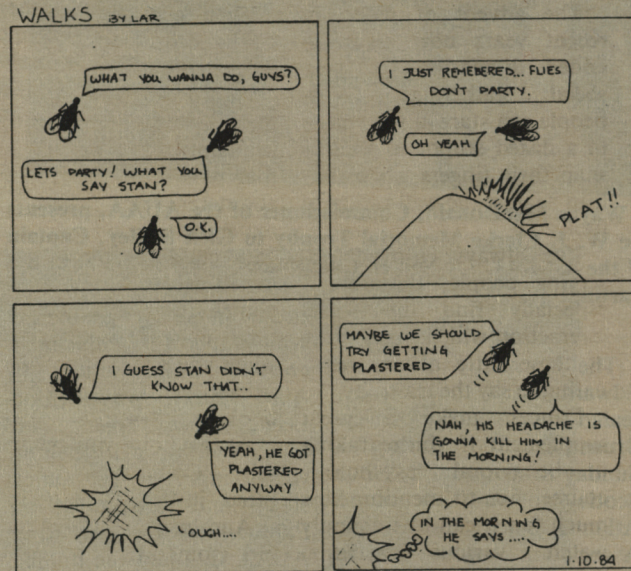
the results of a telephone survey of public opinion on post-secondary education and gather signatures on a petition calling for a national dialogue on universities and colleges.

The delegates' efforts will culminate in a national lobby day, Nov. 8, when they will present the three federal parties with the petitions and survey results. They want the federal government to offer financial incentives to provinces that give institutions enough money, penalize those that fail to live up to stated financial commitments and come up with national goals for education.

Delegates will also finalize plans to simplify the organization's bureaucratic structure. Central committee members and the CFS board



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