

# NUS fieldworker sees crucial year; unity essenti

Across the country and especially in the Atlantic region "this is going to be the crucial year for the students, because of the negotiations of the Fiscal Arrangements Act (FAA). This will affect the whole of post-secondary education for the next five years." Declared National Union of Students

fieldworker Miguel Figueroa when speaking to The Cadre this week. The FAA is the federal and provincial arrangement that dictates the distribution of federal funds to the provinces. This is money that is invested in education, health and social services. The federal government is planning to cut back on its contribution to the provinces and, therefore, these services will be affected.

the deterioration of education in Canada and in increased costs to the individual students for that poor quality education. As well, students are being forced out of university by the severe lack of summer employment and the cutbacks in student aid.

Those decisions are made either federally (since they control much of the money) or regionally through the provinces therefore, students at this campus must have representation at both the provincial, regional and federal level. For this representation it is logical to participate in both the Atlantic Federation of Students and the National Union."

"The National Union of Students sees this year as vital to the students of Canada and is working to prevent the cutbacks in the federal programmes. It is especially important that Atlantic students get involved in working against the federal proposals since they are the ones that will be most affected," said Figueroa.

It is their disagreement with the federal anti-inflation program that has limited the national student movement to labour's fight against the wage controls. Both are results of federally inspired policies. As a result, the National Union of students has endorsed the National Day of Protest called by the Canadian Labour Congress for October 14 of this year.

At UPEI Figueroa says hopes to see "students, particularly their elected student leaders, become involved in common work. I expect they will come to recognize the common needs of students. Nothing will be solved in isolation."

Aside from the negotiations over the FAA the national union is working against the general cutbacks in educational spending that has resulted from the federal programme of restraint. The federal cutbacks are resulting in

In response to questioning about UPEI's non-involvement with the National Union, Figueroa said, "It is important for students on this campus to understand that decisions affecting the quality of education at UPEI and the student aid programs in the province are not made on this campus in the president's office.

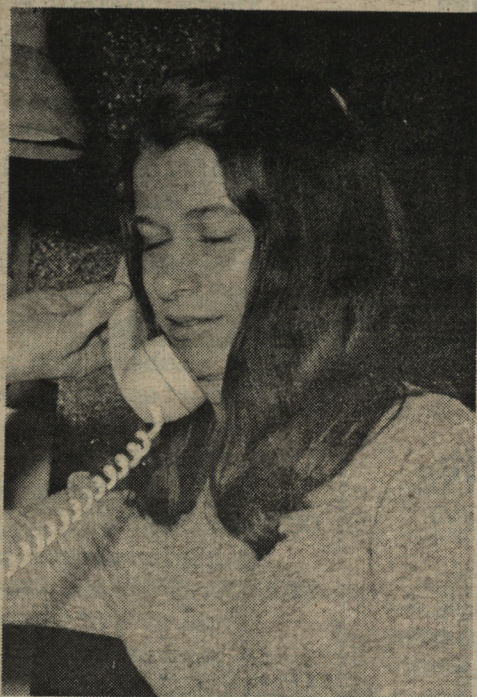
To this end he extended an invitation to Student Union leaders here to attend the National Conference in October and asked them to consider participation in the Regional Federation as well.

The theme of the day is universal accessibility to post-secondary education and the related financial issues of increasing tuition and funding cutbacks.

At another level he hopes to see this campus participate in National Student Day, slated for November 9th.

Work on UPEI's participation in this concept is for the local leaders to decide.

## Good Luck, Jane



After six years of devoted service our secretary, Jane MacCormack, tendered her resignation from the Student Union.

Those of you who know Jane won't be surprised to learn that she sacrificed an extra week to work for us until a new secretary could be found to replace her.

For her work, her time, and her devotion we are very grateful to "our Jane".

-Derek Key

## Welcome message from the student union executive

- Derek Key - President
- Paul Currie - VicePresident
- Elisabeth Burke - Communications Officer
- Michael Clow - Treasurer

Welcome to U.P.E.I. from all of us! Student Union this year, we hope, will be one of the best ever. We are certainly not promising that there will be no problems - there always are - but we hope to keep problems at a minimum.

Student Council has more duties than it is possible to outline here. There's a lot more to do than getting bands to play at

the Pigs. The workload will be heavy at times but we'll try to work everything in.

Because Howard Adams, elected Comptroller last year, did not return to U.P.E.I. this year, that position will not be filled until the fall election is held. Elisabeth Burke will be in charge of Campus Police until that time.

So, if you have any questions why not drop in and see us in our offices in the basement of Memorial Hall. The coffee is

free if you can drink it. We wish you all good luck in the coming year.

## Your Newspaper

Even though they left us out of the Orientation Handbook, The Cadre does exist and is open to all members of the university. There are a few salaried positions open to students and several satisfying jobs offering good journalistic experience.

This year we will be putting The Cadre out Thursday, with a weekly staff meeting Friday, most stories written up over the weekend and layout scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Cadre, in the basement of Memorial, can be reached by U.P.E.I. local mail or switchboard extension #376. Messages can be left with the Student Union secretary at 892-4727 or in the drop box of The Cadre office door.

Most everyone here is new so don't be shy.

## Student Council Elections

The following Student Union Council position will be up for election within a couple of weeks:

- Comptroller
- Board of Governors Representative
- 5 Senate Representatives
- 3 Arts Representatives
- 1 Science Representative
- 1 Education Representative

Four other council positions will be filled by the class presidents.

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