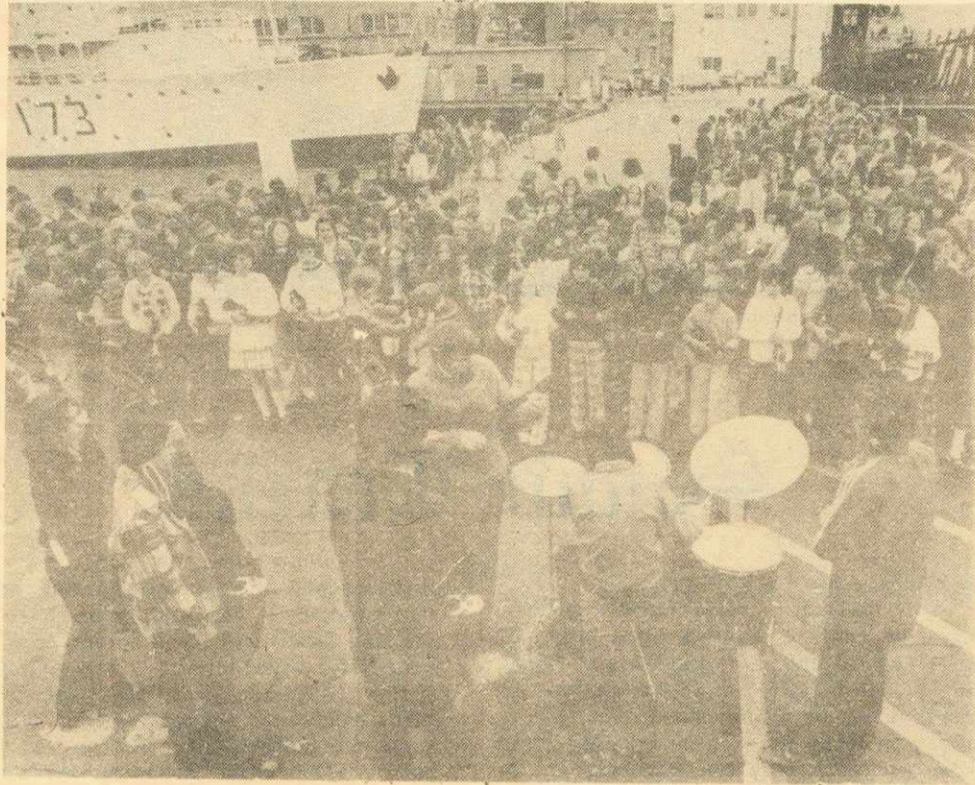


2-1/2 Hours of Good Viewing



by M. P. MacKenzie

On Wednesday April 9, at 8:00 the CBC is presenting a 2 1/2 hour special on the Atlantic Provinces. The film "Atlanticanada" is a mixture of personalities, scenery and historical vignettes on life in Nova Scotia, P.E.I., New Brunswick and Newfoundland. Max Ferguson, an ex-Maritimer, is the host of the special.

Members of the Gazette staff were present at a preview showing for the press and the reaction to the film clips was unadulterated enthusiasm. All the contrasts of life in Atlantic Canada that are so often lacking in films about the area are present here. There is none of the Upper Canadian condescension usually found in films about the

Maritimes. Certainly the poverty of the Maritimes is not omitted but still the Provinces are not portrayed as places of unmitigated misery and poor economic conditions.

The cultural differences between the various areas of the region are treated sympathetically and humourously. The segments on Nova Scotia are often uproariously funny though never cruel or demeaning to the people involved. Animated cartoons are used to divide the different segments and are alone worth the effort and time involved to watch the film.

It is not necessary to go into any lengthy descriptive detail here to describe the film. Suffice it to say it is well worth 2 1/2 hours of anyone's time and definitely should not be missed.



N.B.U. change in AID

FREDERICTON (CUP)

The University of New Brunswick will ask the provincial government to adjust the existing student aid program due to "recent drastic increases in residence and tuition fees.

UNB's Board of Governors March 6 voted unanimously to prepare a brief in conjunction with student governors asking government to consider adjustments in the act.

The university raised tuition as high as 8.2 per cent for some faculties and raised residence fees 26.8 per cent for double rooms, the most common type of campus accommodation.

The 1975-76 estimate was the "tightest budget" in the history of the institution, said

president John Anderson. The only flexible sources of operating revenue were tuition and residence charges. He said the increases were aimed at reducing an on-campus accommodations deficit and balancing the budget.

The increases will not increase the portion of operating costs for which the student was responsible for last year, he said.

"I am quite open to supporting changes (in the existing student aid scheme) which lead in the right direction," he said. "Governments historically treat institutions better than students."

New Brunswick's student aid legislation calls for a student to borrow \$1,100

before being entitled to a \$700 bursary. A further \$300 loan portion means each student may receive a maximum of \$2,100.

The Atlantic Federation of Students' provincial caucus has indicated the provincial government may be planning a ceiling hike to \$1,400 this year and as high as \$1,800 in 1976-77.

Although there was no mention of proposed changes in the throne speech marking the opening of the legislature's spring term March 11, students who participated in a letter campaign have been informed by premier Richard Hatfield that youth minister Jean Pierre Quelette is planning changes in the scheme.

Calgary refuses N.U.S.

CALGARY (CUP) - A referendum at the University of Calgary March 18 decided the university would not join the National Union of Students (NUS).

NUS received 60 per cent of the vote, falling short of the required 2/3 to pass.

Vice-president to the Students' Union, John Savary said, "We'll go for another NUS referendum. There is a significant number of students behind it."

Finance vice-president Alf Skrasting said, "I'd be in favor of NUS but it's up to the students to decide."

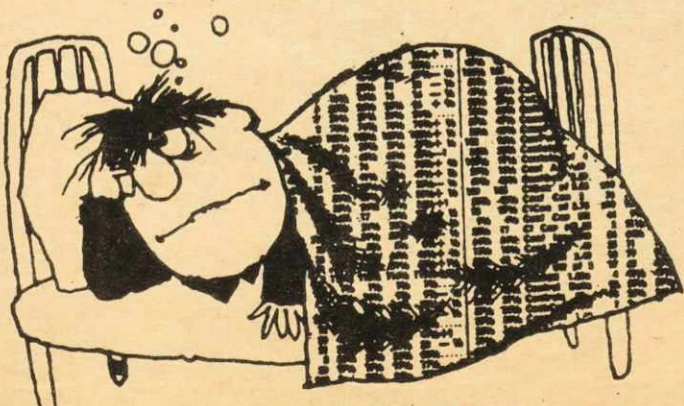
NUS general secretary, Bob Buckingham, said in a telephone interview from Halifax he was "disappointed that the University of Calgary students did not get their chance to have a voice in the direction of the student movement in Canada."

He said he was "sorry the referendum had to be decided on the basis of such slanderous statements as the one by Robert Westhoff in the Gauntlet election supplement," and hoped that the referendum could be run again in the fall.

"The NUS committee can

continue to work on campus, and NUS can show the students it is a viable organization through its work on housing and unemployment, and is fiscally sound," Buckingham said.

Another referendum saw U of C students abolish the old system of representation by faculties by opting for the new commission system. The referendum passed by almost 600 votes, and will end the petty bickering over the new system which characterized the last weeks of the 32nd council of the students' council.



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