

# The '68' Atlantic Student Conference

"Communicate, Intoxicate" said the conference brochure at the Atlantic Student Conference last weekend. Intoxication was widely achieved by most of the forty delegates present; communication was less widespread, and somewhat sporadic.

ASC, a gathering of student union executives and their delegates, was sponsored November 8 to 10 by Prince of Wales College in Charlottetown. It was agreed last year when the Association of Atlantic Students dissolved that an annual conference should be held to permit student unions in the Atlantic region to communicate their problems and discuss solutions together; this was the intention behind ASC.

## REVIVE AAS?

A mild flurry of controversy — the only lively discussion of issues during three days of languid mumbling — surrounded the possible rebirth of the AAS. CUS Atlantic Field Secretary Barry McPeak suggested that a "permanent Atlantic Student Conference" be instituted with a two-man full-time executive and six or seven elected part-time executive members.

The letter sent to student unions before the conference claimed that ASC was not a "fascist" plot to revive the defunct AAS; however, conference chairman Brian Chambers alleged that ASC had

been set up to make available a "springboard to jump into a political union" if that were desired.

Frank McKenna of St. Francis Xavier, president of the two-year-old Nova Scotia Union of Students, volunteered to let NSUS commit suicide. "If a new regional union were created, we could probably let the provincial unions go", he said.

The weight of delegate feeling against the proposed union was so strong that the question was never put to a vote. During the last plenary of the conference, Marilyn Hutchings of Mount St. Vincent moved that MSVU host a conference in the spring to discuss the possibility of an Atlantic regional student union. After some discussion of that, the secretary of the conference (also from MSVU) re-read the motion, dropping all reference to a regional union. The remainder of the motion passed.

The conference opened Friday with a banquet at Prince of Wales College; it was addressed by coordinator Don Larch of PWC, who called for communication, not criticism. PWC council president A. Rodd inspired the delegates with his address, saying, "I hope we all gain something from it, and go back a little wiser. I hope you make your problems our problems — our problems are certainly going to be made your problems."

Brian Chambers, external affairs vice-president at PWC, was elected chairman of the proceedings; he asked the delegates to be prepared to pass resolutions, but warned, "They're not going to have any force—they never do."

Larch closed the first session by announcing, "If there are no more suggestions, we might just as well go back to the hotel and get STONED. That's what we mean about operating on a 'tight' budget."

Sunday morning was highlighted by a speech by Barry McPeak to the few delegates who weren't still in bed, hungover. He told the remainder that Councils have become elitist and have involved themselves in peripheral issues. They would have to involve their students by involving themselves in issues of an educational nature. "Begin", he said, "by asking yourself 'what is education?': you need an overview of how education relates to society."

Chairman Chambers frequently complained to the delegates that he thought nothing productive was being accomplished, and in fact during group discussions and plenary sessions little was achieved. But despite the generally frivolous tone of the conference, a number of delegates had serious problems which they wished to consider and a few productive and informative small-group discussions followed the regular sessions.

The conference adjourned abruptly Sunday afternoon when Mike Stark of UNB pointed out that the discussions had been virtually futile and all the resolutions which had been passed were motherhood resolutions, favouring liberal ideas which virtually nobody, students or otherwise, opposed.

Delegates were present from virtually all Maritime province colleges and universities, including New Brunswick's French-speaking Teachers' College and College de Bathurst. Memorial University of Newfoundland was not represented; Dalhousie sent only one delegate.

## To Seek A Second Term

By STEPHEN KIMBER

Although he still has almost four months to run in his current term, the possibility that A.R. Smith will seek re-election as Council president is looming larger day by day, according to informed sources on Council. Should Smith decide to make such a move it appears likely that he would have the backing of a majority of Council members. Although the rumour mill says that Smith has been considering the possibility of seeking a second term for several months now, he is unlikely to make any final decision until early in January.

If he does decide to run it is highly unlikely that any member of Council will oppose him. The opinion, according to several Council members is that Smith is unbeatable on Dalhousie campus, and the only open question if Smith runs is who will be his

running mate.

Pam Etter will probably not be at Dalhousie next year and seemingly the only Council member who would fit in with the Smith style and also prove to be an attractive vote-getter in his own right is member-at-large Bruce Gillis. Gillis has presidential aspirations of his own, according to our sources, but is apparently willing to throw in his lot with Smith, if the President decides to run again.

If Smith does succeed himself, he will be the first Council President ever elected for a second term at Dalhousie.

## No Telegram Sent

By STEPHEN KIMBER

The great telegram fiasco which erupted last week's Council meeting will likely be the subject of more heated discussion this week after Council President A. Randall Smith failed to send the telegram to the United States as directed by a motion last week.

The telegram was to read: "We, the Student Council of Dalhousie University, wish to extend our most sincere condolences to the American people. Get well soon." It was supposed to be sent the morning after the recent Presidential elections in the United States.

Discussion at this week's meeting will likely centre around whether or not Smith had the constitutional right to refuse to obey Council's directive.

## Mr. Beautiful Dalhousie

By SANDY LYTH

Judges for the Mr. Beautiful Dalhousie Contest solemnly gathered together on the momentous day of retribution, and unanimously conferred the honour of MR. BEAUTIFUL DALHOUSIE on a third-year Law student, Mr. C. Paul Young.

When asked for an interview, Mr. Beautiful Dalhousie felt himself compelled to "decline this honour" which left him "entirely impressionless". When asked if his reason for non-acceptance was that he did not like the GAZETTE in general, he voiced the opinion, "Does anyone!" which really has no grain of truth in it, as any hard-working Gazettian will forcefully affirm.

But we are not prejudiced, and feel that anyone who drives fast cars and knows Zen must be an advantage to a progressive campus, so he will be permitted to keep the most honourable title of MR. BEAUTIFUL DALHOUSIE.

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