

Membership fees \$1.00 per capita

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Delegates to an Atlantic Federation of Students (AFS/FEA) special conference held in Sackville New Brunswick 27 November voted to raise membership fees to \$1.00 per student.

Fee referenda will be held on each campus this spring to finance

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the organization at the new rate commencing in the fall.

Membership fees had been by student union, with the highest fees being \$200 for institutions of 2,000 or more students.

At a regular FEA/AFS conference held the first week of November delegates doubled membership fees to give the organization a total budget of approximately \$2,600. With the per capita fee, the

organization will have a budget of \$25-30,000 effective 1977-78.

The largest expenditure for the federation will be the salary of the staff person, which together with related expenses will total approximately \$13,000. The role of the staff person was not defined, with member institutions generally adopting one of two positions of the job: working from a central office, with files and information, researching position papers; or working as a fieldworker, travelling around the region to assist and inform the student unions. A hiring committee was formed, and mandated to create a job description, advertise the position, and hire the person by 30 January, 1977.

An additional \$3,000 of the budget was committed to bilingualism and translation expenses. Delegates to the 27 November confer-

ence reaffirmed their commitment to bilingualize all of the federation's communications including agenda, minutes of meetings, and position papers. As well, translation services will be available at all future AFS/FEA conferences. Delegates hope that francophone students in the region will join their anglophone counterparts on the common problems of tuition, employment, student aid, and housing.

Representatives from the Université de Moncton told other delegates that while they were prepared to maintain a communications link between themselves and FEA/AFS, they declined to pledge themselves to membership if it became \$1.00 per student. Giles Beaulieu, secrétaire-general of the Fédération des étudiants Universitaire de Moncton (FEUM) felt that the organization did not have grass roots support,

and was building a student movement from the top down. Beaulieu also felt that cultural questions were as important as economic to francophone students. "We will not make the historical error of believing we are all allies, of the same blood. We will co-operate, but we will not pretend we are the same."

After the decision was made to hire a staff person, committing AFS/FEA to a membership fee of at least \$1.00 per capita, Beaulieu and U de M trésurier Jean-Paul Ouellette left the meeting.

FEA/AFS delegates also decided to obtain "emergency" funding for the organization, to allow it to commence work this spring. Federation members will be seeking \$10,000 in grants and loans by December 15, to be sure there will be sufficient funds to begin in January.

Fund raising

FEA/AFS Secretary, Don Soucy, told the *Dalhousie Gazette* that he would be approaching the Dalhousie Student's Council at their regular meeting this Sunday evening in an effort to secure either a loan or a grant, or both, for "emergency" funding for AFS/FEA.

At its meeting last weekend, FEA/AFS delegates voted to seek "emergency" funding from student and non-student organizations to start the organization this spring.

By December 15, \$10,000 in loans and grants must be secured or the organization will be hampered in its plans to hold fee referenda on campuses in the Atlantic. Fee referenda, although held in the spring, would not commit the student unions until the fall, yet it will cost money to hold the fee referenda.

Since Dalhousie and UNB have the largest student populations, they will be expected to contribute their "fair" share of the money. When Soucy and Mount Saint Vincent Student Union Vice-President External, Diane Wright, approached the Student Council Executive last Tuesday, they received a cool reception.

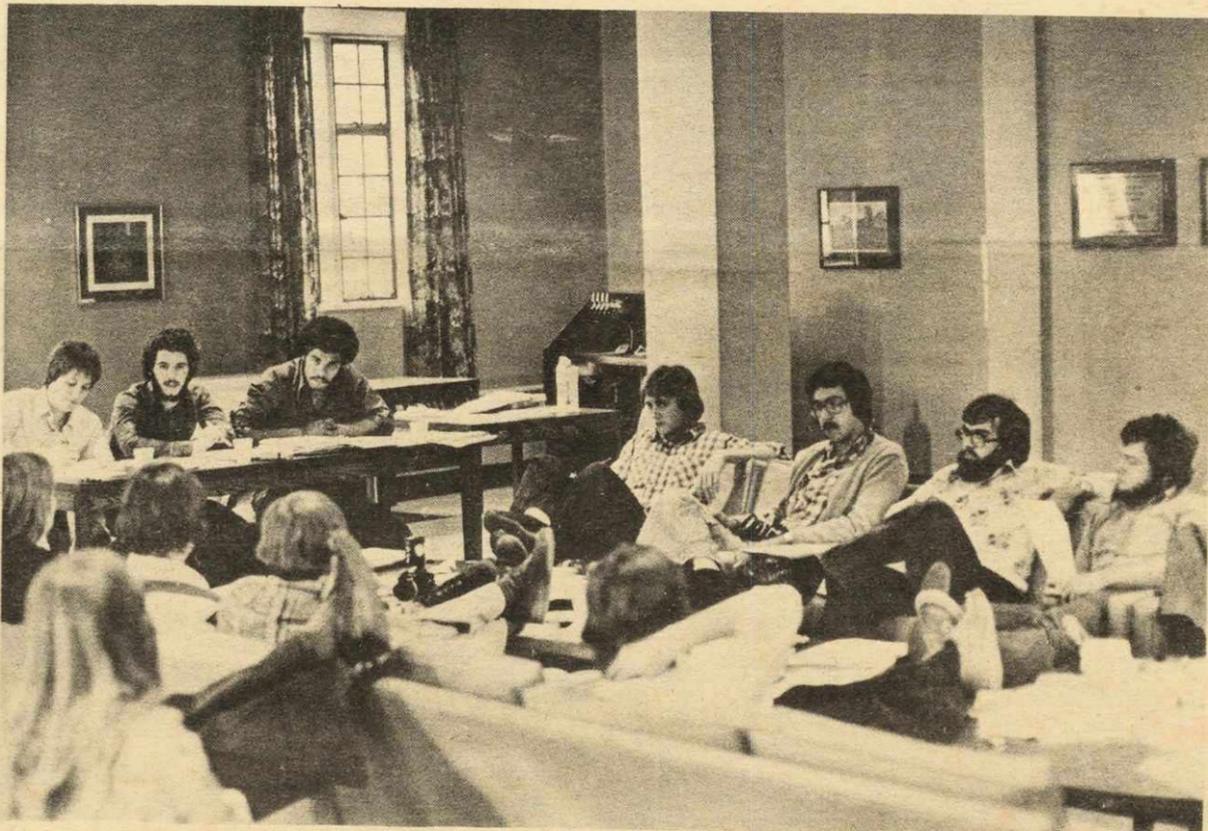
The matter will be on the agenda for this Sunday's council meeting. Soucy and Wright are optimistic that council will support the organization.

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Student leaders at the AFS/FEA conference in early November. Dal Photo/Soucy
Représentant-étudiants participant à la conférence de la FEA/AFS qui s'est tenue au début de novembre.

Les frais d'adhésion \$1.00 per capita

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Les délégués à une conférence de la Fédération des Étudiants d'Atlantique (FEA/AFS) qui a eu lieu à Sackville, Nouveau-Brunswick, le 27 Novembre, ont voté à faire augmenter les frais d'adhésion, jusqu'à \$1.00 pour chaque étudiant.

Des référendums auront lieu sur chaque campus le printemps, à fin de pourvoir financer l'organisation aux frais nouveaux en automne.

Jusqu'à ce point-ci, le frais d'adhésion ont été chargé de façon institutionnelle, au lieu de frais pour chaque étudiant. Sous cette système, les frais les plus élevés étaient \$200 pour les institutions

avec plus de 2,000 étudiants. A une conférence régulière de la Fédération, le première semaine de Novembre, on a fait doubler les frais, ce qui a donné à l'organisation un budget total d'un peu près \$2,600. Mais à travers les frais per capita, l'organisation sera capable de fonctionner avec \$25-30,000, dès le terme 1977-78.

La dépense la plus grande de la fédération sera la salaire d'une personne de personnel. Avec les dépenses alliées à cela, tout l'ait un peu près \$13,000. Ce que la personne de personnel va faire, on ne l'a pas défini. On pense toujours à deux fonctions: travailler d'un bureau central, faire des recherches

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