

Brian Smith appointed NSASU Pres.

17,000 represented by one body

by Marg Bezanson
 W. Brian Smith, following the formation of the Nova Scotia Association of Student Unions NSASU October 18 at Dalhousie said, "The main thrust of the association will be to defend and advance the interests of post-secondary students in Nova Scotia, and our talks with the assorted levels of government." Smith was appointed President of the Association. Other of-

ficers are: Stan McNeil, Vice-President (from Xavier College in Sydney) and Margaret MacEachern, Secretary (from Saint Mary's University in Halifax.)

Founding members of the NSASU are the Student Unions of Saint Francis Xavier, Xavier College, Acadia, Mount Saint Vincent, Nova Scotia Technical College, Saint Mary's and Dalhousie. The constitution provides that any other post-

secondary institution in the province will be eligible for membership.

Each member Union will provide two delegates to the Association — the President and one other person chosen by the President of that member Union.

The purpose of the Association as expressed by the Constitution is: to defend and advance the interests of post-secondary students in Nova

Scotia; to provide means of communications through which members unions may improve and maintain the quality of their internal operations; to provide a means through which members may: (a) determine areas of mutual concern, (b) formulate solutions of the defined problem areas; (c) to pursue the common good when negotiating with the Federal and Provincial levels of Government.

Smith stated in commenting on the association's purpose, "We intend to improve the public's opinion of us, but we haven't discussed any specific ideas yet."

When questioned on the political stand of the Association Smith said "It will depend on the issue and I'll leave it at that."

Although the proposition of the formation of this Association was mentioned at the October 16 meeting of the Dalhousie Student Council, Council members were told by Smith, "It doesn't matter if you ratify this association or not because we are going to form it anyway." So like it or not, 17,000 students will be represented by the Association.

The New Brunswick Federation of Students Unions has been informed of the present situation. A meeting is tentatively scheduled for mid-November to discuss the formation of a Maritime Association of Student Unions. Nothing has been resolved



Brian Smith, recently appointed President of NSASU.

concerning the possibility of joining the National Association of Student Unions. According to Smith, "Some people are lukewarm on the idea and no one is hot on it." A meeting of the National Association is scheduled for November 12. Smith commented "I'm glad that the Nova Scotia Association is now in existence and also that the provincial government is showing favourable cooperation."

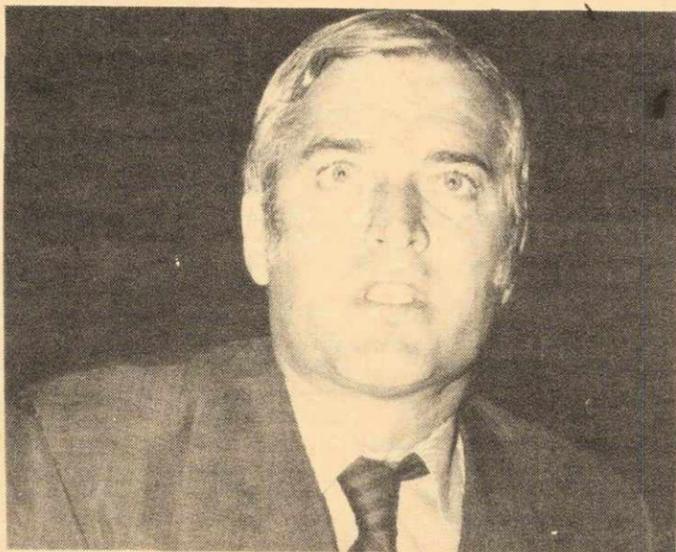
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"Economy still strong"

by Don Retson
 "Don't compare the Liberals with any ideal or the Almighty, just the alternatives." Addressing a crowd of about 100 students in the McInnes Room last week. Finance Minister John Turner defended the Liberals as the only "credible alternative" in the 1972 election. As he has done so often in this election campaign, Turner charged that National NDP leader David Lewis was trying to con the Canadian electorate with his "simplistic slogans". Criticizing Lewis' use of "slick slogans" such as corporate welfare bums, Turner went on to equate implementation of NDP policies with "community collapse."

Turner himself came under heavy attack for the "unliberal policies" of his government. Criticised for infringing the civil liberties of individuals through implementation of the War Measures Act, Turner stated that if people were dissatisfied with Liberal policies they had the power to throw them out of office. Turner rejected the establishment of a Judicial Inquiry Board to look into infringement of civil liberties, claiming that "Liberals should be accountable to Parliament and the people of Canada rather than a Judicial Inquiry Board."

Several times Turner was grilled on the economic policies of the Liberal Party which have produced the highest unemployment in the country in over a decade. In his reply to these concerns, Turner reiterated past Liberal statements that high unemployment rates across Canada (over 10 percent



John Turner speaks at Dal SUB jack novack / dal photo

in the Maritimes) was due mainly to the post-war baby boom and the subsequent overflowing of the Canadian

labor market. Despite such high unemployment, Turner felt the Canadian economy was still strong.

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Federal Election.
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