

M.U.S. canned for now

HALIFAX (CUP) — The proposed Maritime Union of Students may be longer in coming than organizers hoped.

Local problems in New Brunswick are hampering the provincial student union's progress toward a regional union.

As well, local union elections are being held — making it difficult to co-ordinate action to build a regional union.

Atlantic region student leaders proposed a Maritime union after Atlantic delegates walked out of the founding conference of the National Union of Students last November in Ottawa.

The delegates, angry at the way local unions will be represented in the national union, proposed to start a

regional union. They wanted equal representation for each province, while the majority of delegates, from western Canada and Ontario, opted for representation by population.

A late November meeting to form the Maritime Union of Students was postponed, when one of its key participants had to play in a football game.

Another meeting was tentatively scheduled for this month, but several of the New Brunswick unions have lost interest for the time being. It has now been postponed indefinitely.

The Nova Scotia Association of Student Unions, along with the New Brunswick Union of Students, is reportedly still very interested. The student unions at Memorial University of

Newfoundland and the University of Prince Edward Island had earlier indicated similar interest.

But the New Brunswick Union

is still bogged down with local problems.

Nova Scotia student leaders hope after elections are over,

and if the New Brunswick union can get together with them, the idea can be made a top priority again.

4th Estate back in court

by Glenn Wanamaker

A tentative date has been set for the beginning of a new trial in the libel case involving the 4th ESTATE newspaper and Le Chateau Mens' Wear Limited.

The trial is expected to open February 5 before Nova Scotia Supreme Court Judge J.L. Dubinsky. A ruling by the N.S. Supreme Court appeals division on November 23, 1972, reversed an earlier decision by the trials division to dismiss the case.

Le Chateau alleges libel through two newspaper articles in March, 1971. One item cited by Le Chateau was a photograph from the Dalhousie GAZETTE. The articles arose out of a campaign against slum housing in the city.

The case was dismissed October 2 by Judge F.W. Bissett. He ruled that in order to

sustain an action for libel "a corporation must be defamed in the way of its business."

In reversing the decision, the appeals division's three judges ruled that Mr. Justice Bissett should have waited until Le Chateau's counsel had presented their evidence before dismissing the case.

D.A.G.S. meets

Priorities of the Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students was the topic of the Graduate Council meeting on Monday, January 22. Social functions have headed the list in the past, because they have been the easiest to plan and attract participants.

Friday night parties reach only some of the students. The grad house has served the needs of a few more, but at the present time it is not being used to capacity. New furnishings have been purchased. Magazines, a color T.V., and games are available, or it can just be used as a quiet place to talk.

The Council recognizes that smaller groups within the graduate community might better meet some of the needs of their members than D.A.G.S.

To help these groups, the Council will release up to 25 percent of the year's fee, for projects sponsored by the subgroup and approved by Council.

A general meeting of D.A.G.S., on Friday, January 26, was poorly attended. Those present did suggest some means of improving communications between council and grad students.

In the future, look for a Valentine's party in the Grawood Lounge, a skating party, a sleigh ride and a newsletter. Friday night parties at the grad house will continue.

Council would like to do more but we need your support, your ideas and your willingness to work.

"Wonder drugs" cause flu

by Charlie Moore

Have you noticed that there seem to be more colds and flu around lately? The reason, according to a recent U.S. study, is the over prescription of the antibiotic "wonder drugs" such as penicillin by many physicians.

According to the study, doctors are now prescribing antibiotics for 31 percent of patients complaining of colds. Because of this, the viruses

which cause colds and influenza as well as other infectious diseases have built up a resistance to the drugs and are becoming stronger and harder to combat. The report states that the death rate from infectious diseases is rising rapidly. This can be seen graphically in such instances as the flu epidemic now raging in Great Britain where over 1,000 people died from this disease during the last week of December.

In view of these facts, antibiotics have the potential of becoming one of the biggest medical horror stories of the century. To avoid this, strict governmental controls on the use of antibiotics are needed immediately.

What can you do? Well, if you get a cold or the flu, don't ask your doctor to prescribe antibiotic drugs unless he feels they are really necessary to avoid complications. Remember, the average person is only ill enough to really need antibiotics about once every five or ten years. As well as the danger of widespread infectious disease, antibiotics can cause some nasty side effects. A large number of people are allergic to penicillin and although they may have no allergic reaction to one dose, the second dose may cause anything from skin rash to death. Among other things, antibiotics can also cause damage to vital organs and discoloration of tooth enamel.

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