

## Revival meeting

SASKATOON (CUP) - The Saskatchewan Association of Students (SAS), disbanded in 1973, now stands a good chance of being revitalized.

At three fact-finding conferences held during the summer, delegates from the province's five post-secondary institutions agreed in principle to revive the organization once its structure and some outstanding financial matters are resolved. A formal proposal to create SAS will be present at the next conference in early October.

The original SAS fell apart after conflicts arose between the University of Saskatchewan and its former Regina campus.

Delegates at the conferences agreed the new organization should focus on:

- cutbacks in federally funded student employment programs
- incongruities in the allocation of student loans, such as summer savings.

- differential fees and quotas imposed on international students
- tuition fees, which rose by about 12 per cent this year

- housing
- representation on the Saskatchewan Scholarship, Bursary and Loan Committee.

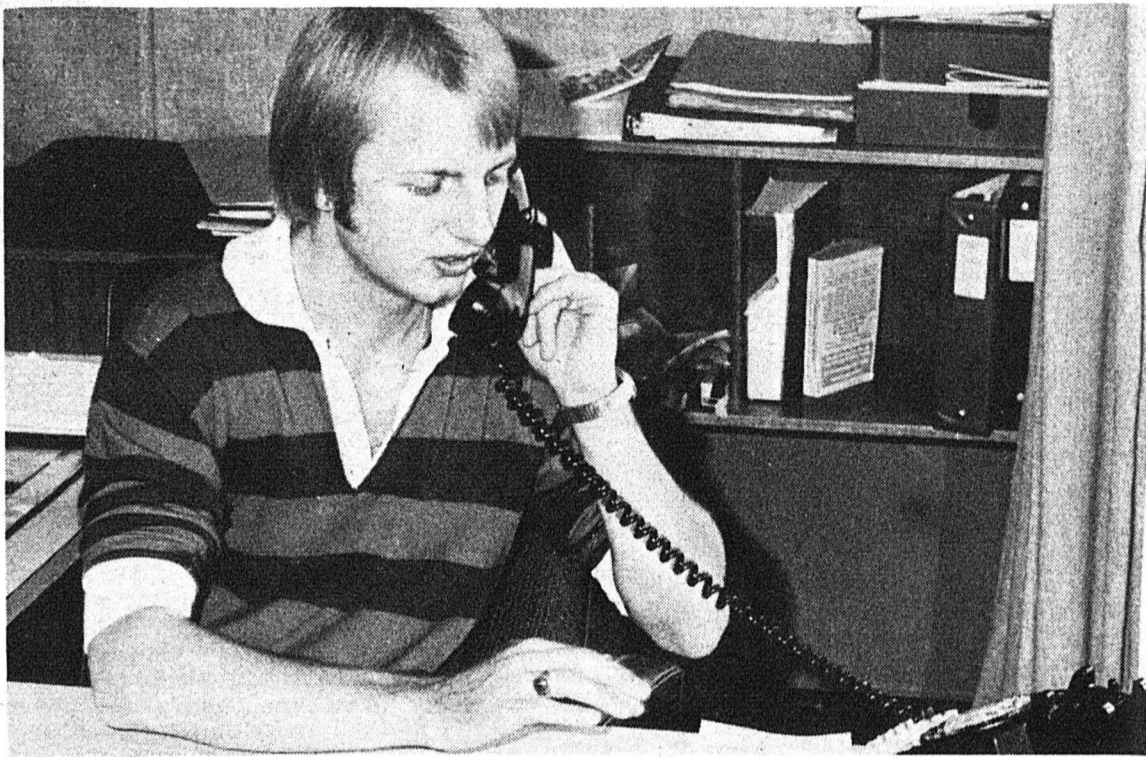
Delegates also planned for National Student Day, which they see as a day of information rather than protest.

"We want to let the community know the problems of this large minority of the population," said Mary Thauberger, University of Saskatchewan student union vice-president.

"But National Student Day is only a highlight in the whole campaign to inform people of the hurdles which students face in trying to make it through a school term."

A three-part provincial campaign is scheduled to deal with housing in mid-September, student aid in early October and finally covering student and general community involvement in post-secondary education decision-making. The campaign will include panel discussion, debates, workshops and guest lecturers as well as posters and leaflets.

## Politics is not hair-splitting: Zoeteman has no axe to grind



by L. Brown

Have you ever wondered what kind of person gets involved full-time in student politics? Why would anyone volunteer themselves for weekly headaches? (called Student Council meetings.) Why would anyone spend hours every week digging into tons of tedious printed material? (called Student Union business.) Why would anyone expose themselves to nasty verbal attacks? (called student journalism.)

You'd have to have a "volunteer complex." And according to SU president Len Zoeteman, that is exactly what he has.

"I like people, and I like doing things for people," said the 21-year-old president. And with 18,000 students and a 3.6 million dollar budget, there's lots to do.

Zoeteman has always been a busy person. Just a short list: captain of high school basketball team, 4-H Club, students' council, swimming, racquetball, accordion and piano lessons,

public speaking award winner, professional musician. And the list goes on.

Zoeteman hails from a farm near Lethbridge, and is now in fourth year Agriculture/Economics. How he manages to put in so much time into students' union business and stay on top of his schoolwork remains a mystery to all, himself included. Zoeteman, though an unassailable optimist, has a few negative things to say about his job. "The worst part of the job is that when trying to help people, it is possible to make enemies. When things become personal ... feelings can get hurt."

While grumbling about "the incredible volume of paper" that he must plow through, Zoeteman said that it was a small price to pay for a much more valuable thing: "an open-door policy." Calling it a matter of getting priorities straight, he said that administrative work tends to fall behind because it's more important to be available when needed.

Zoeteman is enthusiastic about both students and the university administration. He described the SU exec's relationship to the administration thus: "We have no axe to grind, we're not doing things toward a political end."

The president believes this is the reason the administration has been so helpful to this year's student executive, giving them "more money than any other SU in existence here."

This year's SU exec. is notoriously apolitical but Zoeteman insists that the true definition of politics is to serve people, and that that's what his executive is doing. "We could fight against everything the government does," he said; "but we'd prefer to work here to change the system so that it serves students better."

Zoeteman emphasized that community involvement is where he wants to concentrate his energies this year. "We're isolated from the community. The public doesn't know what takes place here and most of it's good."

A much-simplified explanation of his theory is that, if the community is able to become involved with the university in a positive way, it's improved attitude will result in more positive government support of post-secondary education.

Asked to give a general description of today's university student, Zoeteman said, "I see them as being responsible people; enthusiastic; looking for a sense of community; uncertain of what they want from life and education, and ill-informed."

It's these last two characteristics that he would like to see changed: "Students should be made aware of the issues that affect them," he said. Describing the 60's as a time when students believed that "things can be better," Zoeteman added that while there seems to be a widespread pessimism everywhere today, he senses a change in attitudes, for the better.

"There are waiting lists for GFC and for all kinds of boards and committees on this campus," he said. "Students are willing to co-operate and are wanting to get involved again."

It would seem that if the majority of students were willing to put as much effort into 'involvement' as Len Zoeteman, you wouldn't hear the word 'apathy' applied to students nearly as much as it is now.

## FAS QUIZ

Did you get a well-paying job this summer?  
Did you get your full student loan?  
Will you be able to pay back all your loans?  
Did you find a good place to live this fall?  
Can you afford it?  
Could you afford a tripled tuition fee?  
Are you getting uniformly good instruction here?

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