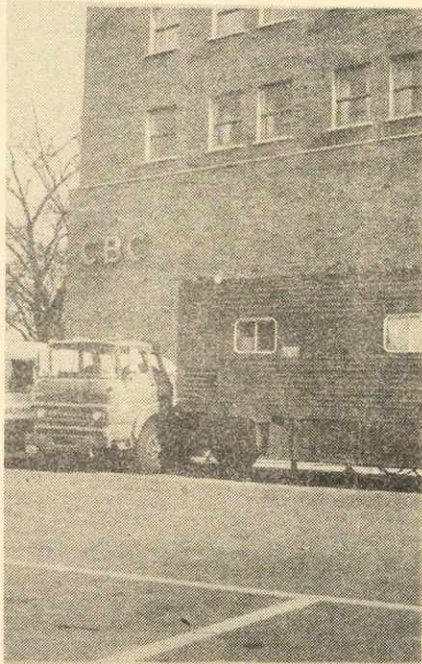


CBC Radio

Coast-to-coast --- almost



special to **The Dalhousie Gazette** by Valerie Mansour and Harvey MacKinnon

Vancouver (CUP) --- Delegates to the 39th conference of Canadian University Press (CUP) approved a decision to boycott advertising from CBC Radio. January 2nd, after a week long CUP conference, delegates at the urging of, Atlantic Region Field worker and newly elected CUP President, Suzanne Johnson agreed to oppose discrimination.

The original decision to refuse to print ads from CBC Radio was made

by the **Dalhousie Gazette** when it learned that CBH Radio was discriminating against the Gay Alliance for Equality (GAE). CBH radio refused to allow GAE access to its free Public Service Announcements (PSA) time.

This decision was made by John MacEwan, the Director of Radio for the Maritimes, and supported by Peter Meggs, Vice-President of Public Relations for CBC.

"Every time the **Dalhousie Gazette** contacted John MacEwan he had a different reason why CBH was refusing to air PSA's submitted by GAE. And each time he insisted that he was giving the 'real' reason" Johnson told delegates.

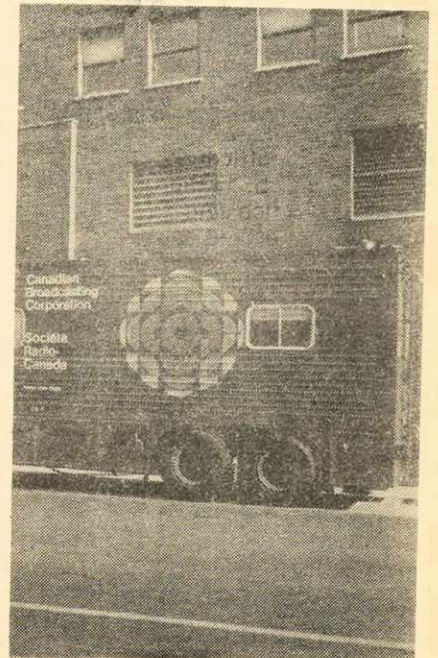
MacEwan would give a reason, then, when it was proven to be

untrue he would offer another reason. Until he ran out of reasons.

"Since discrimination of any sort is against the CUP Code of Ethics, the only decision we could make, in good conscience, is to support the boycott of CBC Radio advertising."

CBC Radio stations across the country have also refused to carry PSA's for local gay organizations acting on an apparent national policy.

70 newspapers serving 350,000 university and community college students throughout Canada will refuse to accept advertising from CBC Radio until CBC reverses its policy of discrimination against gay organizations.



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Johnson opens door to CUP makes good in the national capital

Vancouver (CUP) --- Former Dalhousie Communications Secretary Suzanne Johnson was elected President of Canadian University Press effective 1 May 1977 at a CUP conference held here.

Johnson is presently based in Halifax as the Atlantic Region (ARCUP) fieldworker for Canadian University Press (CUP).

Johnson was the only person from the Atlantic Region elected to the Ottawa office (CUPOTT).

Electioneering for many of the candidates centered on the positions take on expansion for the organization. No clear decision was

made on future direction for the organization because some member papers were unsure of the merits of increased finances or the purpose of a bureau in their region.

Delegates approved a decision to add a sixth person to the national office in Ottawa as a business manager.

Atlantic Region (ARCUP) delegates decided to hold the Atlantic spring regional conference in Halifax February 18, 19, and 20. The conference will be jointly arranged by the Mount Saint Vincent, Saint Mary's and Dalhousie student newspapers.

The boycott motion was presented to the national conference by the Atlantic Region newspapers (ARCUP) who unanimously voted in support of the issue at the regional conference held in Fredericton last November. An Atlantic delegate stated "The boycott had been called to focus public pressure on the CBC so that they will implement a non-discriminatory policy towards gay people."

The federal licensing agency CRTTC is currently reviewing the CBC policy and is withholding a decision pending the results of an internal policy examination by senior officials of CBC.

Atlantic Federation of Students (AFS/FEA)

Financing determines future

by Wayne Ingarfield

"A lot of institutions look towards Dal to set the trend. When they voted against special financing, many people got discouraged," commented Ray Shalala (UNB AFS/FEA representative) in early December, upon hearing that the Dalhousie Student Union refused to support the Atlantic Federation of Students (AFS/FEA).

After the Dalhousie Student Union defeated a motion to give \$2000 (half loan, half grant) to FEA/AFS, a compromise amendment giving a lesser amount totalling \$750.00 was also defeated.

The reason cited for the defeat of the motion to support emergency funding by Don Soucey, secretary of AFS/FEA, was that the council members were simply not educated as to what AFS/FEA is and what it is attempting to accomplish.

In order to inform the Student Union throughout the Atlantic Region of the aims of AFS/FEA, and to familiarize the council members with the organization, the AFS/FEA executive has decided to print a report containing a short history of the Federation.

Dalhousie

As a result of the Dalhousie council decision the deadline for receiving commitments for funding and actually receiving the funding have been moved ahead into the New Year.

Five post-secondary institutions have already committed substantial sums of money to the emergency funding of AFS/FEA. St. Francis Xavier University has contributed five hundred dollars, Mt. St. Vincent one thousand dollars, College of Cape Breton has pledged three hundred dollars, the Agricultural Col-

lege five hundred dollars, and the N.S. Art College two hundred dollars.

Although the \$200 contributed by the Art College seems to be an insignificant amount Soucey suggested that this comprises about 5% of its entire Student Union budget. If the Dalhousie Student Union voted to contribute 5% of its budget, it would be equal to approximately 17,800 dollars. Instead Dalhousie chose to refuse a grant and loan totalling 2000 dollars to AFS, which is only about .6% of its budget. The compromise amendment, also defeated, was .2% of the Dalhousie budget.

FEA/AFS may once again approach the Dalhousie Student Union, at the meeting this Sunday, in an attempt to secure the necessary funding.

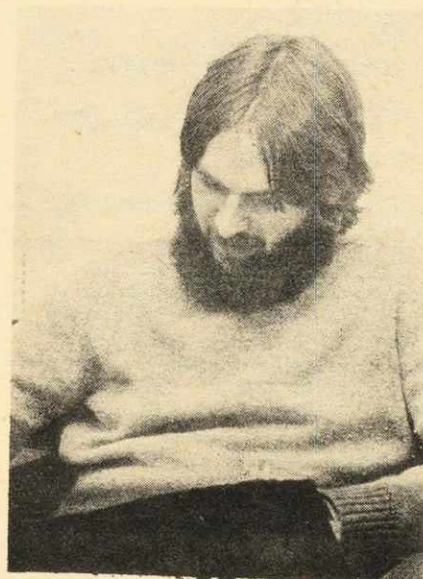
Staff person

Starting next week, AFS/FEA will be initiating an advertising campaign to recruit a staffperson. The ads will appear in all the student newspapers in the Atlantic region.

Prospective applicants must be 1) bilingual, 2) committed to the student movement 3) willing to travel and 4) possessing clerical skills.

Due to tie-ups with the Christmas mail, FEA/AFS has not received any applications although they know of several applicants. Soucey suggested that applications would soon be forthcoming and seemed quite confident that a competent person will be found.

The position of staff person has been described primarily as that of a communications co-ordinator for the numerous institutions in the Atlantic Region. The first term of office, though, will require that the staff person do some fieldworking



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to start the organization smoothly.

Future

The top priority of the organization, as stated by Soucey, is the future of financing Post-Secondary Education. Related aspects are tuition increases and student aid. Any discussions of tuition increases by Boards of Governors will be attended by FEA/AFS representatives to ensure that there is an adequate student input.

The provincial governments are exploring the possibility of one student aid program for the entire Atlantic. Any moves in this direction would demand the immediate attention of AFS/FEA because of the possible consequences. Université de Moncton students are on record as categorically opposed to amalgamation.

MPHEC/CESPM

Recently the MPHEC/CESPM requested briefs concerning the present and future status of Post Secondary Educational funding. AFS/FEA is preparing a report and will work together with the Student Unions in the Atlantic on other briefs to give a broad regional perspective.

Unemployment

Another area of importance is unemployment, and Mike Jamael of the College of Cape Breton will chair the investigation committee.

Meetings

This Saturday an executive meeting of AFS/FEA will be held in Halifax to discuss emergency financing and organizational plans for the organization.

A Nova Scotia caucus meeting will be held at St. Francis Xavier University, January 22-23.

NUS vs AFS

When questioned about the suggestion that Dalhousie withdraw from NUS/UNE, and fund AFS/FEA instead, Soucey stated "The organizations have two distinct functions and the two levels of government are best dealt with separately. Many issues which concern students are federal responsibilities and others are provincial ones. We can not change the government for our convenience."