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African Student's Union begins year's activities

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The African Student's Union, ASU for short, had its first general meeting on Sunday, September 22, 1974. Being the first one for this academic year, the meeting offered an avenue for introduction since members hail from various corners of Africa. You may call it "a get to know each other" meeting.

The Union so far has a membership of 41 students of African origin at this University

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(UNBF to be specific). Though the name of the union seems and sounds "African" members do not necessarily have to be African. Associate members are welcome. Anybody who is interested in African Affairs is invited to share through membership. You can learn a lot of things about Africa some of which you have been taking for granted.

main purpose, among others, is "to certain problems.

encourage and promote better understanding between Canadian and African students and between the Canadian and African peoples, and at the same foster sound international relationships between Canada and our African the experience with Africans countries." It really sounds like a covering and vast objective, but in essence that is what it boils down to; although one shouldnot forget to mention that ASU offers a forum As the ASU president Afam for discussion on student affairs Ogbechie underscores, the Union's with a view to finding solutions to

some ideas of African cultures, ASU annually organizes "African Night" where dances, exhibitions and different African Dishes serve to highlight the occasion. ASU is also a good participating and organizing member of the hostship of the "International Student Night" where students of all nationalities take part. Both "Nights" take place in the second term. You can rest assured they are great fun - so never make the mistake of missing either or both of them if you can make it. ASU will nform you the details when such

For those who would like to have occasions are approaching. Keep your ears and eyes open inasmuch as CHSR and "The Brunswickan" will most probably be used to convey the message to you. In the meantime if you have any

questions about ASU you can approach any of the executive committee which includes: Afam Ogbechie (President), Enos Kiremire (Vice-President), Yakubu Maikano (Secretary), Adamu Iliyasu (Vice-Secretary), Owen Mahowe (Treasurer) and John Msolomba (Public Relations Officer).

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Students' associations merge

and "personality clashes" the executives of the Loyola Students' Association (LSA) and the Sir George Williams Students' Association (DSA) have finally come to an agreement over the merger of

the two groups. Boivert and Tigh and DSA getting the short end of the stick on president David Saskin but any issue." crumbled by November because of uncertainty over the status of been made public but according to Concordia University.

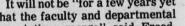
admitted that "the feeling on our served and representation on the side is that it was senseless to main councils will be "split 50-50." continue debating when it wasn't even certain the merger (of the separate structures," said Freeduniversities) was going through." since the new executives were order to cope with the university elected and according to DSA problems.'

president John Freedman, a It will not be "for a few years yet combined brief outlining the that the faculty and departmental proposed Concordia Day Student associations merge" said Freed-Association structures will be man although he plans to completed and submitted to the recommend they consider such a Concordia Board of Governors in move. late October for approval. The DSA Council has already negotiations between any of the approved the preliminary brief associations concerning the date of Freedman offered although Loyola the merger although Loucks cited co-presidents have not yet ap-proached their Board of Directors. Student Associations as taking the 'We don't forsee any problems initial steps towards merger by with having the brief approved," working on various projects said co-president Bill Loucks, who together last year.

MONTREAL (CUP) -- After a added that some joint projects year of broken down negotiations have already been scheduled, such as Carnival and Graduation Exercises.

"It's very important that we present a united front instead of two separate ones," said Loucks, while Freedman elaborated that 'we'll need the power to stand fast Talks began early last summer and take action either concerning a between former LSA co-presidents library strike or if students are

Structural forms have not yet both of the executives individual In February of this year Saskin campus autonomy will be pre-"We haven't destroyed the niversities) was going through." man, "we've only built a Negotiations have picked up 'super-structure' around them in



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