

## An Organization That Could Help

The election of the UNB student president, Lawson Hunter, as head of the Association of Atlantic Students has brought the existence of this organization to the minds of the UNB student body.

In the past, AAS has been little more than three letters and a casual mention at Council meetings.

Perhaps this year things will change.

AAS has limitless possibilities as an effective instrument in the Atlantic provinces. The maritime student suffers from many of the same restrictions as the provinces in which they reside. They are small, they lack co-ordination, they are short on regular communication.

It is these areas of communication and co-ordination that we feel AAS has its greatest chance of success.

The only way that the Atlantic universities are going to get any recognition from their respective provincial governments is through concerted, solid-front representation. We want no more of those abortive regional demonstrations of the past.

The Association of Atlantic Students provides the machinery for successful representation to the maritime provincial governments.

It is up to you, Mr. Hunter, to unclog the machinery.

## Pay For Play

There have been rumours of some substance that high level executives of student organizations will be receiving stipends in the form of salaries or waived tuition fees either this year or certainly in the near future.

We do not disagree with this. The University has become a big business and student executives are of necessity forced to cut short their summer working time to return early to ensure the smooth functioning of their respective organizations during the school terms.

But... are these the only people who deserve special consideration?

We wonder about the student athlete who spends one term and perhaps two faithfully training and participating in inter-collegiate sports and receives exactly zero credit for his efforts.

— The student athlete has to maintain a passing grade to participate. So does the student executive.

— The student athlete provides a service to the student body as a focal point of University spirit and mass entertainment. The student executive provides just a different form of service.

— The student athlete spends, in many cases, longer hours in the providing of his service. Many student executives could benefit by his example and dedication.

We feel that the student athlete at UNB deserves a better deal than he is now getting.

If the Administration and the Student Representative Council are moving towards the paying of themselves, then let this not be all one-sided.

There are other people on this campus besides the leaders of organizations.

They might even be of more value to the University.

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## Direct Action Needed

by The Squires

Last year at this time the City of Fredericton began to cut trees on the University campus, near the gymnasium. This action was in preparation for the construction of a road, a truck route, which was to have cut off the toe of the campus.

The destruction of those beautiful poplars was brought to a sudden halt because of the demonstration of a few courageous students, who stood up against the trees and refused to move. The city hoped, we were told, that if the workmen had been able to cut all the trees, the University would not have minded the continuation of construction.

Just as student action put an immediate halt to this injustice, so can student action hasten the solution of other pressing problems.

This is not to say that the direct action can solve problems by itself. But student demonstrations can be the first step in remedying social ills, as the great "Tuition March" of 1965 and other events on this campus have shown.

### HOUSING: A PROBLEM?

We have been led to believe that the housing shortage in Fredericton is critical. With the student population increasing, the City is full of boarders. A city of 20,000 cannot house 4,000 students, let alone the 10,000 we will have in 1975. We have spoken to some homeless students who confirm our suspicions, but still the extent of the problem is unknown.

### STUDENT COUNCIL HAS FAILED

The student government organization knows nothing about housing. Last year it set up a committee under John Trevors which wasted its

time and our money.

The obvious first step was to get facts on the housing situation. The committee prepared a questionnaire but did not consult anyone who might have helped to compose it properly. Then they folded their quiz, and addressed envelopes to all UNB students who rent apartments or board. After that, the committee left, while in a quiet office the letters — with last year's addresses — still rested in tidy little boxes. They were never mailed.

It is perhaps just as well, for the committee did not prepare forms for the many hundreds of Teachers College and St. Thomas students who also live out.

### STUDENTS MUST ACT

The student government has sat dumbly and accomplished nothing. But the fault does not lie entirely with the SRC members, for many of them

genuinely believe that the Council is responding to student needs. Many members are convinced that what the University needs most is a Fall Formal, which will Put UNB On The Map.

### NONSENSE

This is, of course, utter nonsense. Yet nonsense like this is heard without contradiction at every SRC meeting. Until students with real problems and real needs begin to make themselves heard, student politicians will carry on as usual.

SRC meetings are open to everyone. The first will be held this Sunday night at 6:30 in the Tartan Room.

If there really is a housing problem, then it is up to students to demand action. The poor and homeless who complain in the Student Centre must prove their concern.

Student action saved the Poplars. Only direct action can move the Council.

## Letters

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Editor:

On behalf of the Sophomore executive, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all the sophomores on the Frosh Squad for a job well done. It has been through their tireless efforts that this week has been such a success.

Also due at this time are our thanks to the upperclassmen and members of the administration who have helped in any way. Their aid has been greatly appreciated.

Looking at the week in retrospect, after having suffered many trials and tribulation, we feel that this Freshman Week '66 has truly been one of the greatest in the past

This is the second issue of the **Brunswickan** for the year. As students, you should understand that the student paper is a forum for comment and that one of the most effective ways the student has for expressing himself is through the use of the "Letters" section.

Beginning next week, the **Brunswickan** will publish letters of opinion sent to the office. c/o Campus Mail.

All letters must be signed.