

## Delegates reaffirm need for Atlantic federation

By LINDA STEWART

The Atlantic Federation of Students conference held Oct. 29 to 31 at Mount Allison University in Sackville closed with the feeling that something definite had been done for the Atlantic region.

UNB delegates to the conference said the upcoming meeting in November will consolidate this feeling as executive positions are filled by "energetic, interested students."

On the agenda were several workshops including student aid, student employment, National Student Day, campus services, and educational finances.

The discussion on the future of AFS began on Saturday and lasted into Sunday. It was originally scheduled to last two hours, indicating the importance placed on this topic by the delegates.

Several motions passed with respect to this area. The most important reaffirming the need for AFS.

The entire AFS set-up was re-evaluated in order to formulate motions with respect to restructuring the federation.

The structure is as follows: (a) From each campus there will be an AFS co-ordinator to relay information from their campuses to the provincial campuses. (b) Each provincial caucus elects a chairperson to sit on the federation executive. It is up to individual

caucuses whether they wish the chairperson to sit on the executive or to elect an alternate student for that position. (c) The executive is to be made of treasurer, secretary co-ordinator and, from the forum caucuses and the executive, a president or spokesperson to the government bodies.

The delegates decided the purpose of AFS was to facilitate the communication of information between campuses and to lobby all appropriate government bodies in areas of regional student concern.

A motion was passed at the closing plenary revising membership fees. Campuses with up to 1,000 students will pay \$100., those with between 1,001 and 3,000 will pay \$150., campuses with between 3,001 and 5,000 students will pay \$400., and those with over 5,000 will pay \$600.

This increase is designed to help the new executive get on its feet and begin functioning as a viable organization.

It was agreed to have Dalhousie University research the breakdown for various per capita fees. Consensus was that a per capita fee was necessary but the executive recommendation for a \$1.00 per student levy was tabled till the November meeting.

The conference decided another meeting was in order to receive Dalhousie's research and conclusions and to announce provincial



Atlantic Federation of Students Conference at Mount Allison.

College of Art and Design and Roland MacNeil of College Cape Breton were elected interim chairperson and treasurer respectively until the November meeting.

The workshop reports were read at the closing plenary with details of recommendations.

The campus services work-

caucus chairpersons. The date was set at Nov. 27 at Mount Allison University.

Don Doucey of the Nova Scotia shops, covering such areas as student radio, newspapers, and entertainment, brought no motions forward. However, information was exchanged.

No concrete resolution was

passed with respect to student aid as it was felt the federation could not discuss their stand on such an important issue until a strong executive was set up. This topic will be discussed on Nov. 27 as it is expected the Maritime premiers will present a brief stating their position on student aid in December.

The educational finance workshop proposed that ceilings on loans go up as tuition increases. The conference expressed concern about the quality of education and hope to make a statement to the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission.

The AFS accepted a policy of opposition to differential tuition fees for international students with little debate.

## Hallowe'en quiet

By JACK TRIFTS

Many have termed hallowe'en 1976 as the quietest in years.

One reason for this may have been the numerous parties held throughout the city for all age groups. Various recreation centers and youth groups held parties for the young, while the oldsters either organized their own or spent the evening sipping ale at the local drinking establishments.

There were isolated acts of vandalism reported in many areas of the city, but most were the usual pranks and resulted in little real damage.

However two areas did pose problems to authorities. In Nashwaaksis and Barker's Point groups of youths congregated and caused several disturbances, most related to rock and bottle throwing. Although no serious injuries resulted several motorists suffered damage to their cars.

In other areas of the city tricksters restricted themselves to window soaping and egg throwing.

## NSD - Sanderson charges no support

With only four days to go, students in the Atlantic region are gearing up for National Student Day. Campuses in all four Atlantic provinces plan activities ranging from distribution of pamphlets to television broadcasts.

The Atlantic Federation of Students endorsed NSD at their conference last weekend as an opportunity to inform students and the general public as to the complexities of the common problems of students.

A recent pamphlet published by the National Union of Students stated, "1976 is a critical year for Canadian post-secondary education. Politicians and some members of the public question the role of technical university and college programs, yet offer no solutions."

"National Student Day is Canadian students' response to the critical situation. It is our opportunity to widen discussion about post-secondary education and make a positive contribution. "National Student Day focuses on access to education because students have been the only group with a primary interest in fully equal access to colleges, universities, and technical institutes."

The AFS conference urged delegates to return to their campuses and hold general meetings where common issues and proposals could be discussed for the day of concern.

All campuses contacted by The Brunswickan indicated that there were committees and persons actively involved in planning NSD activities, although they were

unsure of general student support.

UNB plans no activities except dissemination of information, although NSD Committee chairperson Bill Sanderson said there was a "fervent hope that students will sit down and discuss it among themselves."

"National Student Day will be what is made of it," he said.

Posters and pamphlets from NUS will be used.

Sanderson complained of a low level support for NSD and charged student leaders with apathy on the question. He accused student union president Jim Smith in particular of a lack of action on the matter.

"Where were those people who should've supported me five weeks ago who are getting on my ass now because the committee hasn't produced any results," Sanderson stormed.

He said all three members of the NSD Committee, science representative Alexa Morrison, external vice-president Alex Kibaki, and Sanderson himself, were taking seven courses. "We've looked for support. We haven't received very much," he said.

The SRC allocated \$110 to NSD activities.

The Universite de Moncton Federation des Etudiants plans to hold a "day of concern" but not on Nov. 9.

Federation secretary Gilles Beaulieu said the themes should not be dictated by AFS, NUS, or the student federation. U de M is not a member of NUS, but Beaulieu emphasized that they support the

idea of NSD and are devoting much time to preparing it.

He said different campuses had particular and regional concerns and ideas for discussion must come from the local student population. Students in the social services program plan to survey students and gather suggestions which will be used to set up workshops to deal with these concerns.

Beaulieu hoped the university administration would cancel classes to allow scheduling of the workshops. A lack of support from the administration would indicate a preoccupation with academic matters at the expense of "education," he said.

Beaulieu noted that concern matters outside the university.

Dalhousie NSD contact person Gord Neal said a committee of approximately 20 people chaired by Bernard MacDonnell is "working very hard" organizing a general meeting on the night of Nov. 9.

"If we generate enough support, said Neal, "we'll take a walk down to the legislative building."

Other NSD activities included committee members talking to classes, a debate with the former minister of education Maynard MacAskal, workshops, and possibly a rally.

However, he said this was not likely.

He said support for NSD was "not as much as we'd like," but, "the people that are working are working very hard."

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