



Dalhousie delegates Jim Prentice and Mike Power at student organizational meeting last weekend

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could hold referenda asking that the AFS fees go to a provincial organization instead."

The delegates agreed the purpose of the organization would be to represent the concerns of students in the province, but no motions were passed to determine whether the organization would be politically or service oriented.

Roberge said, "People feel the type of issues we deal with will depend on financial and human resources. Right now it seems as though the political work is most important."

A cutbacks committee was set up at the conference and will report to the next meeting, at Acadia the weekend of

November 25.

Gene Long, Atlantic field-worker for the National Union of Students said "They've done the first step towards concrete work on cutbacks. And that's our primary concern for the spring."

Long felt substantial progress was made at the weekend meeting. "It's not a very cut and dry task to start a new organization", he said. "People naturally have reservations about committing themselves to a new organization. The process takes time and this meeting was the first essential stage in moving things forward."

"No matter how long it takes to get the organization working with full resources, there was a clear commitment to do as much work as possible on the cutbacks issue without a structured organization in existence right now. We might not see it for another year but it doesn't mean work won't get done," he said.

Since the new organization has no constitution a committee was established to present proposals to the next meeting.

Mike MacDonald of the College of Cape Breton was elected as the Nova Scotia representative on the National Union of Students Central Committee. MacDonald will sit on the new provincial organization's executive as a non-voting member.

Band bows to pressure

OTTAWA (CUP)—The Toronto new wave band Battered Wives has bowed to pressure from women's and student groups and changed its controversial name.

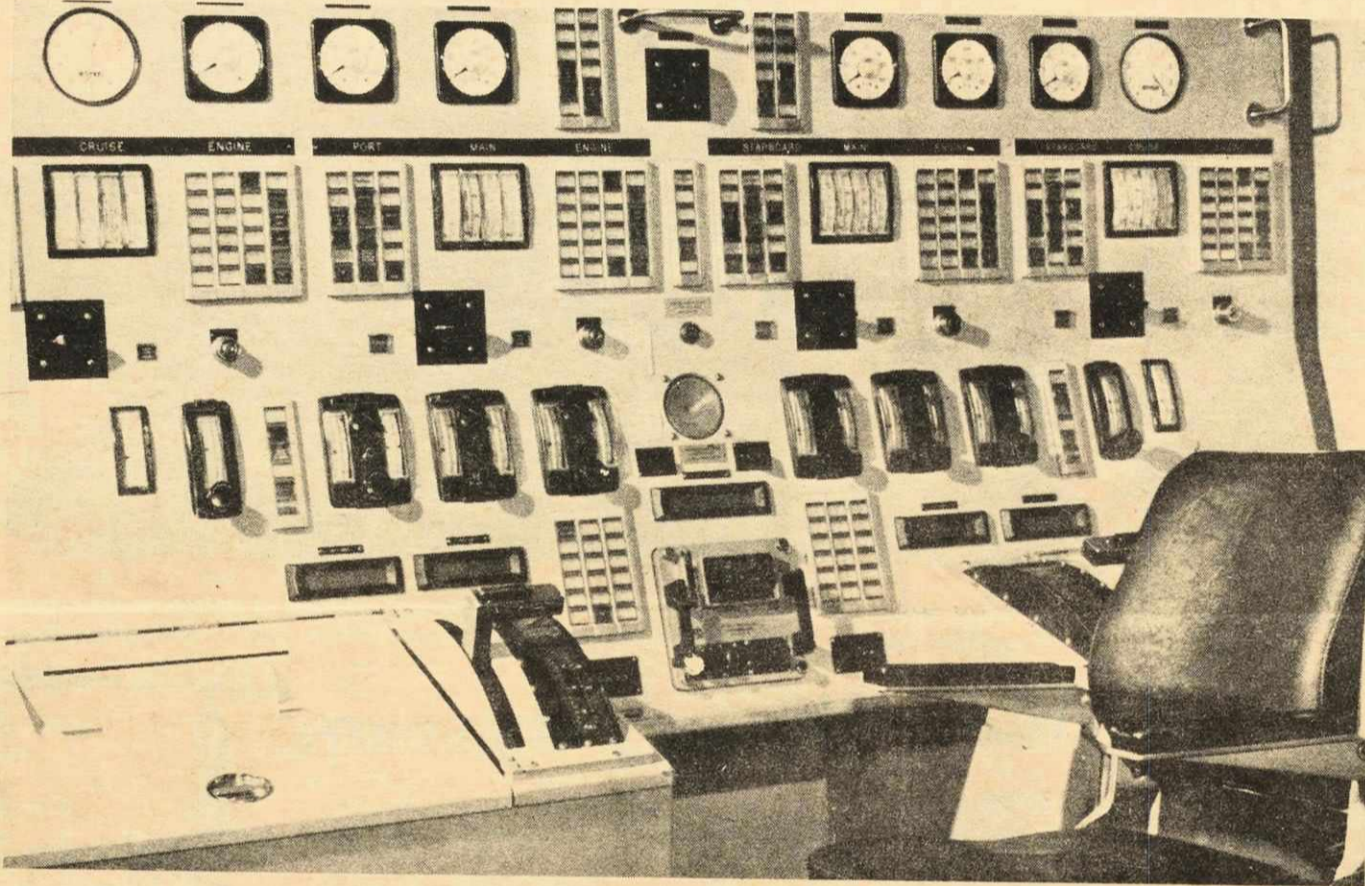
The group announced that it would now call itself simply the Wives.

The change in name was a result of women's organizations across Canada protesting the group's use of violence against women as a promotional gimmick. The group's logo featured a fist with the impression of a woman's lips on it.

According to the band's manager, John Hughes, the group faced cancellation of their 13-city tour of Canada because of planned demonstrations and disruptions.

Several of the band's performances had already been cancelled. A concert at Carleton University in Ottawa was cancelled two weeks ago after the campus Women's Centre and an Ottawa centre for battered women protested the planned appearance.

The National Union of Students passed a motion condemning the use of violence against women in promotional campaigns at its semi-annual conference October 15.



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