

AAS DISSOLVES:

Provincial Union Planned

ANTIGONISH, N.S. (CUP) — The last congress of the Association of Atlantic Students October 29 became the first Atlantic Students Conference as AAS dissolved into three provincial unions.

The ASC will meet annually to exchange information and co-ordinate political action among the provincial bodies and unaffiliated schools throughout the Maritimes.

The first ASC project is an Atlantic student day in late January, when unions in Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and New Brunswick will barrage their provincial governments.

Dalhousie president Dennis Ashworth said, "We didn't come here to preside over the funeral of AAS. We came to work for a strong political union." He said AAS failed because it lacked leadership, and did nothing.

"But provincial unions can do a lot of effective political work, and provincial meetings will force ASC delegates to do their homework before the annual conference."

ASC adopted the CUS declaration of the Canadian student as a working guide, but its policy will not be binding and it will not provide services.

CUS president-elect Peter Warrian Saturday called the trend to provincial unions a historical bind.

Warrian said in an interview he looked for a return to regional organization in a few years, when the trend set by the Ontario Union of Students proved unfeasible for the rest of the country.

CUS Vice-president Don Mitchell said the Atlantic universities are not ready for provincial unions, "There are two provinces with nothing to work with — PEI and Newfoundland."

"But the idea of a regional conference of Maritime campuses is good, and could be used to build a region-wide political base."

The AAS break-up was opposed by King's College and St. Francis Xavier. King's President Steve Hart said the real problems of education are not regional, not provincial, and urged a strong Maritime union be built on the rubble of AAS.

"We came to build AAS, not kill it. ASC will only be an exchange of ideas, not a political entity."

The ASC will be open to non-members of provincial bodies.

St. Francis Xavier president John Gorman urged retention of an AAS modelled after CUS national, with full-time secretariat and budget, to help members organize football conferences and winter carnivals.

Said Ashworth: "We've got enough damn service organizations. Provincial union and the ASC are political bodies."

St. Mary's University will host a conference in November to found the Nova Scotia union.

Mount Allison delegates missed Saturday's provincial caucus meetings and Sunday's plenary. They went home Saturday afternoon for their Junior Prom.

UNB which withdrew from AAS, has gone on record as supporting provincial unions.

Acadia president Bob Levy said his school, which dropped out of CUS and the AAS, will join a provincial union.

Dave Raynor, speaking for PEI's Prince of Wales College and St. Dunstan's University, said a provincial union is planned.

"We've got only two schools," he said, "if both join, we've got 100% of students in a solid block. But neither of us will join another provincial union."

PEI plans to host next year's Atlantic Student Conference. Newfoundland was not represented at the conference.

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Harrison House Students Protest Bill

Students of Harrison House have protested in a petition to President Mackay, the purchase of a rug without their consent and billed to them by former Dean of Men's Residences Richard Grant.

The petition, sent to President Mackay, read in part,

"Last spring our House Council investigated the possibility of acquiring carpeting for the House library; at that time we decided against such action because of financial considerations. During the summer, however, the then Dean of Men's Residences ordered the acquisition and installation of a \$777 rug in our lounge, without either request or ratification by our House Council.

"Upon our return to Residence this fall, we were presented with a bill for the full cost.

AQUINIAN EDITOR RESIGNS

Al Maitland, Editor-in-Chief of the St. Thomas University student newspaper, the Aquinian, resigned last week.

Maitland said his resignation was due to the apathy of his staff. He had particular difficulty with his female staffers, who were reluctant to work in the Aquinian office located on the third floor of the STU Men's Residence.

Don Poure, former photographer for the Aquinian and the Brunswickan has applied for the position.

BURN, BABY, BURN!

In the spirit of the Inquisition there will be a "Magazine burning" on the Residence Students' Parking Lot on Monday, November 13, 1967 at 8:00 p.m. Please bring all available copies of MacLean's October issue.

— Committee for the Edification
of UNB

At first we considered bearing a reasonable portion of the expense. When it became clear that the university administration was not prepared to accept any financial responsibility for its decision, we suggested the return of the rug. The Dean of Men's Residences ruled out this course of action, but the problem remains; we are simply not in a position to subsidize the mistakes of others."

John Filliter, a student of Harrison House, agreed to write a complete analysis of the situation concerning residence rules. However, Mr. Filliter informed the Brunswickan a few minutes before press time that the article would not be forthcoming because of "further developments". The report was written, Mr. Filliter said, but it was now in the hands of Dean McKeown.

Monday No Holiday, Says Council

The Students Representative Council defeated a motion Sunday to declare the Monday following Remembrance Day as a student holiday.

Amid bursts of laughter from other counselors, Engineering Representative Robert McKeen moved that, since the Federal and Provincial governments had declared the day a statutory holiday and since the UNB Administration had failed to do so, the SRC should take it upon themselves to recommend that students not attend classes Monday in respect to Canada's War dead.

Several members voiced opposition to the motion on the basis that the day was a legal holiday solely on the basis that Remembrance Day, usually a holiday, falls this year on a Saturday.

After extended discussion, Law Representative asked McKeen, "Why should Monday be a holiday?"

Counsellor McKeen, obviously having changed his mind since he introduced the motion, replied, "I don't know."

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