

NS Student Coalition-'looking good for future'

By SHEENAGH MURPHY

A tentative constitution for the proposed Nova Scotia Coalition of students was drafted last weekend at a meeting between members of various Nova Scotia universities. Acadia student union president B.J. Arseneau said that the constitution will be approved at a meeting of all Nova Scotia institutions on November 25, and 26th.

Arseneau said that the basics were discussed and the more important details will be decided at the upcoming meeting. He said that a member executive is proposed with emphasis on the campuses themselves doing a lot of the work needed to make a viable student organizations. He said there will have to be representatives on each campus, who will work on their own campus and then report to a plenary of the main organization once a month.

Arseneau said a large part of the discussion was devoted to going over the problems which resulted in the dissolution of AFS and attempting to work out methods of avoiding similar problems in the new organization.

Arseneau said the Acadian tended to differ from other Nova Scotian institutions in their views on how a new organization should be built. He said that Acadia feels the tone staff person and an office is not enough for the new organization with more viable workers on campus. He said that this would mean that there would be no heavy reliance on them, and should problems occur in the interstaff area then the whole organization wouldn't be affected.

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suggestion that institutions should be allowed to decide independently what course of action to take on a certain issue. He said that this would mean that there would be no heavy reliance on them, and should problems occur in the interstaff area then the whole organization wouldn't be affected. Another proposal which was brought to the floor at Dalhousie, but rejected was Arseneau's suggestion that institutions should be allowed to decide independently what course of action to take on a certain issue. He said that this could mean, "two or three years down the line, if 8 institutions want to demonstrate and 2 do not, then the 2 dissenting members should be allowed to hold their own opinion without being alienated."

Arseneau said this policy of alienation was one of the problems with AFS and New Brunswick should know, as when they expressed dissatisfaction with the organization they were alienated. He said he was accused of trying to get out of his commitments before the organization even got off the ground and allowed the matter to drop.

Arseneau said he never objected to giving moral support as that was necessary.

Arseneau said a number of Nova Scotian institutions looked to New Brunswick for guidance with this issue. He feels that the New Brunswick province has had a significant influence on the decision of the institutions to disolve AFS and the desirability of having a provincial organization. Arseneau said that many new Brunswick student political figures such as Steve Berube have been sitting behind the scenes giving advice and offering constructive criticism. He said that Berube was at the Dalhousie

conference and foresaw some of the problems the infant organization my run into. He concluded by saying that the organization was still in its earliest stage and he personally did not foresee it as a working unit before fall of 1979.

Former staffperson Howard Brashinsky said that one of the main reasons AFS failed was because of the "potbelly" too many executive. He said this resulted often in the executive resented. He feels that the organization, seeing this, tried to change its policy, but found it

impossible.

Bashinsky said that he was hesitant about commenting on the new organization as it was still being worked on. He said he was impressed by what he termed the "personal commitment" of the members who attended the conference and also by how well informed they were.

He said he was pleased to see the structure developed which included the campuses to a greater extent.

He said that these campus committees are at a monthly

meeting of the executive. Bashinsky said he was a bit opposed to asix person executive contemplated as this is what was wrong with the AFS. He feels that a secretary, treasurer and chairperson would be adequate.

He said that correspondence, organization of meetings etc and similar duties could be taken care of by those three people and there was no need for anyone else.

Bashinsky said he did not see the Nova Scotia organization getting off the ground in the near future but is "cautiously optimistic about it."

A look at Beaver Foods

By MIKE MACKINNON & JOEY KILFOIL

UNB saw a new food service come into effect this year as Beaver has taken over the contract from former food supplier Saga Foods.

Last year Saga lost money at UNB, however, Dave Campbell, director of Beaver Foods said losing money does not mean anything in this business. He will know on Saturday where the service is losing money. One loss is McConnell Hall. Here, a student drinks an average of six glasses of milk a day. This costs him approximately seventy-five cents of a total daily food bill of \$3.62.

Some changes are in store for the food service. One change is raising the standards in the residences, for example, cutlery bins are kept in stock; and dirty cutlery removed. Some changes have already been made such as the unofficial opening of the cafeterias fifteen minutes earlier. Which was done because many students requested it. Increased hours is another change brought in by Beaver Foods. They do not serve on holidays because of contract agreements. According to appendix F of the contract, the 1978-79 Food Calendar is as follows: Supper, September 4, 1978 to lunch, October 6, 1978; Supper, October 9, 1978 - lunch, December 16, 1978; supper, January 2, 1979 - lunch, February 23, 1979; Supper, March 4, 1979 - lunch, April, 1979. This means there will be no food services



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available to anyone here during the Christmas holidays or the March break.

The SUB will not be open at night because the cafeterias were making only, on the average, 80 dollars a night. This was set up originally as an experiment.

Beaver Food services are based in London, Ontario with regional offices in Fredericton, Halifax, Toronto, among others. They employ seventy-five full time employees and one hundred students as part-time employees.

Anyone having complaints can contact Dave Campbell or Howie Goldberg. Campbell said he has received many calls on the matter. He said, "the message has been put across to the subcontractor".

"It is no good to do a good job in one area and a poor job in another," said Campbell. One particularly troublesome machine is the coffee machine opposite the science library. One thing causing problems with the vending machines is vandalism.

Campbell said residences have a fixed percentage based on the consumer price index and by contract there will be no price hikes until at least July 15th.

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