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Alliance split on political action

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The New Brunswick Coalition of Students met last Saturday and Sunday in the UNB Student Union Building to continue the work begun when its constitution was approved at the last meeting. The NBCS, which will now be known as the Students' Alliance des Etudiants, looked at political action, the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission (MPHEC) financial plan for 1983-84, National Student Day activities, and a charter of principles.

The only item on the agenda to generate any split amongst the four universities in attendance was the proposal for political action. UNB Student Union president John Bosnitch and the representative from Université de Moncton led the way in having the Alliance encourage students to take their rightful place in society. According to Bosnitch, this means students should be taking an active role in external politics. It was mentioned students should field candidates in all democratic elections. Mt.

Allison opposed the motion, while St. Thomas abstained.

In addition to political action especially at the municipal level, the Alliance supported greater student involvement in the planning of education.

For this reason primarily, the annual report of the MPHEC was rejected by the Alliance. As in past reports, there was no student participation in the preparation of the report, which goes to the Council of Maritime Premiers.

The report recommended a 12.1% increase in the funding given to post secondary institutions. The increase is based on minimum funding requirements, and does not take into account large increases in enrolment levels. Canadian Federation of Students Atlantic region fieldworker, Mark Lenihan, who attended the Alliance's meeting, noted afterwards this figure means little. If past funding is any indication, between 6% and 9% is all that can be expected.

The Student Union of Nova Scotia (SUNS) has repeatedly rejected the MPHEC's report in past years, and two weeks ago a provincial advisory board was created. It is hoped the

MPHEC will eventually be superseded by more decentralized provincial bodies.

The Alliance itself called for the immediate dissolution of the MPHEC, to be replaced by a New Brunswick commission, with guaranteed student representation.

After the meeting, Bosnitch said he would like to see the rights, duties and powers of students, student unions, and the Alliance set down in the charter. Students have the right to be judged on academic standards only. They have the right to be free from restrictions imposed by the student union. They have a duty to

take a full role in society. The student unions have duty to protect students from discrimination. The Alliance has the power to represent the demands of the post secondary institutions of New Brunswick to any body - government or otherwise.

These are the principles UNB will propose for inclusion in the charter. Bosnitch affirmed his desire to see only principles embodied, from which action will stem, rather than a statement of actions.

If the charter is approved by the Alliance, it will be unveiled during a symposium to be held at UNB on National Students'

Day, March 23. The Alliance will present guest lecturers, films, seminars, and presentations for the benefit of New Brunswick students, and to inform the public of the issues which face students. There will be smaller scale events at other campuses, but the focus will be at UNB to ensure adequate media coverage.

The Alliance will meet next on March 5 and 6, and will be hosted by St. Thomas. They will provide the location, a chairman, translation, and other services, while UNB will act as information officer for the Alliance until the next meeting.

Social Club withholds rent

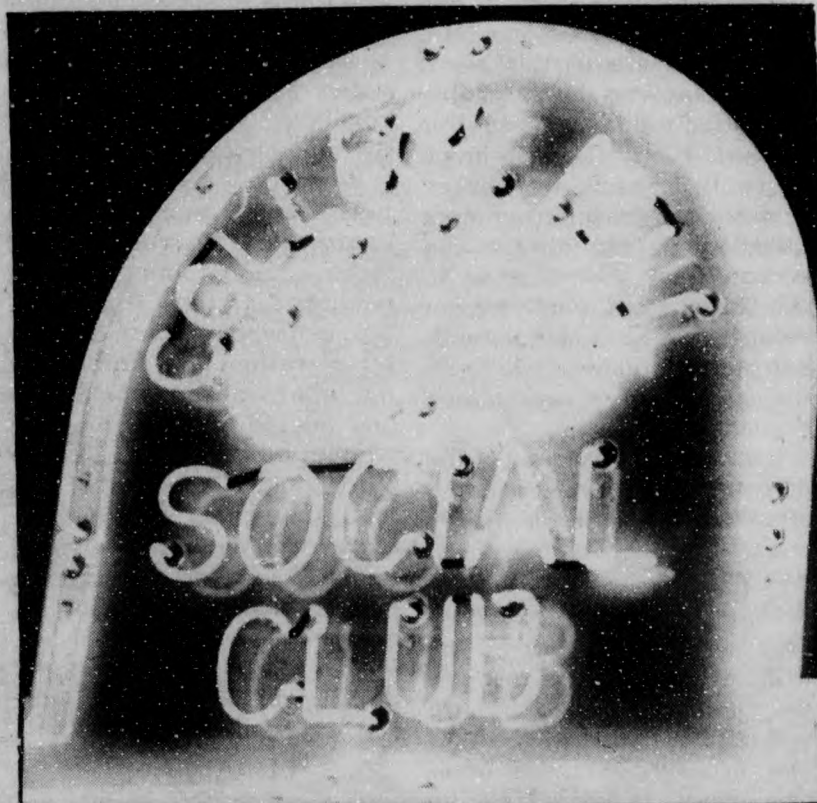
By GERARD FINNAN
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At the regular monthly SUB Board meeting on February 10th, the College Hill Social Club requested it be permitted to withhold payment of its rent, for the months January-April, until the end of September.

In a letter to SUB Board Chairman, Brent Bartley, Jim Haley, Chairman of Social Club Board, stated, "the College Hill Social Club, Inc. finds itself with a cash flow deficiency." Social Club Manager, Ric Cuthbertson, stated that cost overruns on the Club's expansion had resulted in the deficiency and forced the Club to make a request to the SUB Board.

The Director of the Student Union Building, Darcy Flynn, estimates the amount of money involved at \$20,000. The SUB Board agreed to the request and is charging the Social Club interest. Flynn does not expect the SUB to suffer any financial hardships because of the agreement.

Neither Cuthbertson or Flynn expect any problems for the Social Club to repay the



rent and Cuthbertson expects the Social Club to be back on normal track by mid May.

The Social Club has been keeping tighter control of purchases, office supplies and has cut back on some staff hours in an attempt to ease the burden. Cuthbertson foresees no reason to expect membership dues to increase in the fall

because of the present problems.

Cuthbertson also pointed out that the Social Club funds the Woodshed and he felt it was too important a service to cut out. "The request to the UNB Board will therefore benefit the Social Club in the long run," said Cuthbertson.

AIESEC comes to UNB

By PATTY LENIHAN

Perhaps you've seen the posters boasting the AIESEC name or maybe you've heard people mentioning it. Professors have been talking about it, there have been guest speakers in classrooms and group meetings have begun. Is it the new craze? It could well turn out to be after the potential benefits become known.

AIESEC (pronounced eye-sek) is the French acronym for the International Association for Students of Economics and Commerce. It is an international, non-profit, student organization opening a new local at UNB.

Through this organization, students gain practical business experience and meet key business personalities through luncheons, seminars and receptions. AIESEC also holds Career Days where students are introduced to career opportunities and various companies right here on campus.

AIESEC can also give you international working experience in your field through our traineeship program. Companies in 59 countries hire a

foreign student for 2 to 18 months to participate in the operations of their firm. Students of Business Administration, Economics and Computer Science are highly in demand. You choose the country - AIESEC will arrange for your visa, insurance, housing, social activities and place of work.

A few weeks ago, some of our members participated in the National Congress in Montreal. Upcoming events include a Regional Congress at Dalhousie University and a Meet the Local Businessmen Day. We are also planning an event for the fall where you could be an "Executive for a Day."

The UNB local executive are: President Dave Corbin; VP Finance, Andrew Cook; VP Marketing, Patti Lenihan; VP External Relations, Mike Graham; VP Internal Relations, Leanne Smith; VP Exchange, Michael Tsmaz; VP Special Projects, Debbie Haché; VP Administration/Membership, Sue Rouse.

Join now and learn more about the benefits AIESEC UNB has to offer. Watch for posters announcing our next meeting.

Colville expresses concern

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Renowned Canadian artist Alex Colville delivered this year's W.S. MacNutt Memorial Lecture at MacLaggan Hall on Feb. 9. The lecture, entitled "An Artist in the Maritimes," was attended by a capacity crowd. Accompanying his talk was a slide show of 21 paintings of the last ten years.

Colville stated his concern for the future of the arts in our society. He noted that universities are becoming more like job-training centers and less like centers of classical education. The liberal arts and sciences, he feels, are vital or else society will regress. Already, the society he sees around him is demoralized, with culture suffering what he refers to as "anomie." A great

many of the populace feels "affectlessness, apathy, and boredom," and he notes an absence of motivation. These, he feels, are the dangers of being "excessively laid back."

The solution for this problem, Colville believes, is that people, especially those in government, must become interested in the preservation of

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