



## AFS CHALLENGES MPHEC

HALIFAX (CUP) - The Nova Scotia Caucus of the Atlantic Federation of Students decided Saturday to challenge the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission by demanding that they face students in public forums on campus.

The MPHEC had invited AFS to meet with them formally while in Halifax on a speaking tour later in March.

An earlier motion to boycott the meetings was defeated. Student representatives felt that

although the MPHEC had proven to be a "facade", more could be gained by questioning the commission in front of students.

Matt Adamson, Saint Mary's Student Council external vice-president, said, "By exposing the MPHEC to students, AFS can show everyone what a farce this supposedly 'neutral' body has become. This will be an education for students."

Last year the MPHEC asked the governments to increase subsidies to the institutions for 1977-78 by 11.5 per cent, but the government decreased this figure to 7 per cent. This year's recommendation of 14 per cent was cut almost in half.

Delegates to the meeting mapped out a campaign against educational cutbacks urging students to research cutbacks in various university departments to discover the effects on the quality of education. This research was called for at a November general meeting of AFS but had not gotten underway.

Gene Long, Atlantic fieldworker for the National Union of Students, told delegates they must continually gather information and keep the cutbacks issue alive on campus. As well we should pressure the administrations to take

a stand on tuition hikes, he said.

The caucus voted to pay special attention to the situation at Universit  de Ste. Anne where there may be drastic cutbacks in the number of professors. Students there are attempting to gain representation of the University's Budget Committee. The small university is unique because of its bilingual nature and could greatly suffer if the administration's plans of cutting down the faculty of 30 are carried through.

Anne Soucy from Saint Mary's addressed the meeting about part-time students. Delegates agreed that work on student aid for the coming year should give priority to part-time students. Presently there is no aid for part-timers in Nova Scotia.

Chris Lavinge from the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design was elected Central Committee member for the province, replacing Don Soucy also of NSCAD. Paula Wedge from Mount Saint Vincent was appointed to the Student Aid Advisory Committee and Mary O'Donnell from Saint Mary's is the new student aid co-ordinator. Denise Roberge of Dalhousie replaces Marc Allain, also of Dal, as the new Nova Scotia caucus chairperson.



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## ELECTION TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY

The 1978 General Student Union Elections will be held on Wednesday, February 22. The results of that day's voting will determine the Student Council of U.P.E.I. for 1978-79, thus making this coming Wednesday one of the most important days of the year for U.P.E.I. students. The gravity of this occasion cannot be stressed too much and so, it is with a recognition of the importance of this day that I urge all U.P.E.I. students to go to Robertson Library between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22 to vote for next year's Student Council. However if it is impossible for some to vote on Wed., you will have equal opportunity to exercise your right at the advance poll on Tuesday, Feb. 21 between 12 noon and 5:00 p.m.

The issues in this election are of great importance and the stand taken by the candidates on each issue is the greatest singular factor in determining the incoming Council. It is on the basis of each candidate's platform that he or she is elected. In order to make an

open-minded and honest judgement on election day, it is essential that the voter knows each candidate's platform. A general meeting will be held on Monday, Feb. 20 at 7:00 p.m. in Duffy Amphitheatre so that everyone will have the opportunity to meet the candidates running for the council positions and to hear and question the speeches of the candidates running for executive positions. The speeches will also be broadcast over CIMN, so if anyone is unable to go to Duffy, you will be able to hear the candidates on radio.

Again, I urge everyone to vote on Tuesday or Wednesday. Each and every candidate is putting his/her utmost into this election and they all deserve your consideration for their respective positions. In closing, I wish all candidates the very best of luck and look forward to seeing all voters at the speeches on Monday night and at the polls Tuesday or Wednesday.

## PANTHERETTES SWEEP UP IN TOURNAMENT

by Nancy Farrell

Congratulations are in order for the UPEI Pantherettes Broomball team who were victorious at the annual Morell Broomball Tournament on Saturday, February 4.

Eight teams participated in the day-long tournament. Their first encounter was against the Bristol Stardusters, taking that game in overtime 1-0. The second game, against Fort Augustus Rec. Centre, was won 3-0.

The playoffs began Sunday night with U.P.E.I. taking the first game 1-0 in overtime against the Livingston Welders Vampires. The championship game was at 6 p.m. against Eldon's Esso which was won by 4-1.

Leading scorers in the tournament were Barb Mill with five goals, Sandy Dunsford with two and Linda Wournell with a single.

The UPEI team's record for the season was 6 wins, 5 losses and 2 ties.