

# ONE DOLLAR FOR AFS

On Wednesday February 22, a "referendum" will be held to decide whether we as a Student Union will continue our membership in the Atlantic Federation of Students.

One of the greatest concerns regarding a referendum is that the students are not aware of the facts surrounding the issues. It is my intention in this article to provide you with those facts and hopefully they will encourage you to vote on REFERENDUM DAY.

The Atlantic Federation of Students is a student organization with its head office in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Membership is open to any student association at a post-secondary educational institution which; is democratic, student controlled and authorized to represent the general interests of its members. The student association must agree to contribute such fees as have been determined by a plenary session of the AFS; which at the present time is \$1.00 per student and in terms of total amount at U.P.E.I. \$1550.00. Our Student Union has fulfilled the above criteria and therefore are active members until September 1978. At that time, if we meet the required standards of the Federation, pay our fees, and have received your (Student Union) approval we will remain active members for another twelve month period. Your approval or disapproval will be voiced in the results of the referendum.

In P.E.I. there are two co-ordinators of A.F.S. activities. One person is appointed by the U.P.E.I.S.U. to act as campus co-ordinator and the other person is appointed by the Active AFS organizations within their province. Since U. P. E. I. is the only Active member, both representatives have in the past and present been students of this university.

A F S has an approved budget and at present is financially stable. The financial records are audited and approved by a Halifax Chartered accounting agency.

A full-time staff person was hired in January to help maintain the co-ordination and continuity of the Federation. Some of her duties include head office managing, research, organization of students and visiting member institutions to help carry out A F S policy.

In A F S' words, there is an A F S because; the issues that affect university and college students in the Atlantic have a very real and sometimes painful consistency to them. With the government determining policy and assistance levels for the institutions from a regional perspective, unemployment running rife throughout the Atlantic, and changes in the Student Aid plan being considered from national and regional viewpoints, the levels at which decisions that affect students are being made are coming more into focus than ever before.

There should be little or no question that the growing manifestations of the effect of regional issues are the single biggest factor providing a ra- of an Atlantic student union. If students ever expect to have a voice in matters that affect them as students and residents of the Atlantic area, organizing at the regional level is the most realistic way to go about it. To accept the need for a student representative group at any level in the first place, implies in the Atlantic, an Atlantic Federation of Students.

The key-note for an organization such as AFS is co-ordination, co-ordination at the regional level of work that should be proceeding at the individual campuses, in the areas of research, policy making, mobilization, action, and continued effective lobbying.

In reference to A F S policy, there are some important issues confronting Atlantic students that AFS has no hesitation in meeting head-on. Those issues are as follows: government cutbacks, especially in regards to their refusal to accept the MPHEC recommendation of a 14% increase in university budgets, unemployment, student aid, student housing, and many other areas.

Presently the structure of AFS is solid and workable. The weakest link between AFS and the students right now is the student councils, especially ours. U.P.E.I.S.U. has established some excellent policies in reference to administrative issues, but in regard to policies on issues such as cutbacks, student employment, housing and etc. there are

none. For AFS to be of any value to UPEI students some changes have to be established.

a. Either U.P.E.I.S.U. accepts AFS policy and works along those guidelines.

b. U.P.E.I.S.U. get out of the political business and remain a glorified social committee and allow AFS to run the political show.

c. Or preferably: establish policies which are workable with AFS policies and work as

a team towards the same goals.

It is your option to choose either a, b, or c., and to make your choice known to the student council. You have one more option which will be indicated on the referendum ballot and available to you on "REFERENDUM DAY" February 22, to be held in the Robertson Library. PLEASE VOTE AND EXPRESS YOUR CONCERNS.  
Ray Shalala



## Sunday Night Movie

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