

A.F.S Discusses Breakdown in Communications

A meeting of the Atlantic Federation of Students was held on January 17 and 18 at The Nova Scotia Agricultural College; with representatives from all of the Atlantic Provinces Universities except from U.N.B.

The Meeting opened with a review of the October and May 1975 minutes.

A preliminary discussion followed concerning the topics which were most important to students in general. It was decided to break into groups for intense discussion on certain topics.

Three Group Meetings were held and resulted in the following presentations:

Group A - There were four considerations regarding the general philosophy of Student Aid.

- 1 View of Student Aid.
- 2 Effectiveness of on campus representation in Student Services to provide an information Programme.
- 3 Submission of income statements from students stating summer earnings, in the hope of eliminating unequal distribution of loans.
- 4 Reinstatement of Student representation on Appeals Committee rather than an annual visit from the Minister of Education regarding policy making.

Group B - Summer Employment was brought up and they felt that this is one area which needs to be seriously looked at. It appears that most summer employment opportunities are being curtailed, i.e. O F Y and agriculturally oriented positions. Also they felt that the Part-time Student situation should be looked at and a course of action be decided upon, concerning Student Loans and Bursaries. Also the Married Student situation was reported to be unrealistic and should be looked into.

Group C - This group felt the Student Loans should be upgraded to follow the increase of the cost of living. Therefore they suggested that the loan level should be raised to \$3600.00 with \$1000.00 of this being loan, \$1600.00 of this being bursary, the balance being overhead. They also felt that the interest free period should be extended to ONE year rather than six months. This situation is being handled by NUS and it would be in order for AFS to support them, for example in the form of a presentation of a brief. Transparency

was also look at by this group, and this avenue was looked at completely separate from the cost of living allowance on the Student Loan; that is Gas prices, buses, University rates, insurance rates, the need to be able to get to part-time positions, and the distance of off-campus students in relation to school,

The morning session then broke off and begun again again at 2:00 P.M. with the topic being; the situation of A.F.S., re priorities and structure of the union. It was suggested that the main problem with AFS is a breakdown of communication amongst campuses. As a result of this groups were once again formed to

discuss the priorities and structure of AFS. The result of this was; the priorities would be, Housing, Student Aid, Communications, and M.P.H.E.C. A definite structure was not decided upon at this time as the proposed structure was not accepted by U.P.E.I..

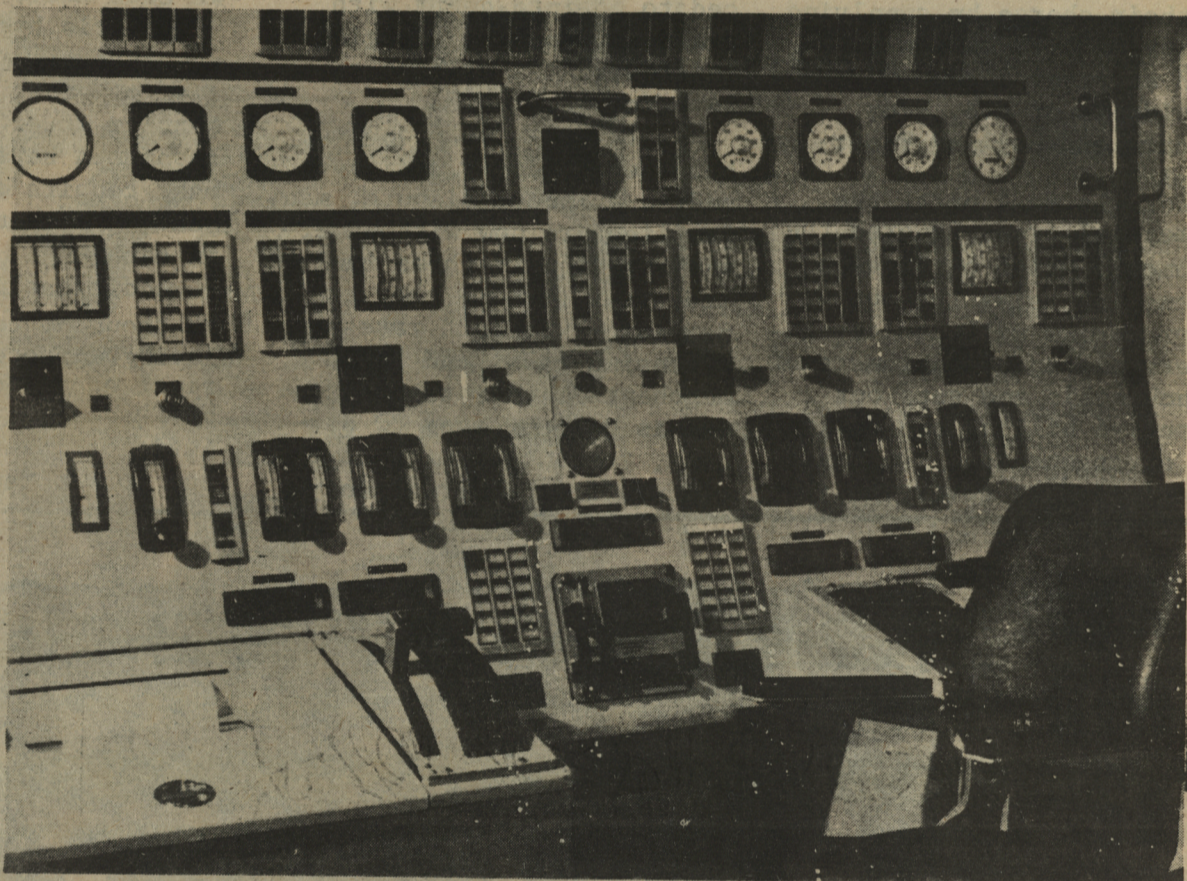
At the evening sessions there was a presentation by Frances Long concerning NUS, which does pertain to U.P.E.I. students at this time as we do not belong to this organization at this time.

On Sunday at the plenary session; the dates of the next conference were set they being April 30 to May 2, 1976. The Student Aid subject discussed on Saturday was once again discussed and it was decided

that each representative would have a report prepared for the next meeting concerning this topic.

One other thing which was discussed in short was U.P.E.I.'s bid for the Veterinary School of Medicine. It was felt by a member of NSAC that AFS should support them in their bid for the Vet School. It was suggested that U.P.E.I.'s bid for the School was a step towards justifying their existence, we in turn reported that a study has been taken of the various Universities and according to this study, we are justified in our bid, for agricultural and aquacultural reasons in our region.

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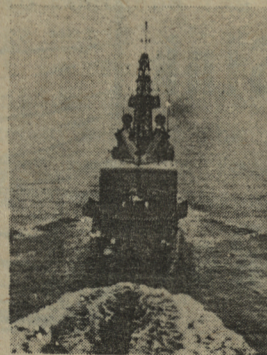
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