

# MEDIA FAILS TO TELL ISSUES

HALIFAX (CP) — Most news media in the Maritime Provinces have failed to meet their "responsibilities" to create public awareness of issues involved in Maritime union, Kingsley Brown, of Antigonish, N.S. said here today.

Mr. Brown, director of communications for the Prince Edward Island region-

al development plan, spoke at the Atlantic Province Economic Council's annual meeting. The meeting is considering the pros and cons of Maritime union.

He said that "Maritime newspapers, radio stations, and television stations, particularly the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, have largely

abdicated their responsibilities in creating greater critical judgements and social awareness" of issues surrounding Maritime union.

Some misconceptions that the news media should be exploding, he said, were that Maritime union would lessen the area's representation in

the House of Commons and the Senate, and that Nova Scotia's financial position would be weakened.

With a few notable exceptions, political and business leadership in the Maritimes was weak. This lack of leadership hurt most in a region where the per capita was the

lowest in the country.

Mr. Brown said Maritime leaders should help the region respond to federal attacks on regional disparity. "It's difficult for the government to help people who won't help themselves."

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## 'Changes Needed' - Says Pres.

Drastic changes are needed in higher education if it is to become relevant in the lives of students who attend university says Interim Union President John Heavenny. He suggests that professors should play a greater role and be given greater recognition in the educational process, and that concern should

be geared more toward the student than toward research.

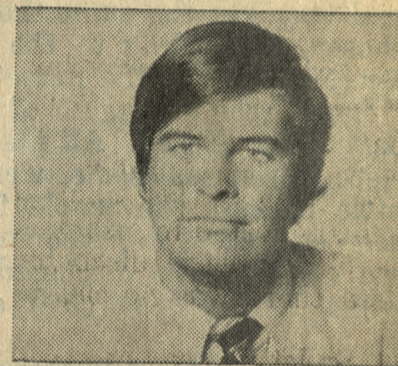
These suggestions form part of a seven-point program which Keavenny believes will reform education in such a manner that it will be useful and relevant to today's generation. In a lengthy article he says that: "Today

more than ever before colleges and universities have become woven closely into the fabric of our society. Our economy, our government, our military strength, our churches, our schools, and our cultural life, are all utterly dependent upon the institutions of higher education. We simply could not operate our

society — it would soon break down — without the educated and trained people the universities, etc. provide and without the basic research they perform.

Higher education has changed fantastically in our time; enrollments have skyrocketed, facilities have been enormously improved, new fields of study have been added, and the governance of institutions has been under-

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PRESIDENT J. KEAVENNY

### IN MEMORIAM

## CUS DIES AT U of T

TORONTO (CUP)—The Canadian Union of Students is dead. Thursday (Oct. 22) students at the University of Toronto voted to withdraw from the union. Without Toronto's membership fees the union, which has been losing members for the last two years, can't possibly continue financially.

With its membership cut to less than a dozen institutions it wouldn't be much use continuing anyway.

"The exact fate of the union will be decided at a national council meeting next Monday and Tuesday," said CUS president Martin Loney Thursday night. "I don't want to make any comments until then about future plans," he said while attending a CUS party generally billed as a wake.

Financially the union may not even be able to meet its present commitments. "If those who are still members pay, and if Toronto pays the portion covering the last two months, we're OK — otherwise I don't know," Loney said.

The Toronto vote had a record campus turnout of 38 per cent. 5434 students voted 'no' and 2222 'yes.'

Student president Gus Abols, who campaigned against CUS, said he was very satisfied with the results.

"This proves to me," he said, "that the radicals are no longer the representa-

tives and the students have rejected them."

Loney disagreed that the meaning was clear.

Loney agreed, however, that the vote did give some indication of students' political views.

"It shows that a lot of students are no more or less liberal than the general public — when things are put to them in the form of anti-communism they will respond the same as the voters did in British Columbia — which is a reflection of our educational system and the society it perpetuates," Loney said referring to a B.C. provincial election in which Social Credit leader W. A. C. Bennett openly red-baited to defeat strong NDP challengers.

In the last few months CUS has been attacked from the left as well as the right. As early as last February some radical left students at the University of Waterloo had opposed CUS during a crucial referendum battle eventually lost by 17 votes.

Loney was disappointed by the attacks from the left. "In the actual context of what's happening, he said, "they ignored what CUS could do to increase awareness, and instead of giving the organization critical support sat back and watched the right wing backlash."

The end of CUS may not be the end of a national student organization. At Toronto, student president Gus Abols said he would

try to form a new union with other campuses that rejected CUS. The proposed union would be "non-political" and would "work for student reforms."

Founded in 1926, the Canadian Union of Students was the world's third oldest national student organization. Still operating are Britain's National Union of Students, and the All Union Student Council of the USSR.

### CUS GOES DOWN AT DALHOUSIE

HALIFAX (CUP) — Students at Dalhousie University added the coup de grace to CUS Thursday (Oct. 23) by voting 'no' in their CUS referendum.

It probably didn't matter: the loss of Toronto the same day killed CUS. And maybe the students knew that — 237 spoiled their ballots compared to 633 'no' and 411 'yes' votes.

Larry Kapz, president of the Dalhousie graduate student association, felt "the defeat of CUS could set the cause of student rights back five years."

But for undergraduate president Bruce Gillis the vote was a victory. Gillis tried to bring about the end of CUS at its congress in late August when he proposed the formation of a new "student federation" of the motion, University He and the other proposer of Toronto's Gus Abols, were repudiated by their delegations and the proposal died in the plenary for lack of a seconder.

## Plans Set for Nov. 15

Despite his continued protestations that demonstrations won't shape his policies, President Richard Nixon is clearly in trouble. Johnson's war has become his war, and now three out of every five Americans, according to the Gallup poll consider that it was a mistake to ever get into Vietnam.

Nixon faces this week the full impact of the Vietnam Moratorium — a movement which is breaking new ground both in the breadth of the circles it is drawing into the fight, and in the varied forms of action being initiated.

Those forms include candlelight parades, seminars and debates, religious services, and the ringing of tens of thousands of doorbells by young men who will say:

### St. FX Students Open Residences

ANTIGONISH (CPS-CUP) — St. Francis Xavier students last week voted four to one to defy the administration and declare open visiting hours in their residences.

Wednesday, Oct. 22 student council accepted a proposal for open residences (meaning that each residence would determine its own rules and hours by majority rule, and that these would be recognized as legal). A referendum was called for the next day.

Nearly 80 per cent of the university's 2400 students turned out to overwhelmingly approve the "open housing" proposal.

That night student union

"Good morning, ma'm, I'd like to talk to you before I die in Vietnam."

These forms also include an attempt to keep the United States House of Representatives in session all night, and giant rallies with an impressive roster of speakers in the great cities.

The surging U.S. peace movement is inspiring Canadians to renew efforts for massive demonstrative actions on Nov. 15. In Toronto the Vietnam Mobilization Committees is planning to produce 14,000 posters, and 50,000 leaflets to announce its march which will commence at 1.00 p.m. Nov. 15 at Queen's Park and end at City Hall. Special messages will be addressed to the labor movement, to high school students, and to the Italian population.

president Frank McKenna announced the results of the vote to a mass student assembly and declared the residences open.

Several hundred girls then entered the male residences in defiance of existing rules set by the administration. Although prefects were instructed to take names of the rule violators, no action has been taken against them; the demonstration was orderly and ended after two hours.

A negotiating committee, set up by students and administration, is now meeting to discuss settlement of the disputes. In the meantime, the residence rules are being