

# Atlantic Federation of Students Is No More N.S. Students Form Provincial Organization

HALFAX (CUP) - Student representatives from 11 Nova Scotia post-secondary institutions laid the foundation for a provincial organization last weekend.

The Atlantic Federation of Students (AFS) was officially disbanded at the meeting. AFS members decided two weeks ago that in view of severe membership losses outside Nova Scotia, an Atlantic student federation would no longer be feasible, and that a provincial organization should take its place.

The new organization, yet to be named, will be open to all student union members in the province. Membership will be determined by campus referenda with a per student fee levy.

The organization will have meetings every three to five weeks and each member institution will have one vote. The group's executive will

consist of a chairperson, treasurer, and three members-at-large. Campus work is to be done by committees, whose structure will be determined by the individual councils.

Howard Bashinski, an Acadia delegate, said, "The fact that we've built campus committees into our structure is exciting. That's the only basic change I can see from the structure of AFS. People had done their homework for this meeting, but more could have been accomplished. It remains to be seen if the talk will turn into action."

Denise Soucy-Roberge of the host Dalhousie delegation agreed that more could have been achieved. "What we did was pretty good though," she said.

"I can't see a provincial organization coming together until next fall," said Roberge.

"People could have decided

to form an interim organization realizing it wouldn't be fully constitutional. They could hold referenda asking that the AFS fees go to a provincial organization instead."

The delegates agreed the purpose of the organization would be to represent the concerns of students in the province, but no motions were passed to determine whether the organization would be politically or service oriented.

Roberge said, "People felt the type of issues we deal with will depend on financial and human resources. Right now it seems as though the political work is most important."

A cutbacks committee was set up at the conference and will report to the next meeting, at Acadia the weekend of November 25.

Gene Long, Atlantic fieldworker for the National Union of Students said, "They've done the first step towards concrete work on cutbacks. And that's our primary concern for the spring."

Long felt substantial

progress was made at the weekend meeting. "It's not a very cut and dry task to start a new organization," he said. "People naturally have reservations about committing themselves to a new organization. The process takes time and this meeting was the first essential stage in moving things forward."

"No matter how long it takes to get the organization working with full resources, there was a clear commitment to do as much work as possible on the cutbacks issue without a structured organization in existence right now. We might not see it for another year but it doesn't mean work won't get done," he said.

Since the new organization has no constitution, a committee was established to present proposals to the next meeting.

Mike MacDonald of the College of Cape Breton was elected as the Nova Scotia representative on the National Union of Student Central Committee. MacDonald will sit on the new provincial organization's executive as a non-voting member.



## 'Remember It Ain't Mom's Home Cookin!!!'

### RESULTS OF FOOD COMMITTEE MEETING

November 8, 1978

Chairperson: Lois Watkins  
Secretary: Jill White

Bernadine Hall  
Representatives:  
Linda LeVoie  
Grace Cameron  
Peggy Arsenault

Marian Hall  
Representatives:  
Greg Peters  
Shane Hogan

1. Weekly menus will be posted in the cafeteria.

2. An attempt will be made to increase the variety of food.

3. Meat, at breakfast will be made available more frequently.

4. New steak supply has been ordered and any comments on its quality are encouraged.

5. Any complaints should be directed to the chef and/or manager, and not the staff behind the counter.

6. Your complaints must be legitimate, and if so, rest assured that they will be corrected.

7. Salad plates are out every night, but are considered as a first choice item.

8. Chinese food night, will have a second choice.

9. Note: If you don't see what you would like, and it is within reason, there is no harm in asking.

10. Individual tastes will not be satisfied, i.e. if one person likes the broth of a soup and not the

vegetables, and vice versa. However, if you do require a special diet, please discuss it with the manager and he will be happy to assist you. Please remember that this is an institution and must not be compared to "mom's cookin!"

11. The purpose of the Food Committee is not just to communicate your complaints to the proper authorities, but an occasional compliment or creative idea is more than welcome too!

12. Any and all suggestions concerning the date and menu of the Christmas dinner, are to be directed to your representative. Please do so before November 15, 1978.

Many thanks to all those who took the time to attend this meeting. You've made a good start, so don't stop now! Next time you come, bring a friend (or whatever!)

The next Food Committee

meeting will be held on Nov. 15, 1978 at 3:00 p.m. in cafeteria. This

meeting will be brief and will concentrate on establishing a date for the Christmas supper as well as the menu. If you have a specific date in mind or an idea for the meal, notify your representative. This meeting will be for the Food Committee only. Future meetings will be posted and ya'll be thar y'hear!

