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CONSTITUTION UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED DAL GAZETTE VIS FOR AUTONOMY

Halifax (CUP)—The Dalhousie Student Council unanimously accepted in principle a constitution for the Dalhousie Gazette which would allow the paper to become an independent cor-

poration. At Sunday's council meeting, all but two members agreed to put the question of Gazette independence to the student population in a referendum along with the March 15

council elections.

Peter Greene, chairperson of the council constitution committee said that it is very important that the Gazette become autonomous. "As publishers we have too much power. Our financial control allows us the ability to close down the paper. It's not a good situation when the student press is controlled by their council".

the Gazette and council, as well as a lawyer, member of the local media and a faculty member, you can be assured the Gazette will be responsibly run".

Should the March 15 referendum be approved by Dalhousie students, the Gazette will receive a direct Levy of \$5 per student rather than receiving its budget through the council's \$51 student fee. Dal students presently contribute about \$3.50 towards funding the paper. "The extra expense, as well as inflation, are costs which incur when we become a separate society," said Mansour. "We'll be paying for a lot of things that are presently coming out of the council budget, but not directly attributed to the Gazette. We'll now be paying for things like typewriter repair, and auditor's fees."

The Gazette is presently on a poster and pamphlet campaign encouraging students to vote for independence. "The increase in money will be the problem," said Mansour. "I think most people agree with the principle."

PANTHERS NAMED TO DREAM TEAMS

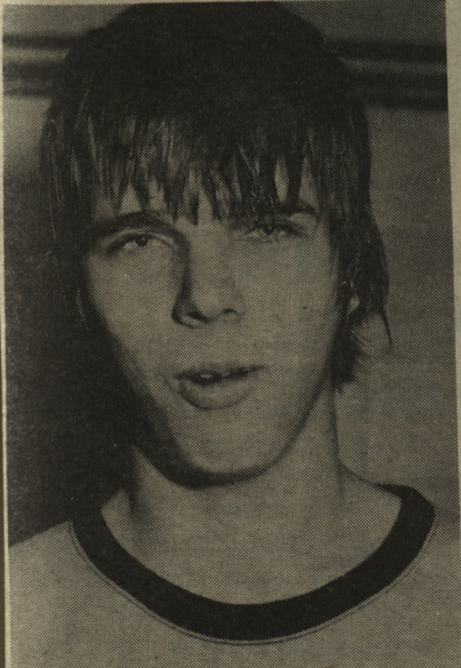
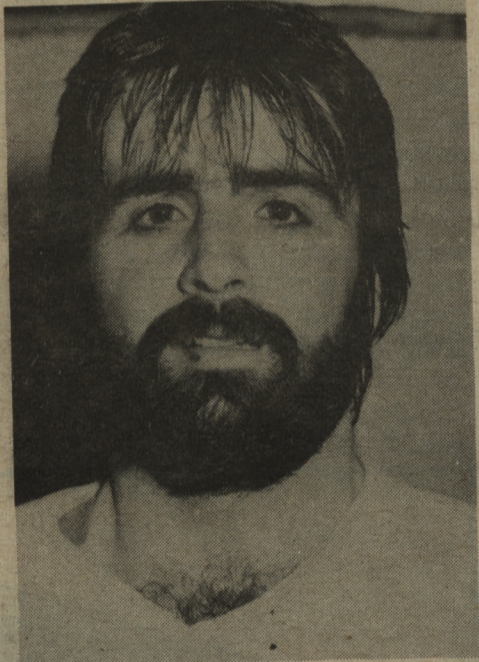
by John Neville

Our hockey Panthers received some good news over the March break when the Atlantic Universities Athletic Association announced the 1977-78 All-Conference hockey teams.

When the smoke had cleared we were happy to see two of our guys on the first team and another on the second team. Named to the first All-Conference team from our Panthers were Junior Business student Wilfred McDonald and sophomore Business sensation Dave Cameron. Freshman Louie Lortie, the league scoring champion, was named to the second team.

For Wilfred McDonald it is the second time in a row he has been given all-star status. Last sea-

fenceman, including 13 goals. Out of his 13 goals, 3 were game winners and one other was the exciting game tying goal in the dying moments of the St. F.X.



game.

It was certainly happy times when Dave Cameron also gained a spot on the first team. Headed towards the league scoring title Dave got hurt with four games left and never returned. Still moose, as he is known to his teammates, finished second in the AUHC and received the first all-star status. Statistically, Moose scored 13 times and assisted on 30 others.

Perhaps the disappointment of all the selections was the selection of our flashy Louie Lortie to the second team. After winning the league in goals it appeared as if Louie would be a certain first team member and a bonifide All-Canadian contender. Unfortunately that was not

son he, along with Val Mitchell were named to the second team. This year however, Wilfred continued his sparkling play and was rewarded with a spot on the first team. During the season, Wilf scored 27 points, tops in the league for de-

Valerie Mansour, editor of the Gazette said "As a student press we have to critically assess what council is doing and this cannot be done properly if they are our publishers. Having financial control also means they have editorial control—for instance, if the Gazette, for moral reasons, wants to boycott certain advertising, council might interfere for what they consider to be solely financial reasons."

Ken Dodd, former Atlantic fieldworker who drew up the original constitution, pointed out that the Gazette Publishing Board will have student participation. "With four students elected at large, a member from

UPEI REAFFIRMS AFS MEMBERSHIP

CHARLOTTETOWN (CUP) - Students at the University of Prince Edward Island reaffirmed their membership in the Atlantic Federation of Students Feb. 22, voting 251-133 to continue membership in the regional student federation.

The recent vote followed a one-year trial membership in the organization. Students had voted last year to join AFS and reconsider their membership this year.

Ray Shalala, PEI caucus chairperson for AFS, said the result was "very good" despite its many internal problems earlier this year.

tor Tony Kelly said: "It's great. It shows students are in support of the concept of a regional student organization."

The AFS vote was held at the same time as a student council general election. Although 535 students voted in the elections, only 384 cast ballots in the AFS referendum. There are about 2,000 students at the university.

Shalala said that while 65 per cent of students who voted in the AFS referendum favoured continued membership, it was obvious that a lot of students were still on the fence about the organization.

AFS has 13 member campuses in the four Atlantic provinces.

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