

Give us Grants not Loans

Since 1926 students in Canada have co-ordinated through their own national organization, action and research to champion student rights, and to provide national student services. Without a national student organization, there would be no vehicle for them to deal directly with the federal government; nor would there be a vehicle for them to offer nation wide student services.

But sustaining it has not always been easy. Twice the organization collapsed, and twice it came to the brink of collapse. In spite of this the student movement in Canada has persisted. The most recent resurrection of a national student organization was the founding of the National Union of Students/ Union nationale des etudiants (NUS/UNE) in 1972

In 1981 strides will be made in solidifying the Canadian student movement. Through NUS, provincial student orgs. and the Association of

Student Councils (AOSC), the national student services organization affiliated to NUS, students will join forces to found the Canadian Federation of Students/ Federation Canadienne des etudiants (CFS/FCE) The Canadian Federation of Students will be the vehicle for provincial and national student organizing, and developing national and regional student services. CFS services will include : Canadian University Travel Service, one of the largest, and the only student owned and controlled, travel companies in the country; the International Student Identity Card and the domestic and international discounts it secures; and the Canadian Programing Service, offering a national speakers bureau.

But 1981 will see more than strides establishing CFS. Students, faculty, and even campus administrators are raising their voices against the federal CUT-BACKS.

Ottawa plans to cut post-secondary education funding by as much as \$1.5 billion in 1982. This would mean a tuition increase by at least 230% and even more rapid deterioration of public post secondary education in Canada. Meanwhile, government student aid officials are arguing student loans at interest rates from 15 to 22 percent, are better than student grants, when it comes to student aid.

Stop the cuts; Grants not Loans; that's the message that students will be delivering to the government of Canada and especially to Mr. TRUDEAU.

The policies and goals of CFS are set by member institutions at the semi-annual conferences. Campus students associations choose the delegates to the CFS conferences; and full membership in CFS is determined only by a campus wide vote of students.

A central committee with members elected by the students in

each participating province ensures conference decisions are carried out, and the day to day operation of CFS continue.

Cfs and Aosc and the provincial students organizations employ more than 75 full time staff people as researchers, organizer-travel agents and discount co-ordinators, information officers, executive officers, translators and support staff.

The university of UPEI will hold a march on sept 30 to protest against the 1.5 billion dollar cut in funding to the provinces by the Federal government. There will be a march in all four Atlantic provinces on that same day, it will be important that everyone march! After all it is your money. Also there is a petition on campus that will be sent to Ottawa, sign that too! If you have any ideas on this matter contact Terry Palmer, Pres. StudentUN or talk to your student rep on council.

thank-you the SUN

Were you oriented ?

by: Nanci Waugh
Orientation 1981, from Monday, Sept. 7- Wednesday, Sept. 9, was a huge success this year with over 150 signing up. The three days started out with registration at the Barn followed by a coffee house at the chaplaincy centre with Marty Reno. The official opening was held in Duffy with the Shinerama Rally also taking place. At 5:00 freshmen met at the Barn to board the buses to attend the BBQ served by members of staff and faculty at President Peter Meincke's. After eating freshmen were organized into four groups to play softball and football with the losers playing a memorable game in the horse pasture. Upon returning to the university a Costume party was held at Marian Hall Lounge with everyone in attendance from teddy bears to masked bandits to toga wearers.
Tuesday morning

campus freshmen were awakened to the sweet strains of a trumpet solo. After taking a short tour of campus, students then proceeded to Duffy Amph. to see a movie. At 8:00 students were seen picking up supplies for a day of shining shoes, dogs, and silver in Charlottetown after a Pancake breakfast at MacDonalds. Upon arrival back at campus that evening a Shinerama Banquet was held in the cafeteria with the \$2,500 result being revealed. Entertainment was provided by Fred and Flossy.

Following the banquet a dance was held in the Barn with Kelo, sponsored by the Student Union.

Wednesday morning all had an opportunity to sleep in before registering for classes, then it was off to Duffy to hear a presentation by UPEI Student Union Executive. Panther Court followed the presentation where freshmen were punished for their misdeeds along

with certain upperclassmen. An obstacle course was set up in front of the Barn which was quite impressive, a lot of fun to participate in, and a great introduction to the athletic life at UPEI.

A special supper was sponsored by Saga Foods in the cafeteria with freshmen then sent to one of five locations for dessert: Duffy, Main, Kelley, Memorial, and Dalton. Wednesday evening saw the closing of orientation events in the Barn with

Klondike nite.

A major portion of the Orientation activities this year was the initiation which included everything from painted fingernails, the wearing of mittens, rope, and special colors to doing all sorts of strange things. It is difficult to really elaborate on some of the things that occurred so I'll just end off by saying ask anyone who participated in orientation 1981 and I'm sure they will give you a graphic description

Class Elections

to be held in the Panther Lounge

Nominations for President- Council Member
Vice-President
Secretary
Treasurer

When?

Frosh	Monday	2:00p.m.
Sophmore	Tuesday	2:00p.m.
Junior	Wednesday	2:00p.m.
Senior	Thursday	2:00p.m.

All last year presidents or vice-presidents must attend to conduct election!