

AFS BACK ON TRACK TONY KELLY ELECTED CO-ORDINATOR

WOLFVILLE (CUP) - Delegates to an emergency plenary session of the Atlantic Federation of Students (AFS) resolved their differences Dec. 5 and breezed through business left over from a conference two weeks ago in Halifax.

Representatives from seven of the eight member institutions present guaranteed the organization that outstanding student fees would be paid to AFS before the new year. The only exception was Dalhousie whose student council

voted recently to withhold AFS funding and consider withdrawing from the federation.

The meeting approved a budget that excluded Dalhousie fees, passed a number of resolutions dealing with unemployment and education cutbacks and elected a new executive.

An earlier conference at Mount St. Vincent University was suspended when there were no candidates for the secretary-co-ordinator

positions and some institutions would not agree to hand over student fees collected for AFS.

Delegates decided the federation's short-term objective will be seeking student representation on the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission and carry out research on each campus to determine the real effect of funding cutbacks on the quality of education. The MPHEC is the agency that governs post-secondary education policy for the three Maritime provinces.

The federation will also actively support the efforts of regional groups to organize the unemployed and condemned the federal government's anti-inflation program as "a system of wage control."

The question of a staff person for the organization will be left up to the new executive.

After five consecutive ballots the meeting finally elected Tony Kelly a graduate student from Dalhousie as the federation's secretary-co-ordinator. Kelly was elected over Howard Bashinski, a graduate student from Acadia, who was later elected to the

another executive position.

Kelly said he will begin the hiring process for the staff person and is optimistic AFS can make progress establishing itself in the region before the end of the academic year.

"We have to go to the governments united with the faculties, the staffs, and even the administrations," he said, adding there is a crisis in post-secondary education in the region. The need for a regional student federation has never been more evident, he said.

Debate stalled on the question of where in Halifax the AFS office should be located. The Dalhousie delegation offered a free office on the campus, but after lengthy debate the suggestion was brushed aside. As the delegates from Memorial University in St. Johns put it: "Considering Dal's notorious reputation with AFS, it would be absurd to have the office right in their midst."

The AFS has 13 member universities, colleges, and technical schools and represents more than 24,000 post-secondary students in the four Atlantic provinces.

CIMN IMPROVEMENTS TELETYPE INSTALLED

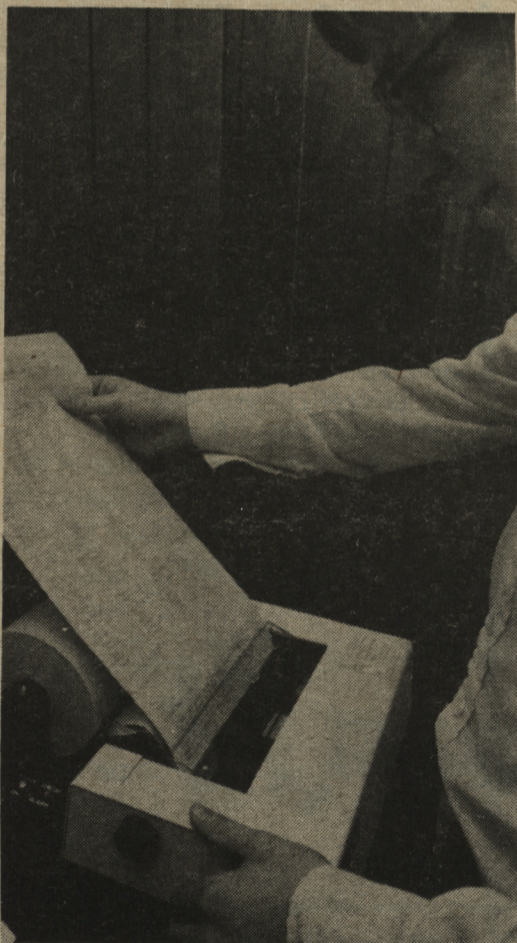
This week, the campus radio station welcomed a new addition to their staff. CIMN has decided to rent the news services of Broadcast News, and has had a teletype machine installed. A spokesman for the station, Dave Cairns, told the SUN that the teletype service, including the machine, Herbie, will cost the station about \$125 a month, plus supplies. CIMN joins the majority of Atlantic university radio stations that already use the services of Broadcast News.

There will be a number of improvements in CIMN's programming, as a result of the B.N. machine. Four newscasts and two sports casts will be broadcast daily, as well as regular weather sports scores reports. Special features provided by B.N. include record reviews, in-depth news presentations, Atlantic news, and university news and sports. The individual announcers will also be able to present more information during their own programs.

"In short," says Dave, "the station will become much more informative." Campus events and news

will continue to be reported on the daily Bulletin Boards, and on Cheryl Cannon's Campus News.

Has there been any problems so far with the B.N. service? Dave says he wishes Herby had arrived sooner.



Rick Webber

Council Executive Fire College Editor

TORONTO (CUP) - The editor of the student newspaper at Scarborough College, the Balcony Square, has been suspended by a student council executive member because of "constant antagonism" and the editor's "attempt to censor" a cover photo she considered sexist.

The executive member, Mike Griffin, informed the editor, Gail Misiunas, of his decision on Nov. 21 -- production day of the paper's final issue of the term. The decision must be ratified by the college council, but Griffin said it was "very rare" for an executive decision to be rejected.

The letter charges Misiunas with "grossly overstepping the duties of your office" by trying to stop the publication of a photo portraying "116

pretty girls with Merry Christmas overlaid on it." Griffin also said there had been "constant antagonism" between the editor and other members of the council's communications commission.

Both Griffin and the photographer of the controversial picture are members of the communications commission.

Misiunas said she didn't want to turn the paper "into the Tioke", the University of Toronto's engineer paper. She also said she didn't know why she was suspended and that

the numerous criticisms the paper had received prior to the suspension were unfair in light of the inexperience of the people working on the paper, including herself.

HARDER TO RIP-OFF S.U.

Recently, the insurance coverage on Student Union property was increased and also extended in some areas. In the future, losses by theft or vandalism, with some conditions, will be reported to the insurance company which will conduct an investigation before settling the claim. If they report on the guilt

of any party, the contract specifies that the Student Union MUST consent to a prosecution in the courts.. that means it is not a matter for Student Judicial Court reference but must go to the civil court downtown under a criminal charge.

The Student Union sincerely hopes that it will never have to resort to such a drastic step.