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PREMIER PLAYS POLITICS CAMPBELL ADDRESSES UPEI STUDENTS

by BILL POWER
Premier Alex Campbell gave clues to his views on the role of UPEI in Island society when he met with students here Wednesday evening.

About 90 students participated in a question and answer session with the Premier in the Robertson Library Lounge.

According to one student, the Premier said "absolutely nothing" about the majority of student concerns. Most prominent among these were: rising costs of education, and the M.P.H.E.C.

According to the Premier, the University, "must cut-back on somethings if it wants to expand on others:"



ALEX CAMPBELL & SENIOR STUDENT MAURICE RODGERSON

With the present tight money situation, he suggested that cutbacks were inevitable, consequently, "the University must determine its priorities."

He said that UPEI may not have squandered money in the past, but it was "still producing graduates who can't work on PEI."

The Premier said he would like to see the University develop a "stronger orientation to the needs of PEI."

He made no specific suggestions, except to say that the University had the potential, "to be a leader in new technological developments." He mentioned solar energy as an example.

Kevin Gauthier, S.U. Vice-President, asked if this meant the government would push UPEI into becoming a trade school.

The Premier refuted this, but suggested there were forces at work already, that were "pulling" the University in that direction.

"I'm not suggesting courses in net mending, or compass reading," he said.

He added that, "many new areas are opening up in Education and many of them are exciting ones."

According to the Premier North American Universities in general must examine more closely what they are doing to prepare students

for society. "We're the best educated people in the world, but few of us know how to make anything," he said.

What concerned students was what effect "inevitable cutbacks" were going to have on the quality of education they are receiving.

The Premier said he was aware UPEI, like most institutions, "is having problems keeping up with rising costs."

"The University must live in the same real world as everyone. It will never have all the money it wants," he said.

DANCE-A-THON A SUCCESS

Well, the Senior Class Dance-A-Thon is over for another year, and although only three couples challenged the event, they all had a good time.

Congratulations and thanks to Susan Hornby and Kevin Gauthier, Jeanette MacAulay and Derek Key, and Debbie Chapman and Steven Fitzpatrick from the class of '78.

The following dining rooms donated dinners for two: MacLaughlan's Motel, Rodd Motor Inn, Kirkwood Motor Lodge, Gentleman Jim's Steak House, Inn on the Hill, Charlottetown Hotel, and Dundee Arms Motel.

A special thank you is sent out to the UPEI Student Council, Campus Police, Beaver Foods for the sandwiches and coffee.

Drug Mart, Card Shop, Sound City, Sam the Record Man, and Kelley's Stereo Mart.

The following thanks to the judges who took a lot of abuse from the dancers (HAI HAI): Martha O'Brien, Bernadette Power, Mary Anne Hutchinson and Nelda Lund. Thanks also to Ray Shalala, Bruce MacDonald, Betty Brown, Mike McMahon, Terry Shea and Mary Lou White for their various errands and support.

and lunch, CIM and the two Peters who carried on through the night, and to President and Mrs. Baker who started the dance-a-thon off for us.

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PINAFORRE AT RUFFE

all the sponsors - we really appreciate your support. Even though the event was not exactly a success in terms of participation, we did make quite a bit of money. Hope we didn't forget to thank anyone but if we did - thank you.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 28, at 5:30
ALUMNI OFFICE, KELLEY BLDG.
RE: CONVOCATION SPEAKER
ALSO: Agenda made up for Senior Day on April 6.

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