

# WINTER CARNIVAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Anyone interested in being involved with this year's Winter Carnival is asked to attend an organizational meeting Friday November 28th at 1:00 pm. on the second floor of the barn. Bring ideas for events that you would like to see included in this year's Winter Carnival.

## Notice Student Union Notice

The UPEI Student Council has proposed a motion which, if carried, will result in the implementation of a \$5 per student per year fee to be collected on registration day. The monies derived will be donated to the Universities fund raising campaign. However, students not

wishing to pay the fee could receive a refund through application to the business office.

The fee would be collected during the 5 year period beginning 1986/87.

### General Meeting approacheth ...

There will be a Student Union General Meeting in the Robertson Library Lounge Friday, November 28th at 10:30 am.

The agenda for this meeting will be:

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Introduction of Councillors

4. University Fund Raising Campaign
5. Implementation of new Student Fee
6. Executive reports: a) Treasurer; b) Vice President Operations; c) Vice President Academic; d) President
7. Adjournment

## Editor Wanted

The UPEISU has the following position available:

Editor, The GEM Student Union Newspaper

Beginning the first issue of the new year, the Gem will require a new editor. The present editor has a prior academic commitment to honour, and will be unable to perform both positions effectively.

The successful candidate will receive training with the present editor for a period of two to four issues; the duration of the training period will be mutually agreed upon by the candidate and the present editor.

For further information, please contact the UPEISU at 566-0530 or drop the Student Union Office at the Barn

## Report of the President

President. The Big Enchilada. The biggest office. The biggest desk. The respect of all (some? a few? anybody?). But does a Student Union President really do anything? If you are one of the 17 people who were present at the first Student Union General Meeting of 1986-87, you already know the answer to that question. If you're not, read on. And if you decide that I, or any of the other Student Union Executive members are not doing nearly enough to warrant the obscene salaries which we receive, come tell us so at the second Student Union General Meeting of 1986-87.

The office of President is easily the least tangibly productive of the four Executive positions, unless of course the acts of kissing babies and visiting Senior Citizens' Homes can be considered tangible production. The Student Union has not been without accomplishments in the last half-year though, and outlined below are some of the activities in which I have been directly involved since assuming Office in May.

As the President is the only Executive member to be paid by the S.U. during the summer months, the incredible burden of "holding down the fort" fell upon me. A tremendous task, even though there was almost nobody on campus, the Panther lounge was closed, and

Senate met but once. Nonetheless, time was still found for attending conferences (the Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students in London, Ontario and the Atlantic Student Union presidents Conference at Saint Mary's in Halifax), maintaining and slightly expanding the Studentsaver program, and littering the Nation with letters of introduction on behalf of the then-recently elected UPEI Student Union Executive.

For political buffs, an event of interest would have been the arrival of the Federal Liberal Task Force on Post-Secondary Education. The Student Union prepared and presented a brief Brief, and considerable media coverage followed. A very high profile endeavor, but one which has yet to prove efficacious.

For those with any interest in money, an event of interest would have been the Student Union's negotiations with the Provincial government regarding the Student Loan program. Following up on the work of last year's S.U. Executive during the Provincial Election Campaign, a meeting was arranged with the Minister of Education in late May. The results of this meeting were increased cost allowances in the Student Loan program, thus more money for those who need it.

Two notable projects undertaken by the Student Union since the beginning of the school year also involve the Provincial government.

Research regarding this University's budgets of the past decade revealed an increasing student share of the financial burden of post-secondary education, and a decreasing commitment of the Provincial government. The Premier appeared in the Fishbowl to respond to the results of this study, and although he gave no promises of improvement, students were afforded the opportunity to take a few cheap shots at a slick politician.

A current Student Union project is the attempt to assess the real costs incurred by the students of this University. Several hundred questionnaires have been printed regarding this matter; when completed by students, the desired data can be compiled. Once the real costs are established, and analysis of the cost allowances of the Student Loan Program will be undertaken, and the S.U. will then lobby for any appropriate changes.

Your opinions on the worth of these and other Student Union projects will be welcomed at the General Meeting in the Fishbowl at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, so be there!

## Report of the VP Academic

I bet you're wondering exactly what a Vice-President Academic does. (Sometimes I wonder myself.) Well, this is your lucky day! (I think there is a small earthquake on campus from everyone jumping up and down.) If you read this, you will be amongst a very small enlightened group.

According to the constitution, the duties of the VP-A are as follows, and for reasons of form, I shall list my activities within each during the past six months:

- 1) Be responsible for the co-ordination of all research activities undertaken by the UPEISU on behalf of its students. During the past 6 months I have been doing research on course and professor evaluations, the revamping of the election and referenda and Student Judicial Committee by-laws, as well as helping to draw up the recent study on the recent study on the student cost burden within the University.
- 2) Assume the duties of the President according to the terms of this Article in such events as the resignation, absence, or impeachment of the President. This clause is very important. If the Big Enchilada (A.K.A. Rob Kelley) has any of the above occur, (I think assassination should also be on that list), then it is I who take over - guess you'd call me Vice-Enchilada. This clause is to ensure there are no more Alexander "I'm in charge here" Haig's who try to take over.
- 3) Be a member of the UPEI Senate. The responsibilities are on-going

here. Student senators have voiced student concerns on such gripping issues as smoking and parking.

4) Be responsible for the academic issues of all sub-organizations. Since no sub-organizations are concerned with academics, this is a moot point.

5) Be responsible for the Yearbook. The 1985-86 yearbook arrived ahead of schedule and is available to those who have not picked up theirs yet at the S.U. office in the Barn. The plans and lay-out for the 1986-87 yearbook are on-going. If you have any complaints about last year's book, feel free to come down to the S.U. office or approach me any time to express your individual concerns or suggestions. I am very receptive to these.

6) Be responsible for the Newspaper. Always a vital part of the VP-A's duties. The GEM is the most widely distributed source of information on campus and is therefore very visible and very important to the university community. The most exciting news is the The GEM is moving towards computerization, thanks to the good graces of Prof. Bob O'Rourke of the Faculty of Business Administration. Also we are searching for a new editor, and anyone with novel ideas to become members of The GEM staff. The experience can be invaluable.

7) Have a co-signing authority on all cheques up to a designated amount (\$500.00) with any other Executive member or the General Manager. This is self-explanatory.

But, if you see a member of the executive buying a brand new car, your suspicion should be heightened.

8) Perform other duties as required. This is my most time-consuming responsibility. "Other duties" can be anything from putting up posters, to taking them down, to sitting, at the S.U. Information desk in the Fishbowl, to keeping the Panther Lounge going (as a customer, that is).

So, you can see the duties of the VP-Academic are numerous and encompass many aspects of campus life and Student Union business. Now that you know what a VP-A does, you should no longer feel less than adequate. If you have any concerns, suggestions, or general beefs, come down to the S.U. office in the Barn and we'll talk Academic.

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