

# ...letters to the editor

To the students of the University of Prince Edward Island:

I am writing on behalf of the graduate students at the University of Guelph, Local 62 of the Canadian Federation of Students. The members of Local 62 urge you to reaffirm your membership in the Canadian Federation of Students by voting 'yes' in your upcoming referendum.

It is only with a united voice that the issues and concerns of students will be heard at both the federal and provincial levels of government. The continued membership of

UPEI students in the Federation strengthens our collective voice. It is crucial that we remain united in our opposition to the massive withdrawal of public funding for post-secondary education. As a result of the Federation's lobbying efforts, members of the Canadian Federation of Students have a voice both in Ottawa and at the provincial level.

At the local level, the Federation provides services which benefit every member of our student associations. The Studentsaver Card, which provides discounts at local retail outlets, and the International Student Identity Card,

which provides students with access to reduced travel fares, are provided to all members of the Federation without charge. Travel CUTS, which is owned and operated by the Federation, specializes in student travel and offers special fares for students on most airlines and for VIA Rail. The National Student Health Network offers members the most comprehensive set of benefits available through a campus health plan. In September 1996, University of Guelph students joined the national Student Health Network. Since Guelph students are now administering our own plan, over-

head costs have decreased. The savings will be used to improve the plan, ensuring better health coverage for our members.

The Canadian Federation of Students continues to work towards achieving a post-secondary education system that is of high quality and accessible to all. The Federation's work on tuition fees, student aid programs and student debt, and federal and provincial funding levels, has forced federal and provincial governments to address students' concerns. But there is still much to be done. With a combined membership of over

360,000, the Canadian Federation of Students provides students with a strong and highly effective means to protect and advance student interests. The members of Local 62 look forward to continuing to work with the students of UPEI as members of the Canadian Federation of Students.

In solidarity,  
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## Hale-Bopp Comet and Star Party Saturday, April 5, 1997 Spry Point, Prince Edward Island

The Hale-Bopp Comet is on its way to Prince Edward Island!

Come join us on Spry Point at a star party extraordinaire and a chance to view this outstanding comet whose appearance may be the most spectacular celestial event of the century.

The event will host astronomy lectures and an equipment swap, a midnight buffet and local entertainment.

Mac Campbell, radio commentator for CBC Radio, will be our host for the social events. Astronomers, including Dr. William Thurlow, will interpret the skies and guide us through a spectacular evening of science, celebration and fun.

A pre-registration fee of \$35. (Includes midnight buffet) is required \*before\* March 21st.

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