

Dear Editor,

As only a novice in the ways and dealings of University life, I find it rather difficult to get enthusiastic over Student Union politics. The election of the four major positions just doesn't stand paramount in my mind and I fully realise that it will make little difference to me who ultimately occupies these positions. Next year I will be a sophomore and I will receive all the benefits open to me as an average bloke on campus. In other words, I will still be permitted to guzzle beer to my heart's content and enjoy the visiting bands at my local campus pub periodically throughout the school year. But maybe this view lacks insight and I should be fairer to the diligent candidates vying for the four major positions. Because of this I felt compelled to drag myself to the polls keeping the issues in mind, to make my own

four choices on my own free will. I guess possibly I derived some form of satisfaction from exercising my democratic enterprise.

But a vicious rumour from the day before caused a rumble in the pit of my stomach as I checked off my ballot. The day before was a Tuesday like any other Tuesday with the exception that it was the day before the Student Union election. Then I heard it. It had been the first time I had come across anything similar since my grade nine History class when I had read about Hitler and Mussolini. What I am speaking of I learned from three of my associates who spend a bit of time in the Duffy Building basement. Apparently they and others present had been instructed by their department's upperclassmen of the four desired candidates in the upcoming election. I don't really think my three friends were terribly upset or put out by the

desires of the wise ones who had after all been on this campus longer than them. But somehow I just couldn't convince myself of the legitimacy of this occurrence even as the topic of conversation moved on to the upcoming Thursday night Pub. But I guess I can rationalize it all and use the old cliché that it will all come out in the wash. Next year will come and go and many fine times will be spent at the Barn swilling brew and partying and nobody will ever know the difference. After all that is what politics is all about.

-Disillusioned Freshman

Acadian Week will be launched by the University of Prince Edward Island on Monday March 14 supported by a grant from the Department of the Secretary of State. Among the highlights are lectures, films, exhibitions, entertainment and Acadian Soiree, designed to develop a greater awareness of the Acadian Society. Chairman

of the planning committee is Georges Arsenault, visiting professor of Acadian Studies at the University.

ACADIAN WEEK HIGHLIGHTS

A public lecture will be given Monday March 14 by Leon Theriault, history professor at the University of Moncton. The title of his talk (in English) is The Acadians of New Brunswick: Quest for Political Power, set for Robertson Lecture Theatre (RLLT) at 8 p.m. An Acadian Soiree at The Barn will follow with Chicken Fricot and entertainment.

On Tuesday Marguerite Maillet will lecture (in French) on Acadian Literature: Alive and Well (RLLT) at 2:30 p.m. Maillet is co-author of Antologie de textes littéraires acadiens.

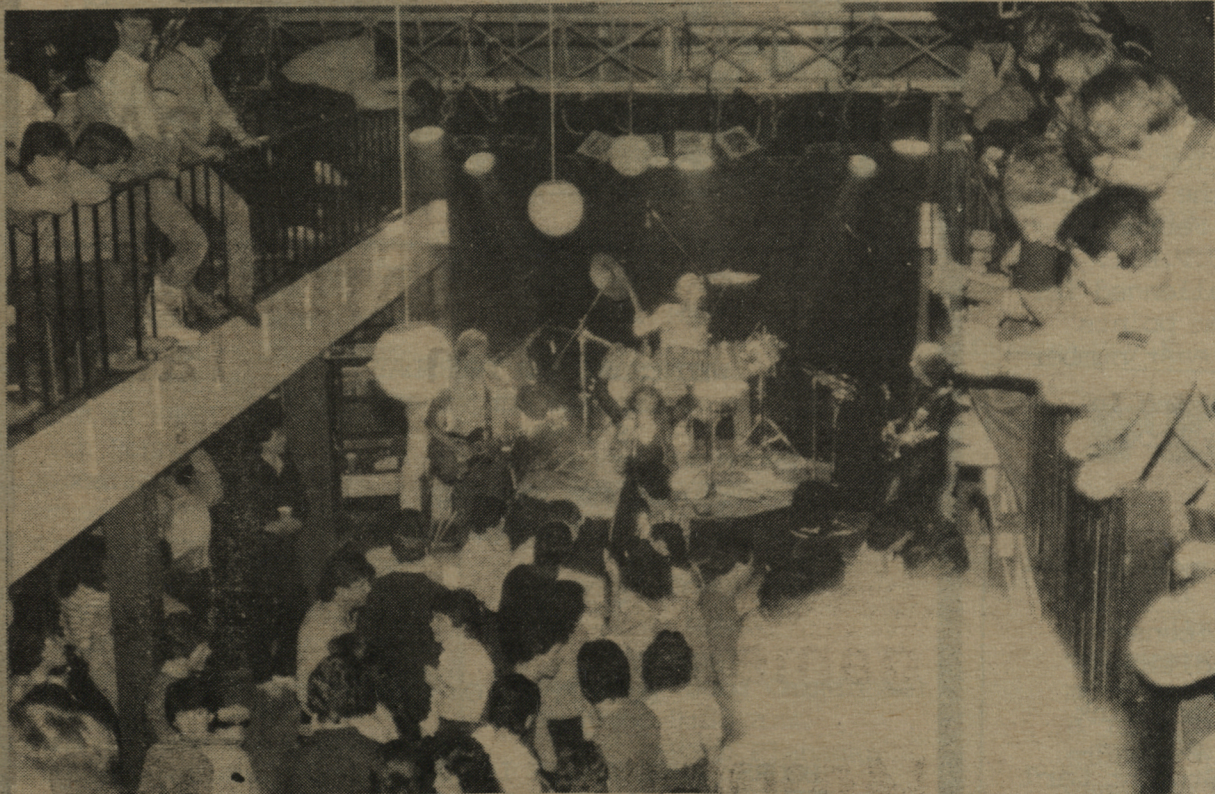
As part of Acadian Week activities the current Wednesday Noon Hour Lecture Series will feature Reginald Porter of the PEI Heritage Foundation who will speak on the Church of St. Simon and St. Jude in Tignish: Its Architecture and Decoration. The lectures are given at Confederation Centre Lecture Theatre at 12 noon.

On Thursday Francis C. Blanchard, president of the St. Thomas Aquinas Society, will give a lecture (in English) entitled: La Societe Saint-Thomas d'Acuin: Its Aspirations and Influence (RLLT) Friday at 12:30 p.m., in English.

The week long celebration ends on Friday evening with entertainers GAMECK and Jeannita Bernard in the Dr. Steel Recital Hall at 7:30. Tickets are available at the UPEI Bookstore, and the Bookmark.

A display of books, publications and historical photos reflecting the Acadian society will be featured at Confederation Centre Public Library, the PEI Heritage Foundation, and the Robertson Library.

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Last week's Main Event had to be one of the best this year, second only to Harlequin during Winter Carnival. The band gave us a great show and the female lead

Terry Crawford charmed most of the audience all evening. Right Jon-sie? The band gave us more than an excellent show, they also gave us a new split level upper-

classmen walkway. I feel that the band should be invited back next year to give us another great show.