

Things Are Changing In Student Union Politics



The UPEI Studnet Union has gone through some drastic changes the last few weeks. The old saw about it being a "glorified social committee" is becoming rapidly out-dated.

The whole emphasis of student politics is being turned in new directions. Our new Student Council believes that they should be involved in academics at the university, giving students more say in what goes on, and defending students when their rights are abridged by the university.

The old and new councils are working together to prepare a brief to the Aims and Objectives Committee; a brief to Senate on how Tenure should be changed, and an anti-calendar for next year's freshman class. They held a meeting last Thursday night

in order to check into student complaints. They have begun to check into a variety of questions such as: Why is the university holding back on bursaries; why can the university break the Landlord and Tenant Act; Why is the university turning down students who wish to move into Blanchard Hall.

Last Wednesday's Senate meeting was an excellent example of the type of cooperation that exists among the council and the student body. All our Senate reps, both present and future, were at the meeting. When the chairman refused to recognize

Doug Smith, Marilyn MacPherson refused to give up the seat if it meant that the students would be short one.

The old comment about the student body being apathetic is also being dispelled. Students have been turning up in large numbers for Council and Senate meetings. They are also feeling free to come forth and voice their complaints and to give their support.

So long as this support continues, the Student Union can be an effective force in making changes at the university that the students feel necessary.



Dear Wendy and Albert

Your restarant reviews this year haven't been bad, not really, what I question is your taste buds. You always seem to choose chicken or pork chops, french fries and or mashed potatoes. I realize most restaurants are bland, but must your

taste in food necessarily match this blandness?

Yours truly,

Brian Clark

Dear Editor

I feel compelled to comment on Ted Crockett's recent accusation concerning a smear campaign which supposedly took place during the Student Union elections, as most people know, I was alleged to be the person who initiated this campaign.

I would like to publicly state that I did not at any time participate in an initiate a smear campaign against any candidate.

What I will plead guilty to, is that of voicing my opinions. I have my own opinions, as does everybody, as to the type of person I feel the Student Union

needs. I did not feel that Mr. Crockett was the best candidate for the job, and when asked for my opinion, I readily gave it. I do not believe that this constitutes a smear campaign. At no time did I make a single derogatory remark aimed at the personable young man who ran against me.

If anyone was hurt in the crossfire of remarks, I am truly sorry. But it's rather obvious that I suffered the most from this useless exchange. If any of my comments were taken as a personal slander of Mr. Crockett, I will publicly apologize for that because I did not intend to aim personal criticism at him. I am also sorry that Mr Crockett dropped out of the election. Yet, I do believe that there were other reasons for this. Perhaps Mr. Crockett realized that the election was going badly for him. I obviously do not have the kind of influence needed to sway an election as Mr Crockett suggested.

As I stated, I am publicly apologizing for any personal remarks that were made; But I cannot apologize for speaking my mind. I'm sorry if some people cannot accept that; but I will not compromise my personal views at the request of any singular individual.

Kip Puia

ahead to events that appropriately started election night.

I'm not going to re-hash the details now as I'm sure others will. But what I am going to do is remind you that what the Guardian showed the community about Senate is only a beginning. Students and even faculty are finally waking up to the fact that our campus has been and still is run by one man. Together you and I can make this place into a true university whose objectives are to satisfy the needs of students not to make the administration's job easier. Your council, both old and new, are completely behind this long-needed change but they need your support. Give it to them if you want this to happen.

Rick Huyck

Dear Sir:

In the issue of February 18, David MacRae asks if anyone could "imagine" my "suggesting anything that might be construed progressive or worse democratic..." in particular, a proposal to amalgamate the Board and the Senate.

There is no need for anyone to strain his imagination. I was on record as favoring a single governing body for universities fifteen years ago. One of the reasons I took the job here was that I understood that the government was prepared to set up the new university

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