

# The S U Constitution - A Basis for Establishing Student Rights?

What is the the U.P.E.I. Student Union Constitution? In the following weeks the office of the Speaker in conjunction with the newspaper will endeavour to bring you sections of this document - the body of laws which govern the mechanics of your Student Union. It also provides a basis for student rights on and about campus in relation to the university. In this first week we shall begin with the Declaration of the Student Bill of Rights of the U.P.E.I.S.U. If you want to know where you stand I urge you to follow this weekly series or to pick up copies -free- from me at the Student Union office in the basement of Memorial. Students have been screwed many times over in loss of rights and cold hard cash. See to it that you don't lose again. Pick up your copy now.

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UNIVERSITY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND STUDENT UNION CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS AND DECLARATION OF THE STUDENT

The student has the right to establish democratis, representative student associations. Realizing that educational reform will not come in a vacuum or without continuous examination and possible transformation of societal values and institutional arrangements, the associations must be free to ally themselves with other

groups in society which have similar aims.

Education is a contributive social process, the essence of which is an expanding awareness of man's social and natural environment through dialogue and cooperative intellectual effort. The principal goal of education is to serve society by developing the full potential of all citizens as free, creative, thinking and acting human being and therefore to serve society by helping to achieve equality of the essential conditions of human living. The student must discover, examine, and assimilate the knowledge of his environment and must develop the ability to cope with and transform it.

The student has the right to improve himself as a social being and to contribute to the development of society by:

1. expanding knowledge through research and the objective analysis of existing hypotheses and ideas and the formulation of others;
2. learn to share his perceptions and thoughts with his fellow citizens and constructively criticizing theirs;
3. engaging in fundamental action, as an individual or within a group, to confront society with discoveries and to promote consequent action to bring reforms into practice;
4. playing a full part in the life of the community as a citizen.

The student body, incorporated under the name, U.-

P.E.I.S.U., is authorized to elect a President, Vice-President, Comptroller, Treasurer, and Communications Officer, who thereby assume the power to administer, legislate, judicate, and to nominate another member or group of members of the U.P.E.I.S.U. to do so in their stead. Students have the right of referendum and recall as regards their government. (i.e. one man, one vote)

## ARTICLE II - Due Process

No student shall be penalized by U.P.E.I., the U.P.E.I.S.U., or any bodies between them, for any alleged violation, without access to a fair and just trial.

## ARTICLE III - Academic Rights

Each student shall have full opportunity to fulfill those academic requirements and standards established by the U.P.E.I., and made public to the membership of the university community. No student shall be penalized for the omission or commission of an act unless clearly defined as such a requirement.

Students shall have the right to appeal their academic records, and accusations and/or penalties for academic misdemeanors.

## ARTICLE IV - Rights of Representation and Information

Students shall have the right to participate as members in the university community in such a way as to make an effective contribution towards its government

and well-being. The student has a vital interest in the administrative and academic affairs of the U.P.E.I, he has the right to participate formally within the governing bodies of U.P.E.I. He has the right to any information which affects him as a student.

## ARTICLE V - Freedom of Association

Students shall have the right to organize for the pursuit of common interests. Official recognition will be given to a group when its constitution has been ratified by the U.P.E.I.S.U.

Council (hereafter referred to as the Council). Once adopted, it shall not be transgressed, unless amendments are made in accordance with established procedures. No representative member of the U.P.E.I.S.U. shall be permitted to participate in any recognized body which functions in camera unless the representatives of the U.P.E.I.S.U. agree to function in camera.

## ARTICLE VI - Right of Publication

The freedom of students to publish without prior censorship shall not be abridged; nor shall the freedom of the students press be illegitimately obstructed by other means.

## ARTICLE VII - Freedom of the Press

Freedom of speech shall be ensured at all times in compliance with civil law.

## Mail's Our Bag Con't

cillin, amphotericin, magacelin and other antibiotics on the campus.

Many of us here at the "Zoo" are constantly aware of the steady "drip, drip" of the condition which we seem to have contracted. It is not that we did not enjoy ourselves receiving this most unwanted condition which we seem to have contracted, well it is just that we feel that the university

should have an ample supply of the above mentioned drugs available to the "boys". (By the way girls, we feel it only fair to warn you that a lot of your names have been forwarded to the Department of Health and you will be in contact with them shortly). So to make a long (and very depressing) story a little shorter, we would just ask that prior to the next Co-ed gentlemen have your girl not only pay the way but also produce (not seduce) a certificate of their cleanliness.

Signed,  
A Concerned Student

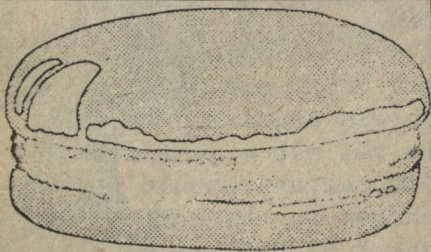
### Eh?

Dear Editor:

I recently heard a rumor to the effect that a debating club was to be formed on campus. I am writing this to heartily protest the formation of such a capitalistic

bourgeois activity at this institution. A club dedicated to petty sophistries can bring no good to this campus and certainly only harm. It will tend to preserve the liberalistic status quo which has infested this university and act only as a purveyor of the desires of pedantic and antiquarian professors to perform in mindless obedience to a set of dictated rules (parliamentarian) brings back reminiscences of high school, where obedience was the end-all and be-all of the system. To encourage such Orwellian activities at a so-called place of higher learning to me is certainly anachronistic. As a result I ask all students to boycott it's meetings next Thursday 23rd at 6:00 in the Education Building.

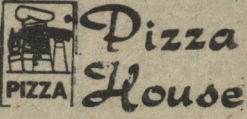
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