

Dr. Dodds finishes the UPEI Presidential Tours

By C.A. Schneider and Aldera Chisholm

THE FINAL OF THE FOUR PRESIDENTIAL candidates was on campus this past week. Dr. Colin Dodds is the Vice-President Academic



centered, vibrant, caring university founded in community, but with both national and international outreaches. As president Dr. Dodds would try to remain in contact with the students by teaching whatever classes he could. He would also like to see more national and international students at UPEI.

Regarding the Axworthy paper, Dr. Dodds feels that the changes set forth in the paper are bound to occur sooner or later, and the Axworthy paper is simply a proposal to address the problems now with a plan to help replace the money that will be gone. He feels that the sooner a new plan takes effect the smoother the changeover will be.

He proposes to raise enrolment at UPEI by first of all encouraging Islanders to stay here to study. Then he would like to work on selling not just UPEI but the whole Island as a cultural experience for those from elsewhere. The fixed link will allow for easier travel between New Brunswick and PEI which opens up a much larger market for UPEI.

Dr. Dodds says that although UPEI fits into the Maritime University identity, he would like to see more collaboration between regional universities. UPEI has ideas to share with other universities, but must also be willing to take constructive criticism from other universities.

Dr. Dodds also sees UPEI as an active force in the Charlottetown community. He would like to see university representatives on many local committees and events. The central location of UPEI lends itself to an integral role in the Charlottetown, and PEI society.

and Research at St. Mary's University. Dr. Dodds is a professor of finance and has spent time as a Dean of Commerce. Dodds is involved in such programs as the National Ph.D. program, and many entrepreneurial groups in both Britain and Canada. He holds citizenship in Britain as well as in Canada, so is very involved in programs involving both countries.

Dr. Dodds' vision for UPEI is a student-

The Marriott story

By Yvonne MacKean

FOR WEEKS NOW, THERE HAS BEEN much been much speculation with regards to the Marriott food service, which operates out of the Wanda Wyatt Dining Hall, the AVC cafeteria and the Pit. The problems have arisen from the service in the dining hall. Blaine Jensen, Director of Student Services, agreed to clarify the situation.

In order to put recent events into perspective, one must go back prior to the commencement of the term. Jensen met with the

standards, common long line-ups, the board line-not being open on time, and other such points. There was a page and a quarter of these complaints.

This report addressed the problems, however the next step is the compilation of an action plan. This plan is expected very shortly. Jensen is favourably impressed with the attitude of Marriott towards solving the problems at UPEI. The management team also spent a day solving some short term problems; for

There were also frequent comments regarding cleanliness standards, common long line-ups, the board line not being open on time, and other such points.

Regional Director of Marriott with to discuss the university's expectations for the food service this year. Last year there seemed to be cyclical problems and Jensen hoped to prevent these problems from occurring again. It was hoped that the service would not fall beneath the standard set last year. It was agreed that Marriott officials would come in and observe the situation here at UPEI. This observation was to take place in mid-October.

At the beginning of the semester, the quality of the food service seemed to be respectable, however, as many students will attest to, the service declined. This decline coincided with the visit of the Marriott management team. The team consisted of the account directors from St Mary's, St. FX and Fredericton regional hospital. As part of their observation, the team spent almost three days talking to people. They interviewed students, Marriott staff, faculty including the President and various directors and target groups. There were several questions posed to each of those interviewed. These answers were then compiled into a sixty page report.

The answers were translated and a list of common themes was made. The top complaint was the inconsistency in quality and availability of standard products. There were also frequent comments regarding cleanliness

example, new uniforms for employees.

Jensen says that Marriott has guaranteed change. He adds that if the food service does not improve, he will not hesitate to ask the university to terminate Marriott's contract (with due notice), even though the university will lose money. It is also important to note that the Health Inspectors make periodic spot checks in the dining hall. It must be noted that the Marriott corporation has standards that were not maintained here.

Jensen is also in the process of forming a committee to oversee food services, vending machines and other such sellers on campus. Jensen hopes this will create a forum where complaints can be made and addressed. Jensen believes that the service provided by Marriott has the potential to be excellent. He hopes the action plan will address why the service is not as it should be.

Richard Stairs, Manager at the dining hall, did not feel that he could add anything to what Jensen said. Like Jensen, Stairs is waiting for the action plan to see what changes are suggested.

That is the end of this chapter of the Marriott story. All those who eat in the cafeteria are hoping that the changes occur soon. Until then it is a waiting game...

The Bus Stops Here

By Scott MacDonald

TIRED OF THE OVERPRICED BLAND FOOD that Marriot serves? Want something fresh and new? Well, wait no longer because UPEI has a new alternative to eating. The Bus Stop is a big blue school bus which has been renovated into a mobile restaurant by SMU grad and former UPEI assistant women's volleyball coach Steve Arnold.

Arnold has been awarded a contract with UPEI to serve food at the Barn in the evenings for special events and for the Friday movie pubs. The Bus Stop serves a variety of food, with its specialty being donairs that you would swear came right from

the Pizza corner in Halifax. You can also get fajitas, burgers, fries, and different chicken combos (chicken fingers, chicken breast).

The Bus Stop is open from 10 PM to 1 AM on Wednesday night for this week's '3 Little Pigs' concert, and regularly on Thursday nights for the pubs, and from 4-7PM on Friday evenings for movie pubs.

The Bus Stop parks right outside the back door of the Barn, so you don't even have to leave the comfort of the Barn to get something to extinguish that hunger in your belly.

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