

editorial

There are a few changes in this week's paper! The SUN finally has some news articles. I've been waiting for a letter to the editor complaining about the shortage of news in the past issues. This week's paper is four pages larger and we also have a number of different students writing articles this week.

We have letters to the editor again this week; too bad they're on the same topic as the ones in the past two issues of the SUN. The same questions are asked as in weeks past, and I don't intend to use this editorial space to once again explain my reasons.

The other day I was talking to a couple of students who graduated from here last spring. They commented on the number of changes at UPEI in the past year, especially the rising costs of Student Union sponsored events. Last year one could go to pubs, coffee houses and parties for free and other activities such as Pigs and Movies cost much less.

Last year there were Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday night pubs for free. This year the Monday night pub is free but Tuesday has a 50¢ admission and there is no Wednesday pub as it has been replaced by The Exchange with a door charge of 75¢. Last year there was no admission for the Exchange Coffee House!

The price of Pig 'N Whistles has increased to \$2.00 or \$1.75 from \$1.50 (depending on the group playing), pubs and parties on Fridays and Saturdays have an admission of 50 or 75¢ and Sunday movies have increased to \$2.00.

Now, I realize that the Student Union is trying to create a different atmosphere at the Barn and that due to inflation the cost of staff and entertainment has increased but why do students have to pay a cover charge to get into the events on campus almost every night of the week? Perhaps the attendance at The Exchange and pubs would be greater if there wasn't a charge! The cry on campus the last couple of years was for more DRY events for Freshmen or minor students. There seem to be more Dry events this year - Exchange, square dances, movies, plays, etc., but the problem this year seems to be the lack of FREE events. It's bad enough the price of our favorite beverage has increased at the Barn (with a smaller choice of available brands) but must we pay every time we enter the Barn?

I hope that some members of the executive or Student Council will be able to take time from their studies and money-making schemes to write us a short note or two for next week's paper. Perhaps they will also be able to explain to us "where all the money went" this year! It seems the budgets for all committees have been drastically slashed this year and a freeze been put on all travel expenses. (This writer was refused funding to go to the ARCUP (Atlantic Region of Canada University Press) conference last weekend. UPEI hosted this conference last year and now this year we aren't allowed the monies to attend. UPEI was the only university not represented at this conference!!!)

Let's hope that next semester there will be no more increases in cover charges or there will be a lot of us declaring bankruptcy!!

Letters & Opinions

The Editor
UPEI SUN

Dear Editor:

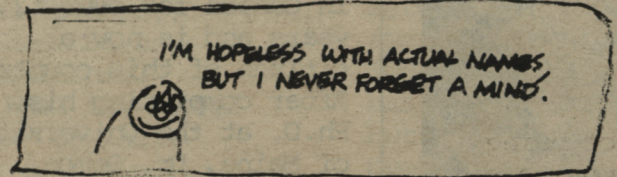
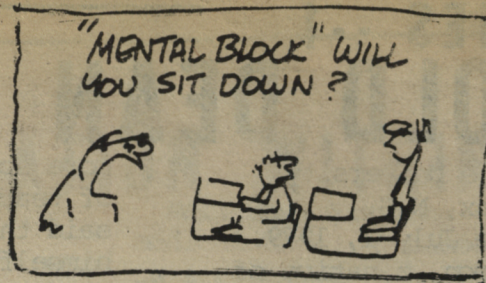
I ask again: Why didn't you print my article (or even the classified ad?)

Yours confused,
Tony Reddin

P.S. Re: your letter to me

and your editorial -

1. "the UPEI SUN is a paper about UPEI students and events, not Nuclear Power". Those are very strict editorial limits, as you have shown, and I suggest you reconsider them;
2. "UPEI students write for the SUN". As you



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must mean full-time students only, again you have set very restrictive and already broken, limits.

3. "THIS editor considered the articles available and put in what he considered to be the most important before we ran out of space." To spare you the embarrassing statistics, I will simply say that sports, especially football, repetitiously dominated the issue of October 19th and 26th.

P.P.S. To avoid 'problems' consider this suggestion: change your position to coordinator and let the weekly staff act as an

editorial staff; (that's what got me in trouble but I still think it's the best set-up!)

Yours sincerely,
T.P.

Dear Confused:

In response to your letter, P.S. and P.P.S., I would like to say once again that this editor decides what articles go in the available space, be it football, sports or whatever! What do you mean by avoiding "problems" concerning articles or ads? I am satisfied with what has appeared in the SUN. Concerning your suggestion

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