

# Insurance policy up in flames

## UPEI Student Union smokes Barn's fire insurance

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The phrase "burn, baby, burn – disco inferno" will earn you no popularity points at the UPEI Barn thanks to a recent decision made by the UPEI SU council.

At their last meeting, the council announced that the current fire insurance coverage of the barn will not be renewed for the upcoming year.

Student union executive explains that there are two reasons for not renewing the current fire insurance policy.

"There has already been one fire, back in the 80s, and if there were to be another, it would be unlikely that we could get insurance on the new Student Union building," said Pauline Tran, Vice President Internal.

Tran adds that the cut also has financial benefits. "By cancelling the insurance we also save \$3000."

The Barn has been used as a "temporary" home for the SU for over 20 years. During this time, it has been victim to the abuse of several generations of students. The construction of the new building is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2000.

Winston Tremere, a representative of The Co-operators, Charlottetown, believes that it is unlikely that an insurance company

would refuse to insure the new building, and that although not necessary, fire coverage on such a structure would be safer than none.

"There is no reason why the Student Union could not get insurance on the next building," maintained Tremere. "Just because there has been a fire [with the Barn] isn't reason enough."

Some students are concerned about the safety of the building.

"You would think they would come up with a better way of saving money," said one student. "Cancelling fire insurance on a building where students smoke and drink isn't a very smart idea."

Another student questioned the Student Union's ability to hold a

liquor licence in the event that the fire insurance coverage was to be cancelled.

Ken Hicks of the Liquor Control Commission says that UPEI SU is not forced to have such insurance to hold a liquor licence.

"There is no requirement for fire insurance to obtain a liquor license," he says. "It is up to the establishment, although it

would be foolish not to have any."

Students also commented that they "feel uneasy" at the thought of frequenting the building, fearing that if a fire was to occur personal injury may result from the incident.

"If someone was to be injured, they [the Student Union] would prob-

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# CIMN funding partially reinstated

## Management guardedly optimistic about station's future

By KAREN RAWLINES

Following three years of operation on a shoestring budget, UPEI's CIMN radio is now looking optimistically towards a new year of broadcasting with more money than they've had since a Student Union cut funding in 1996.

At a recent SU council meeting, CIMN management put forward a request for increased funding in the amount of approximately \$9,000. Although they did not receive this full amount, most were pleased with the allotted \$5,350.

Jason Gourley, the station's general manager, is encouraged by the funding increase, noting that the re-

cently approved budget is \$3,850 more than their previous one.

Over the years, the station has been plagued by students' criticism regarding the

small range of transmission.

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CIMN's new budget could allow for new equipment and a better connection in the Pit.

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