



The End

Gem dirtying clean laundry?

Dear Editor,

Rarely do I bother to comment on specific articles which are published in the student newspaper. However there are two articles in your February 10th edition which refer to Student Services and myself in particular, which tend to be somewhat misleading to the average reader.

While most of the quotes which are attributed to me are fairly accurate, they are used out of context and leave the reader with a false im-

pression of what transpired during the interview.

When comments are made, I think it is good journalism to record results which present a true image of what the interview was about.

After talking with one of your reporters for approximately 1 1/2 hours, I was left with the feeling that a very positive interview had taken place about Student Services and programs which are available to members of the University community.

When I look at the printed account of that same interview, I can certainly understand why one would think

that it was a very negative discussion about the Student Union Executive and others at U.P.E.I.

For the record, I would like to say that the part of the interview referring to the Student Union took approximately 10 minutes. The main purpose was to present as accurately as possible, information on programs available for students, and not to cast stones at this year's Executive.

I know that one of the main purposes of a student newspaper is to allow aspiring young reporters the opportunity to develop their own journalistic styles. I hope that in the future the reporter in question will record the complete story and not just the part which is controversial.

You have a fine student newspaper and I would like to see it kept at a level which has the respect of all members of the University community.

Thank you for allowing me to express my point of view.

James F. Griffith
Director,
Student Services



One Senator speaks out

Dear Editor,

After reading last week's issue of "The Netted Gem" I feel compelled to give some sort of rebuttal. Your article concerning student Senators and their lackadaisical attitude is one which has been a long time coming.

For some time now student Senate positions have been viewed as a good resume stacker. (Perhaps this is evident in the attendance.) Even the way past elections have been run — last September Senate and Board of Governors elections were held in a haphazard manner. Information was scarce; it was only after my election that I found out that I also held a seat on Council! (However, criticism comes easily when you're not running the show.)

My main concern now is — how can it change? Dare I mention that nasty phrase "Senate reform". Having heard from several voices over the past few months, I cannot claim ownership to all of the ideas, but I will act as spokesman:

— Should Senate positions be two year terms; thereby ensuring experience during the

second year?

— Should the number of positions be reduced, demanding a higher competition among candidates?

— Should student senators be encouraged or required to hold meetings with constituents throughout the year?

All of these ideas came from students; don't let them die on paper. Get out and talk to your Senators (and all other elected reps). Ask them questions — demand answers! Find out their opinions and challenge them. You have the right to know — use that right!

Respectfully yours,
A student Senator.

P.S. Some of us do care and are interested.

University 101 would soothe culture shock

I understand that there is interest at UPEI in the University 101 course. This course, apparently, is similar to the one presently offered successfully in some American States.

From my understanding, it is an orientation type of course incorporating much information that a Freshman needs. It would also, I venture to suggest, help with the culture shock inherent in any move from High School to University.

Whilst some individuals complain that this course is not academic and therefore has no place in the university, my own feeling is that this is where one comes to receive exposure to different disciplines in learning and life experience. This surely would be facilitated by a credit course in study, group interaction, University policy and procedures and self actualisation.

As a mature student, long out of High School, I would be glad to take this model of University 101. I have found time wasted in trying to locate information, anxiety and stress prevalent in the initial stages of meeting Professors and fellow students, and energy depleted in disorganised searching for clubs, groups and meetings.

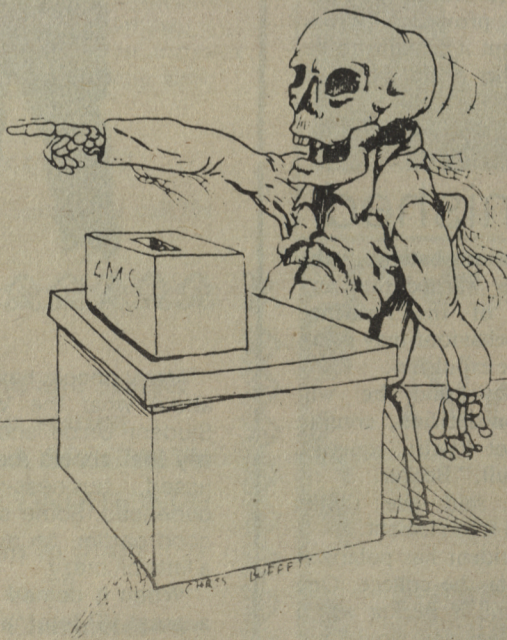
The students who walk these "hallowed halls of learning," have, I believe, a need of this type of course to enable us to plug in to all our University has to offer. This in turn facilitates our own student identity.

Shirley Lambert

Who gives those student politicians the right to make decisions for us?



Hey, you forgot to vote!



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We're still here. Are you still there? Strange, isn't it, that you know who we are, or at least our names, and we don't know many of you? Life is bizarre that way. Don't cry, please. We are still not resigned to that as an inevitability. Yup, we're still waiting for you to join us. And who are we? We are the "People called Intrepid", Jonathan Orlovski, Joanne MacKinnon, Parker Grimmer, Ruth Edgett, Mickey Place, Sharon Leighton, Howard Beattie, John Pendergast, John Dougan, Karen McLenithan, Leah Parker, M. U. Nchie, Gus Hillstrom and Carolyn Ryan.

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