

Students asked to contribute criteria for new President

By Jonathan Orlowksi

The non-renewal of President Peter Meincke's contract is mysteriously shrouded with mist and speculation, but some students think he's lacking in qualities which make a good university president.

When the *Gem* ran interviews in Blanchard, Bernardine, and Marian, students spoke up.

"He (Meincke) is so distant you know there is a president but not where he is or what he's doing," said one.

Another described him as "a ghost — he's there, and he's not there."

"I never really quite understood what he does," said a confused student. Another ... "Not enough involvement!"

The majority of students interviewed expressed concerns like these and said a new President should become more involved with activities at the student level, as opposed to the administrative level.

Some activities mentioned were meeting students at the ballot box during student elections, attending more Student Union events, dropping the puck at the Panthers' opening game, or throwing a first pitch (even if he's not a good ball player) at an inter-residence softball game.

Students wanted someone to take an interest in high residence fees and the run-away costs of books — a person who is visible to students.

Opinion differed on whether the President should be an Islander or a non-Islander.

"He should be somebody, not necessarily an Islander, associated with UPEI, who knows its problems, as opposed to somebody walking off the street with a degree," said one student.

"Someone from the Atlantic region instead of Upper Canada," asserted one. "If he's from outside the region, he won't know the Island's way of life, and won't relate to the Island as a whole."

Disagreement was noticed: "I think he should be a non-Islander, from outside the region, so that he'll bring new ideas and unbiased opinions with him into the position. That's especially important for getting the Sportsplex off the ground." .. "Since we're promoting an "Island University", an Islander should have the role of President."

And communication?

The consensus was that the next President should explain his job clearly and have more direct contact with the students. "As one student put it, the ideal President would be "someone you can talk to (at a moment's notice) for more than ten or fifteen seconds without feeling intimidated."

Variously, students asked

for a President with a Master's Degree, some qualification in business and administrative skills, liberal arts experience and sympathy, or a PhD and some knowledge of what the Vet College will be teaching.

One asked for a President willing to establish a business co-operative program, whereby students are placed part-time in community business positions, earning credits, experience, and some money for tuition at the same time.

More general qualities named included: intelligence, honesty, an ability to command respect, leadership, a higher campus profile, fairness, friendliness, sincerity in keeping promises and maybe even a little charisma.

Three students interviewed suggested that they would like to see a woman in the position, if she had the same qualifications as a man.

The Presidential Search committee is now establishing criteria for a new President and welcomes presentations from Faculties and other interested groups.

The Student Union has formed a committee to gather suggestions from students, and is circulating a questionnaire (reproduced on the right). Students with opinions are asked to see or call

Michelle Dorsey, Aileen

Matters, or Ken Dymant (at the Student Union office — Extension 395 or 396).

The university is currently in the process of establishing criteria upon which to base the selection of a new President. The Student Union is presenting a Brief to the Committee and would appreciate your input by completing this form.

- What minimum academic requirements should the new President have?
Please check one: Masters degree
Bachelor degree Ph. D or equivalent
- Should the new President be a:
Choose one: Non-Islander
Islander Doesn't Matter
- Should the new President be:
Married Divorced
Single Doesn't Matter
- Does the gender of the candidate matter yes no , if yes, which would you prefer.
Male
Female
- Should social status be taken into consideration when choosing a candidate?
Yes No
If yes, which would be desirable: Middle class
Lower class Upper class
- Should the candidate's background of study be a factor in selection?
Yes No
Please state your preference.
- Should the candidate have previous experience:
In the position Yes No
In a related position Yes No
- Is success in past career endeavors important? Yes No
- Is failure in past career endeavors important? Yes No
- Please rank the following administrative qualities in order of importance (1 being most important, 7 being least important).
Leadership ability
High Profile
Ability to relate to students
Ability to relate to faculty
Ability to relate to administration
Ability to relate to community at large
be financially responsible
- Would you like to see a President who is:
Progressive Conservative
- Prior to final selection, should the candidates be required to speak at a general assembly? Yes No
- Do you have any suggestions as regards to the criteria for a new President?
- Do you have any recommendations for nominations (eg. people)?

Soccer Players protest treatment by Athletics Dept

By Ross Hartinger

The lack of support from the Athletic Department at

the University of Prince Edward Island for its soccer team has prompted the team

to speak out about the department's lack of concern and its policies concerning

financial funding.

Spokesmen Glen Smiley, captain of the 1983 Atlantic University Athletic Association soccer champions, and player Paul Peacock said in an interview Tuesday with the *Netted Gem* that the Athletic Department, headed by Ed Hilton, overlooks the team at budget time, and says there isn't even enough money in the budget to fund trips and supply the team with adequate equipment.

The players wear volleyball shirts and shorts that were purchased last year, plus the socks they bought this season.

The soccer team is third-last in line on the funding list and are a far cry away from the immense budgets stowed away for the Hockey and Basketball teams.

Both soccer Panthers stress that they are not griping because they have less money but say, "Let's have

our fair share".

They want a fair shake for the soccer program especially after winning the only AUAA championship UPEI has won.

"They (the athletic department) are expecting us to win the Canadian championship on a shoestring budget," said Smiley.

Last weekend the team travelled to Nova Scotia for road games in Antigonish and Halifax. The team — all eighteen of them — piled into a 15-passenger van and took off for the mainland.

The team arrived in Antigonish forty-five minutes before the game because they had to leave at 5 in the morning (it was too expensive to stay Friday night)

The team spent the night in Truro, about 100 miles from Halifax, because affordable accommodations could not be found in Halifax.

Smiley said it was just another example of how the team has to scrimp and save.

Both players agreed that a budget of about would be adequate to fund the team which doesn't have warm-up uniforms, practice uniforms, raincoats for protection from the rain or enough money from the department for food allowances when they go away.

These essentials, says Smiley, are not enjoyed by the second-ranked soccer team in the country because most of the money has to go towards travelling expenses, food, and accommodations.

Surely the Athletics department can see their way through for more funding for a team which already has one conference title and are on their way to another and possibly a Canadian title.

Their main concern is that

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