

The Plague

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Call 'Em One IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION??

Contrary to my previous predictions, the "Direction of the Union Address" proved to be neither very controversial or grossly unpopular (when I put my foot in my mouth I do a good job of it.) In fact the general consensus of opinion leads one to believe that the documents was much less redical than most students feared it would be and expressed an air of prevailing relief.

Although I have disagreed with the S.U. President over certain areas of policy in the past, I found very little that merited violent disagreement in this presentation.

Many articles of the paper were what I expected to see only they were in a much milder and watered-down version than I had anticipated. Where I feared a heavy S.U. financial commitment none was mentioned. The student body was invited to participate and not forced to, a factor which should insure a more active degree of cooperation and personal commitment. Certainly the applause the presentation received did not bespeak rejection by the students who were in attendance. Admiration was expressed for many of the suggested programs, especially those dealing with aiding underprivileged children and in-

mates of penal institutions as well as the Big-Brother, Big Sister policy.

In an overall perspective only a few dissenting voices were raised and these dissenters objected on the grounds that they felt the document was not radical enough or did not go far enough. Obviously S.U. President Keaveny has won back a number of disenchanted supporters on the strength of this address for credit must be given where it is due (and this, in my opinion, is one of these cases).

However the real fate of these noble ideas lie in whether the students of U.P.E.I. accept these policies or prefer to remain inwardly focused. In this case rejection consists of apathy and non-involvement and success or the degree of success consists of the degree of involvement and participation that each interested student makes to the program. Only time will tell if the students of this university really support these ideas.

Call 'Em Two WHERE HAS ALL THE MONEY GONE?

It has finally become apparent to the S.U.C. that money doesn't grow on trees. At last Thursday's all-nighter the Council at last came to the horrifying realization that the S.U. was going broke. This trend was pre-

viously predicted by observers who shuddered at the manner the S.U. was indiscriminantly handing out cash to each and every group, club, and organization that submitted a budget.

What was even worse was the fact that these groups received almost all the money they requested without being seriously questioned as to the need, extent, and validity of their claims. The first crack became apparent two weeks ago when the Engineering Society had it's proposed \$800 budget chopped to \$300 in what the Council described as "belt-tightening" and the issue broke wide open with the presentation of a budget by the Business Society at last Thursday's SUC meeting. This budget was entirely rejected and the Council further announced that drastic steps were to be taken to cut off supplies of ready cash to campus organizations.

These steps included a general review of all budgets and freezing of funds and subsequent withdrawal of these funds from any club, organization or society with a restricted membership (i.e. all groups that any students on campus are not eligible to join). This proposal would withdraw the budgets previously allotted to such groups that are restrictive in nature as the cheerleaders, Engineering Society, and Co-Ed Club. Certainly moves

such as these will undoubtedly disrupt the activities of these groups on campus and will not aid their effectiveness.

Even the Winter Carnival Committee was threatened by these economy moves and their ability to secure top-flight entertainment seriously impaired.

All this makes one wonder why the S.U.C. did not see the hand-writing on the wall at a much earlier date and act upon these signs of impending financial disaster before the state of affairs reached a crisis proportion.

Perhaps the saddest part of this whole affairs is the fact that the Winter Carnival may suffer because of it. Since the Winter Carnival is THE event of the year and the only event with a guaranteed mass participation of students, it should have a budget of more than it's present paltry sum of \$10,000. Success depends almost entirely upon the calibre of the entertainment we are able to procure and you can't get first rate entertainment for under \$15,000. The S.U.C. expects the Winter Carnival Committee to have top entertainment and still return \$7,000 to the treasury. This means a total budget loss on the carnival of \$3,000. This is utterly ridiculous! The Winter Carnival should be budgeted for a loss of \$10,000, that way they could sign some really good enter-

tainment for say \$16,000 and return \$6,000 to the coffere.

From the viewpoint of student participation and the unifying influence of the Winter Carnival this suggestion is more than justified. It's fine to spend all sorts of money on pet committees but let's put a little more of it where the student will receive a little more enjoyment from it. After all, it's the student's money that is being spent.

Call 'Em Three

In a lighter vein let's take a look at the following amusing item that appeared in the November issue of "MOTOR TREND".

"Waiting for Lenin"

Russia's Fiat - engineered mammoth plant at Tolgiattigrad was to be operational by the end of this year but construction delays postponed the opening of the factory until next April. Moscow's papers, however were not willing to admit to any problems. Instead they found a better way to tell their car-starved readers about the unexpected delay. Workers of the new plant, they wrote, unanimously decided to wait for Lenin's 100th birthday to roll the first Soviet Fiat off their new assembly line. The date? — April 22, 1970.

Call 'Em Four
MERRY CHRISTMAS,
HAVE A GOOD (HIC!)
VACATION.

Insurance Company proposes U. P. E. I. Health Plan

This is a brief outline of the benefits currently available to you. It is an informal explanation of the benefits available through a Group Plan.

When you become insured you will receive a certificate indicating the date on which your protection under the Plan becomes effective.

The benefits for which you are insured are as follows:

Surgical Reimbursement

If you undergo a necessary surgical operation, the Plan will reimburse you for the Surgeon's fee, up to the minimum amount specified for the operation performed, in the general tariff section of the Prince Edward Island Medical Society Schedule of Fees in effect January 1, 1968.

This benefit is subject to no maximum.

It is not necessary to be confined to hospital to receive surgical benefits.

Surgical Assistants

Reimbursement

If, during the performance of a surgical operation, the services of a licensed doctor of medicine are necessary to assist the surgeon with the performance of the operation, the Plan will reimburse you for the assistant's fee, up to the amount specified for assisting in the operation, in the general tariff section of the Prince Edward Island Medical Society Schedule of Fees, in effect January 1, 1968.

Anaesthetic Reimbursement

If, during the performance of a surgical operation, the services of a qualified Anaesthetist, other than the doctor performing the operation, are necessary, the Plan will reimburse you for the Anaesthetist's fee, up to the minimum amount specified for the service rendered, in the general tariff section of the Prince Edward Island Medical Society Schedule of Fees, in effect January 1, 1968.

This benefit is subject to no maximum.

Medical Reimbursement

This coverage provides reimbursement for the cost of necessary Medical Treatment given by a licensed doctor of medicine, in accordance with the Prince Edward Island Schedule of Fees in effect January 1, 1968.

This coverage provides for one specialist consultation per period of disability.

The maximum reimbursement for all treatment received during any one period of disability or during any one policy term is \$200.00.

No reimbursement will be provided under the Medical Benefit for dental treatment, eye examination, the fitting of glasses, drugs or medicine, preventive inoculations of any kind, and routine physical examinations.

Diagnostic Services

Included in the \$200.00 Medical Maximum is reim-

bursed for diagnostic laboratory tests and for diagnostic x-ray tests incurred, based upon the amount suggested in the Prince Edward Island, Schedule of Fees, in effect January 1, 1968.

- between consecutive anniversary date of policy.
- during any one period of disability.

Dental Reimbursement

If you should suffer breakage of natural teeth through external violent accidental cause, you will be reimbursed for the fees charged by a properly licensed dentist for repair of such teeth, but not exceeding \$250.00 for all treatment resulting from any one accident.

This limit of \$250.00 will apply regardless of the number of dentists providing treatment.

Ambulance Benefit

This plan provides an allowance of \$25.00 during any one period of disability to

cover the cost of necessary transportation to or from a hospital in a licensed ambulance.

Reimbursement for Hospital Out-Patient Care

This coverage provides a reimbursement up to a maximum of \$25.00 during any one period of disability, for costs incurred for out-patient care given in a legally constituted hospital.

No reimbursement will be provided for any hospital costs which are provided for under any National, Provincial or Municipal legislation or which would have been provided for if you had applied for protection in accordance with the terms of such legislation.

Accidental Death & Dismemberment

1,000 — applicable to students only.

These benefits are also available for a student's wife and unmarried children under 22 years of age.