

PRES. MCGIBBON BARES ALL

The S. U. General meeting was held yesterday at Duffy. This exercise is held semi-annually during both semesters. Traditionally at these meetings the S. U. executive would make presentations noting their accomplishments.

It seems that in both last year and this year, a core group of idealistic, unrealistic, immature, negatively orientated self-acclaimed intellectuals, feel that they have the God given right to criticize anything and everything they deem fair game.

This group referred to numbers about five, with another half-dozen associates who play a two faced role, adopting a left wing or a right wing view, depending upon the situation.

At any rate I and the rest of the executive brought forth our achievements. Some of these (read the meeting report found elsewhere in this paper) were very notable, in light of the fact that Kevin Gauthier and myself have been in office only eight weeks. Also, we have not as yet been officially sworn into office.

After the executive presentations, there was a period of silence. It seemed that the audience was contented; that the executive, council and sub-committees were doing an acceptable job of taking care of S. U. business.

Then all hell broke loose. An inquiring student viewed the S.U. as a tremendously powerful organization, which should concern itself with such as the resurrection of Memorial Hall. Which would most likely necessitate a cutback in course funding. Also, it was expressed that the executive should launch an inquiry into the financial operations of the book store. Incidentally, any profits from that outfit are pooled into general funds which defray University

operating costs.

These agitators now seem to feel that the S.U. is responsible for the administration of U.P.E.I. (under radical advisement, of course).

This idea is in sharp contrast to that of last year, when that same sort of group was the underlying cause which led to a threatened S.U. disbandment, proposed by past president Derek Key.

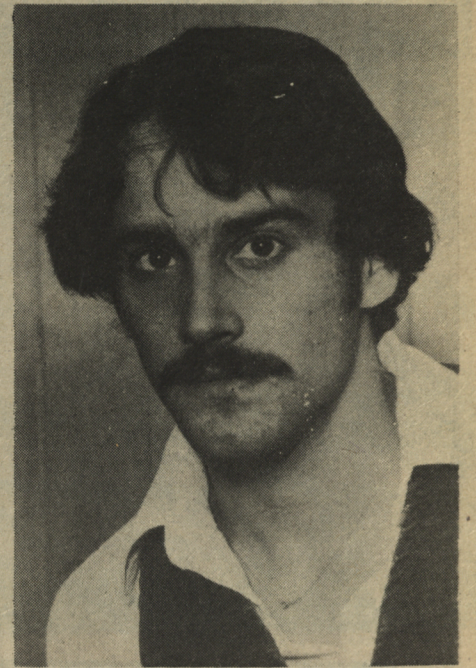
This basically was the reason for the large turnout to the general meeting, held a year ago.

At that time two executive members had already resigned. Last year's newspaper The Cadre, was printing such things as "It is not socially fashionable to be seen in public with the S.U. executive members." And

"People who run for S.U. positions, solely for personal gain." My point is this, given past records, this year's executive, Kevin Gauthier, John Neville, Mike McMahon, and Mike Kennedy, are dedicated to the student cause. Look at our track record in the length of time we've each been in office.

Now it seems we are being chastised by a group of agitators, for the way the administration governs U.P.E.I., and that the S.U. should make all decisions affecting U.P.E.I.

All I can say is this, I do feel that student reps in both Senate and Board of Governors are responsible and effective. Presently, that is the best we can do. As far as the small group of




agitators is concerned, I've tried, so hard to accommodate you, yet, regardless of what we do you are never satisfied. My advice to you is this, 1) When you criticize, why not follow through with something constructive, i.e. a possible solution, your life here and hereafter would be much easier for you. 2) Why not run for an executive position next year, then maybe we can switch positions, I'll drive the tractor and you can stand behind the manure spreader.

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This afternoon I was one of the 52 students present at the General Students Union Meeting. In my opinion the meeting was run very smoothly however not much information was presented that was not common knowledge already.

The question period was a farce. The only issues dealt with were double occupancy in Marion Hall and the price of books in the bookstore. The Student Union has very little say in these issues without the support of the students. Considering there were 150 students needed for a quorum at this meeting and only 52 students showed up, I think the chances of this are very slight. I continually see the same faces at each meeting and these people can only do so much.

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