

# Periodical cuts at the library

By BRUCE HENRY

What are periodicals? Well interchangeable words for periodicals are magazines and journals. Out of a total of 1200 periodicals there will be 150-200 less next year because of inflation. For the past 4 years the library received the same amount of money in their budget from the university who received it from the government. However, each year periodicals increase on an average of 12-15%, because the publisher has less people subscribing to their journal or magazine forcing them to increase their prices.

A total possible cut of 30% was decided by last year's budget committee in order to cover the inflation rate. "It's not their fault, it's the inflation..." was expressed by Mr. Dan Savage a University Librarian. A few alternatives to cut the expense were inter library loans, but the process takes about a week. Another was electronic text like Internet or Web but the only problem with using the Web is the accuracy of the information - since there are no laws placed upon factuality toward the material on the Web. "How can you trust it" was a comment by Mr. Savage regarding the web, including how Web pages don't have any back issues.

This year's cuts included eliminating a secretarial position. However during the budget meeting the library protested any cuts made to the collections and hours of service. On the other hand if the library is forced to make another 30% cut next year these protected items will be cut.

The libraries goal is to cancel issues that students and faculty don't use. For instance they are considering targeting and cancelling the most expensive publishers to reduce their initial cost.

The library needs input from both students and faculty in determining what the library should keep and what to cancel. It is almost impossible for them to update all of their present subscriptions, but without our help how will they suit our educational needs.

## My Point of View

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Do you feel you are forced to conform with someone who supposedly knows more about a subject than you do. Sure we tend to believe scientist, doctors, and all those other people with degrees and certificates, but for gods sake don't give in to what their saying. They may express themselves as *experts*, but even experts make mistakes. Besides we all have a head on our shoulders so why don't we use it more often. Probably because we listen to what we want to hear and nothing else. For instance, stuff that is blown way out of proportion and once the truth was found it determined the event to be one big misunderstanding. And there is nothing more frustrating when a person works on something taking all their time and energy then finding out it was one big waste of time.

Well I take it as just another one of lifes great adventures in a world that is dying, because of man kind. What hope can one sustain when they see and know the bitter end is coming soon.

# UPEI's Coat of Arms

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Former UPEI president Dr. C.W.J. Eliot noticed we were one of the only universities who did not have a coat of arms. So he got in touch with David A. Webber, an artist in order to create one. Combining logos from St. Dunstan's and Prince of Wales College upon which UPEI was founded they came up with UPEI's Coat of Arms.

## Seal of The Crown



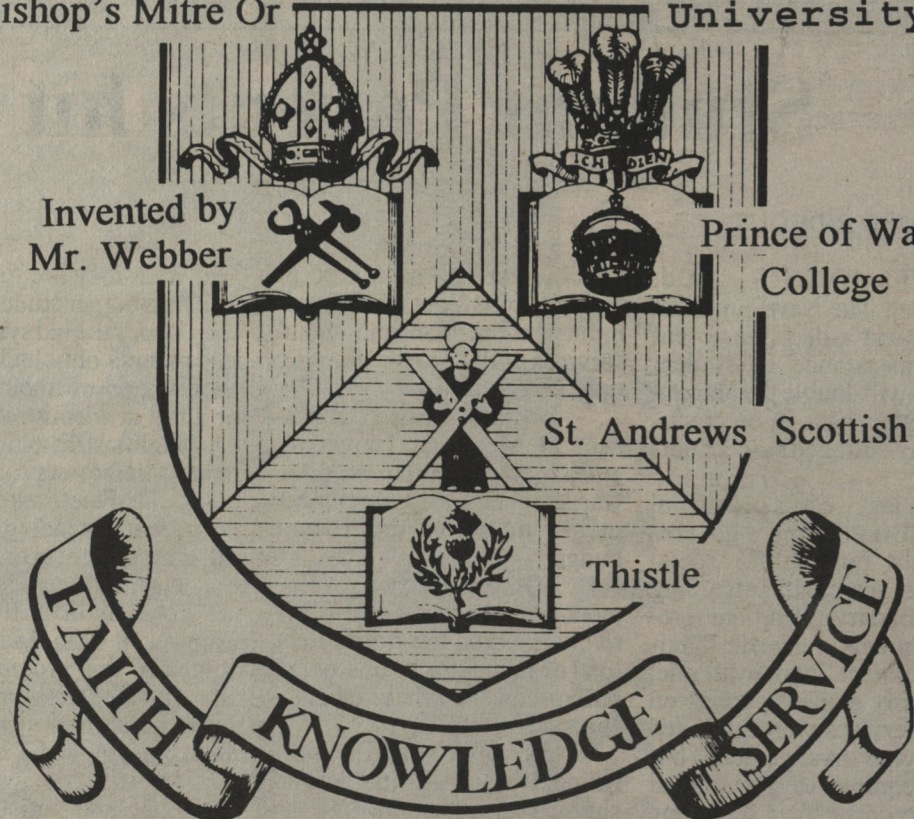
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## Bishop's Mitre Or

Invented by Mr. Webber

Saint Dunstan University



Prince of Wales College

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Motto created by Dr. Eliot