

Fall 1989 SU President's Message

Dear Fellow Students:

It has been a very productive fall for the Student Union, and I am happy to report that a lot has been accomplished, I wish to highlight some of the activities in point form. As space restrictions limit me to such.

1. The CFS Student Saver Discount listings for PEI have almost **Doubled** this year over last. We are pleased to have expanded the program to Summerside and Motague. Students are using their cards and saving. Show your card at all SU main events and receive \$1.00 off entrance price.
2. The new **Student Discovery Guide** was distributed to students during registration day. The calendar guide was free of charge and provided through joint funding between the registrar's office, the department of student services and your student union.
3. We have our own **Student Union Crest** as of September and we thank Mary Ada of AVC Graphics Art for her contribution.
4. The Panther Lounge and Barn walls first floor have been painted 4 crisp white with school colour green accent. Plans are in the works for continued renovation of Panther Lounge to spruce up decor.
5. Our effort to provide alternative programming has provided some 10 wet/dry events. Recreational activities ie. soccer match and woodstock film, and a good beginning of speakers ie. Hillary Wass, George ---- (and coming in Nov. 17 Stewart MacLeah). Other ideas for programming are welcomed and appreciated.
6. The addition of Lisa Chandler as **Promotions** coordinator for SU events has resulted in terrific poster work, regular electronic board updates, and upgrade of communications at SU info desk continuing.
7. **Lobby** sessions with minister of Education, Paul Connolly, Director of student aid, Dave MacPherson, Liberal MP's Catherine Callbeck, Lloyd Axworthy, and George Prude and with the help of accessible education for the island student on the political agenda as a priority.
8. The **Federal AIDS Strategy Project** of university & college students in the Atlantic Provinces has initiated a top notch awareness program to our campus. Shannon MacDonald, your VP Finance is our provincial representative on the Steering Committee and she and other Atlantic Reps will be working on continued AIDS education at UPEI.
9. We have a new **Typing Service** please look for purple & white book marks for names of qualified typists & at guaranteed rates.
10. There is a **New Coat Check** at the SU centre for those busy event nights. We hope the added security will mean less worry for you on your night out with friends.
11. National Student's Day of October 18th was a great success! There are so many of you that helped to make the day **A Celebration** that this space doesn't permit the room. Let me at least thank the CFS/UPEI Chair, Cathy Campbell and Andrea Leonell, committee member for their energy and organizational skills!
12. "Paul's Poster Policy" has meant cleaner walls on the campus and better visibility of current materials on display. The poster policy needs to be perfected but so far, there is a definite improvement.
13. The Student Union is researching a funding levels proposal to the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission (MPHEC). This submission is vital for us to have a voice on the topic of government educational spending at our university.
14. **Athletics** varsity & intermurals promotions are off to a good start. National Student Day highlighted women & men's soccer, Halloween festivities celebrated hockey, and a special Barb Mullary has also invited student union organized representation so we can do our part in promotion. Of course, the student union means you, and your support for your fellow students.
15. **National Universities Week & UPEI's Open House** meant the barn doors swinging open to music of curfew and tours of the building councillors were on had to meet & greet people of the community.
16. Post card / petition **Campaign** to stop the bill c-33 cut backs in funding to education, a huge success. All the post cards are signed and ready for the Ottawa, Nov. 9th national **Student Rally** on Parliament Hill. We have over 400 signatures on the petition (and counting) for PEI Liberal MP Catherine Callbeck to introduce in the House.

17. Thanks to you the **Volunteer File** is huge! Susan Wynne and Leanne McGee have volunteered to tally all the info on the forms so that we can get the ball rolling as of the October Election.

18. The Graduate students of UPEI are officially recognized as a grad student association. As an associate member of the Student Union, and Holders of a voting position on the council. this means better representation. for the graduate student concern and we extend our congratulations!

19. The student union has a **New Facsimile Service** to offer out of the student union office. Contact Betty Johnston, administrative assistant phone 566-0530 for sending out and receiving details (Monday to Friday 9:00 am - 4:00pm)

20. The executive are busily researching a proposal for a **Student Centre Needs Assessment** and are preparing a list of student concerns regarding the **Winter Games** of 1991 to be presented to president Eliot. Please refer your specific concerns either by phone or by message to me, Phone 566-0530.

21. For those of you who didn't receive your CFS Student Saver card I have just received an order of cards in. If we have your name already you will be mailed your card in the very near future.

Well, folks! That's it for now and for this message. I hope you fell that some of your concerns are being meet and that we, your elected representatives are serving you well. Please let us know if there is something we should be doing on you behalf or if there is some way of improving or building upon existing activities.

Good luck with your courses the rest of this semester. On behalf of the executive,

yours Truly,

Lisa Murphy

President

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Consumers Warned About Potpourri Candles

Ottawa, October 17, 1989 -

The Federal Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs today warned consumers that candles designed for use in potpourri burners may pose a hazard in the home. these candles are known as "tea candles" or "tea lights".

Following consumer complaints concerning this type of candle, a laboratory analysis by the Department's Product Safety Branch confirmed that the molten wax from such a candle can sometimes ignite, cracking the potpourri burner base and scorching the supporting surface. Heat generated by the burning wax, however, was not found to be sufficient to cause cotton fabric or paper to catch fire.

Consumers are advised to place potpourri burners on a heat-resistant surface, to keep an eye on them while they are in use and ensure that the water in the simmering pot does not evaporate. To further reduce the risk, purchase candles that have fine wicks with no loose ends at the bottom. When buying a potpourri burner, look for a large size model with big air holes for ventilation.

If the candle wax does ignite, the burner should not be moved. Use baking soda or a non-water-based fire extinguisher to put out the flame.

For more information, please contact your nearest office of Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada.

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