

DOES THE S.U. OWE YOU MONEY?!\$?

As you found out, when paying your registration fees, all students entering U.P.E.I. are automatically enrolled as subscribers to a group insurance plan which is administered through the Student Union. Each year the Student Union, through an appointed committee, studies different proposals and decides which to accept for the following year. It was decided last spring that we would, once again, go along with Zurich.

IF, PERCHANCE, YOU ARE ALREADY INSURED THROUGH ANOTHER PLAN, GO TO THE STUDENT UNION AND THE FEE WILL BE REFUNDED UPON SHOW OF PROOF OF ALTERNATE COVERAGE. Full rebate will be made up to January 28 for those subscribing for the 2nd Semester. After that it will have to be pro-rated.

Now as to the details of this coverage...when you get a prescription you may go to any local drugstore, show your student I.D. card and you will receive your drugs without any charge. There may be a bit of a delay in this until such time as registration lists are distributed to the pharmacies so, in the first month, you may be asked to pay. If this happens, just take the receipt to the Student Union Office and you will receive a rebate. If you go to an out-of-town drugstore, then get a receipt, take it to the Student Union Office and you will receive a rebate. Besides drugs, you are covered by this insurance for a number of other things such as artificial limbs and eyes, ambulance services, ACCIDENTAL dental services (several claims for over \$500 each were paid last year), diagnostic services, chiropractors and many other expenses which do not fall under the Provincial Medical Plan. We might add that there are some things that are not included, because the premium cost would be prohibitive -- contraceptive drugs, eye examinations, eyeglasses, physical examinations and, for Canadians and Landed Immigrants, those charges which come within the scope of the Provincial plans.

For non-Canadians the coverage is much the same...the difference in the charge is necessitated because Canadians are already covered by provincial plans and those students from other countries are not. Roughly speaking, this means ward care and medical fees.

Both Canadian and foreign students are covered for semi-private care in hospitals.

We'll give a warning.....if you are neither a Canadian nor a Landed Immigrant....and if you gave a Canadian address at registration and, consequently you were charged the lesser medical fee, please, please, please rush to the Student Union Office and pay the difference or discuss any problem relative to your status. If you fall into this class then you are not covered for medical and hospital fees and, if you need the insurance, you will find sickness or injury mighty expensive. A few days in hospital might make your insurance fee look pretty miniscule. Hospital fees in Canada run from a low of about \$75.00 per day here to over \$250.00 a day in some of the big-city ones. Remember, without extended coverage, foreign students are NOT covered for hospital, medical or surgical costs.

Conversely, we should add that if you gave a foreign address and were charged the greater amount and you are either a Canadian or a Landed Immigrant, you should rush over to the Student Union Office and apply for a rebate of the difference!

Inasmuch as the Student Union must pay the premium by February 1, you are urged to straighten out your status or apply for a rebate before January 31. After that, date adjustments will have to be pro-rated.

You might also be interested to learn that dependant coverage is available for an additional \$18.00 per annum for Canadians as well as for others at a rate not yet determined. This covers either a wife or a husband and all children.

It is also worthy of note that this coverage extends to August 31, 1978 for all students. If, for any reason, you cease being a student (full time) your coverage will cease and you should apply for a rebate. This does not apply to those who graduate in May 78 as their coverage will extend to August 31, 1978. Remember that, as a full time student, your coverage extends to August 31, 1978....on or off campus.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS PROGRAM OF HEALTH CARE CONTACT THE STUDENT UNION OFFICE WITHOUT DELAY!!!!!!

campus comment

The U.P.E.I. SUN has added a new regular feature this semester. 'Campus Comment' will be dealing with topics relating to the student body in general. For our first issue, we asked students and faculty how they feel the U.P.E.I. Student Union Newspaper could be improved. Most people appeared surprised that our newspaper would undertake such a task as 'Campus Comment'.

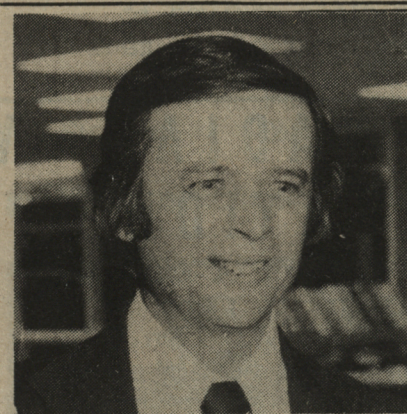


DR. REBECCA SMITH, ENGLISH PROFESSOR.

Dr. Smith said that she was delighted with the SUN, and said that she found the question difficult to answer and therefore felt she "must be pleased with it all." She noted that the newspaper was "awfully wholesome" and she thought that that was great.

MARTHA O'BRIEN, SENIOR, ALBERTON.

Ms. O'Brien felt the SUN was reasonably good but added she would like to read things in the newspaper that happen in Charlottetown. She said she would like to see more comments from students with these students names appearing with the comment.



Dean Ozmon said that he always felt that in the past one of the deficiencies was the lack of local news being covered in the campus newspaper. But the SUN has "cured that pretty well." He said he used to enjoy the Senate features with the student point of view and would be interested in seeing its return.

JEANETTE MACAULAY, SENIOR, SOURIS.

Ms. MacAulay felt that the SUN is excellent but she would "like to see more things from classes and larger articles from individual people." She said that there was not enough in the SUN about what is going on, on campus.

