

Behind the scenes: commendable

by Sheila Lund

Behind the scenes of the UPEI Speedy Propane scare, a whole different problem presented itself. How was the University going to house 200 Bernardine and Marian Hall students, who were evacuated, and possibly the residents of Blanchard Hall if they, too, had to be evacuated? Mike Read, Residence and Conference Manager for UPEI, had to deal with this situation, and deal with it he did - he was up until 3 a.m., that morning making sure the on-campus students had a place to

sleep that night.

Read said that they had plans which they could follow in order to house the students. Firstly, they thought of possibly housing the Marian and Bernardine Hall residents in Blanchard Hall. The students of Blanchard were willing to house approximately 150 students. Read thought that the students of Blanchard Hall should be "commended for their cooperation," - and indeed they should. Read was informed by the Fire Chief at a later time, however, that

"things looked rather grim," for all residents staying on the UPEI campus that night, including Blanchard Hall residents. As a result of this information, Read then went to the Kirkwood and made tentative reservations for the Bernardine and Marian Hall crew. Realizing the possibility that Blanchard may also be evacuated, he made arrangements with the Rodd Motor Inn to put up Blanchard Hall students for the night.

Read was pleased the "the measures to accommodate

students went so well." He stated that "the students were very cooperative," and aided in the smooth running of the move. "The fellow from Kirkwood expected a real problem," in the move of the students to the motel. Read commented, "but things were organized enough to have most of the people in their rooms by 10:30 p.m." He was also very happy with the conduct of the students in the motel: "No damage - a few parties, but that's only natural." Read said. The Kirkwood management went

so far as to say that if an occurrence like this one ever happened again, they would be delighted to house the students.

Now that the propane scare is over, and students back in their respective residences, we should take the time to commend Mike Read, the head residents, the residence assistants, and the students for being so orderly and cooperative as to let the evacuation procedure take place without many complications, and making the move to the Kirkwood go as smoothly as possible.

SU General Meeting successful

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"The Student Union is you," stated Gordon Cobb, SU President, at the General Meeting held in the Library Lounge last Monday. The meeting was the second attempt at getting students in-

involved in the affairs of student government. The first try at a General Meeting failed due to the lack of enough students to comprise a quorum.

Cobb explained the services the Student Union offered students for their \$70.00 student fee, such as

pubs, movies, etc., and also about "the things you can't really see" that the SU offers, such as political representation. "One decision affects the whole future of the university," said Cobb when speaking about the Senate facing an upcoming proposal for the

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Psychology Department.

The Department wants to require students to have at least a 65% average in order to enter 3rd year Psychology, and at least a 65% average in order to graduate as a Psychology major.

Cobb issued a call to "voice our concerns to all parties that come forth in the upcoming elections." He was referring to issues such as housing, education costs, and athletic facilities. Cobb felt that "all of these things are possible things to be done," and that "if we do act as powerless people then nothing may be done." He went on to say, "There will be no action if we don't speak out."

A question was raised that the SU makes the same statements every year about student concerns, such as housing. In answer to this question, Cobb pointed out that Holland College has hired two students called Accommodations Officers, who are hired to find the best way to accommodate students and to lobby landlords and the government on housing issues. Cobb said he was in favour of this student position, and that discussion of hiring Accommodations Officers for UPEI will be coming up shortly in Council.

VP Academic, Carolyn Ryan, during her speech to the student body, brought forth information concerning the Future of Work Lecture Series, and went through a schedule of events. She also explained the reason why the yearbook is so late this year, which is due to three pages being lost during the summer, which was not discovered until this September. This year the Student Union is hiring Intercollegiate Press to do the

yearbook.

VP Operations, Karen Blacquiere, spoke about the success of Orientation, and the failure of the recent fashion show.

She also reminded

students that Fall Fest is in two weeks, and urged everyone to get involved.

John Orr, SU Treasurer, explained that the Student Union has only \$250,000 in its budget and invited students down to the Barn if they are interested in finding out what the money will be used for. Orr stated that \$380,000 was "hacked away from the UPEI budget last year from \$13 million dollars", resulting in the increase in residence and tuition fees this year.

A question was raised from the audience concerning the amount the Student Union planned to allot to sub-committees for the upcoming academic year. To this Orr replied that if they were concerned about the amount of money the sub-committees would be getting, they should bring it up before Council.

At the end of the meeting students expressed interest in what the Student Union's policy on selling South African products shall be, in light of recent news stories concerning the issue printed in *The Netted Gem*. Ryan addressed the question by stating that the Student Union is presently awaiting a package of information regarding the sale of South African products and they would probably bring a motion before Council to boycott South African products in the future.

