

# STUDENTS FOR SYMPOSIUM '79

As the reality of Symposium '79 draws near, we the Students for Symposium '79, feel that a moment should be taken to reflect upon the many events leading up to the actual Symposium.

From the struggles encountered in the first organizational meetings in September to the hectic preparations of press conferences and publicity campaigns to the laborious and careful planning of the Symposium itself, there have been a great many lessons learned. Not the least of these has been the comprehension of the importance of team work and dedication to an idea.

Also unveiled during our preparations were the subtle workings of the politics involved with such an endeavour.

From the outset of the idea of a symposium at UPEI there has been a great deal of positive response from all quarters of the community but there has also been a degree of hesitation from certain quarters. Any friction which might arise from these differing views tends to demonstrate an integral

part of the Symposium - that of an open sharing of ideas. It is this sharing of ideas which marks our success as students and individuals.

The very fact that our committee has been drawn together from various departments within the university is indication of the importance and need for such a sharing of perspectives. For it is from these differing perspectives that a comprehensive view is achieved, one that is representative of the majority.

It is this type of interchange which has marked the development of direction for the planning of Symposium '79 and which will determine the overall success of the exercise.

The success to date of Symposium '79 rests with those people of our community (University and other) who have pledged and given support to the idea from the beginning. Nearly everyone who has been approached has been more than happy to help in any way requested, again with the exception of one or two.

We extend thanks to the Administration, in part-

icular to the President, the Dean of Arts and the Dean of Science, all who have helped in funding and have contributed many helpful suggestions. To Senate for their unanimous approval to cancel classes for November 7, giving all students the opportunity to attend the Symposium. To the Student Union who have been generous in their support - financial, moral and material, while Student Services have provided typing and copying assistance.

The local media has played an important part to date with its coverage of the upcoming event, the SUN being foremost.

Also, one of the big factors to which the committee owes thanks for

our success to date, lies in the willingness of particular secretaries who have given their time diligently to type the numerous pieces of material which constantly cropped up demanding immediate attention.

To all these people and others, the Committee for Symposium '79 extends a warm thank-you for your help.

It is our hope and desire that the people responsible for the success of the next step of Symposium '79, THE STUDENT BODY, will respond to the forum provided them and exhibit by attendance and participation, their ability and desire to Share Ideas on University Education.

Make Symposium '79 a success!

## SYMPOSIUM '79 AGENDA

### TUESDAY, NOV. 6th (Duffy Amphitheatre)

- 7:30 P.M. Introduction of Symposium Idea (President Meincke and Symposium Committee member, Mark Ledwell)
- 7:45 P.M. Guest Speaker: Les Harris (Vice-President Memorial University Prominent Canadian historian)
- 9:00 P.M. Questions from students and guests
- 9:45 P.M. Closing and coffee (social)

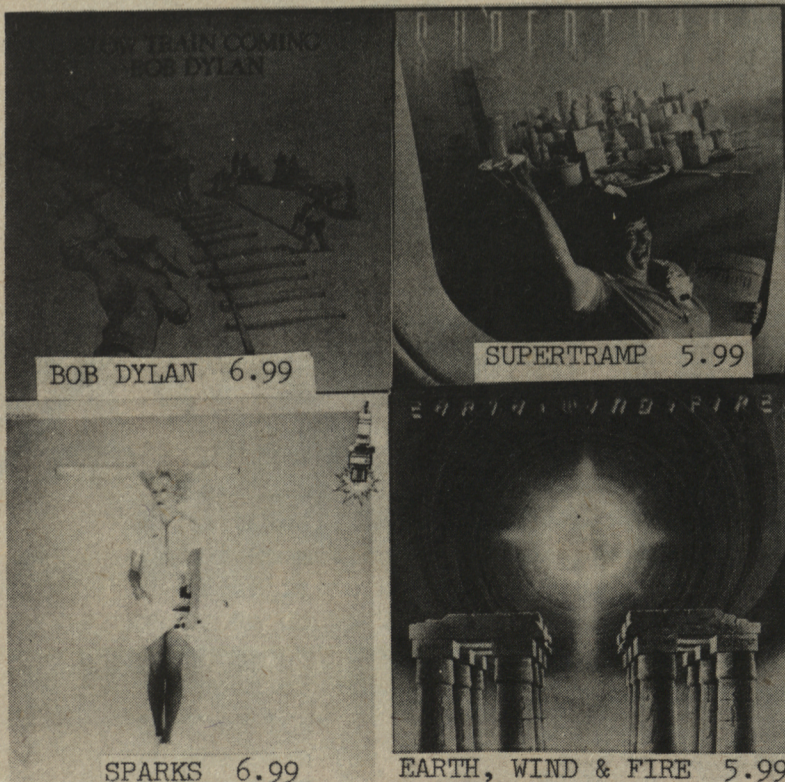
### WEDNESDAY, NOV. 7th (Barn)

- 9:00 A.M. Coffee (Barn) Opening of day's activities
- 9:30 A.M. 8 member student panel (from various faculties)  
Topic: "Student Views on University"  
Panel members: Brian Masson, George Barry, Kent Osborne, Kevin Walker, Jill White, Jim Revell, Claire Robertson, and two more to be named.  
Moderator: Rory Beck
- 10:30 A.M. Questions and Break
- 11:15 A.M. Seminars: Groups of 20 to address particular questions
- 12:30 P.M. Lunch (Barn)  
Entertainment: Lenny and Roy
- 1:30 P.M. Panel: from faculty and community  
Topic: "Perspectives of Education"  
Student Moderator: Kevin Gauthier  
Panel Members: Ron Collins (Dept. of Business  
Victor Svacek (Dept. of Political Science  
Barb Stevenson (former student)  
Dr. John Maloney (former M.A. & local doctor)
- 2:30 P.M. Seminar groups to draft resolutions
- 3:30 P.M. Break
- 3:45 P.M. Presentations of resolutions (from each seminar group)
- 4:30 P.M. Question period and final remarks
- 5:00 P.M. Happy Hour (small surprise?)

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