

## EDITORIALS

## WHAT IS TO BE DONE

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As the regime of boy populist John F. Keaveny fades into Never-Never Land and the Year of the Ross comes in, the new Council is faced with the job of planning and implementing a more relevant Student's Union — one that will be involved with more aspects of SU life than dances, films, teach-ins, a weekly newspaper, discount service and so on.

The plans for the Student Union Building (SUB) should be a big priority. Some opinions, based on projected enrolment, should be solicited re space requirements, and the sort of facilities that students (within the realm of the Union's ability to commit itself to pay) feel should be included. Considerations as to whether it should be built off-campus or on campus (whether or not the Union would own the SUB's land) are necessary.

We wouldn't want another debacle like the SDU (Malpeque) Coffee Shoppe, which the SDUSU paid for but didn't own, or: what happened to that second storey we were supposed to have been able to build on.

A lot of tightening up and in some cases, setting up, of sub-organizations will need to be done. Actually I can't think of any (including this one) that couldn't use some direction and/or help.

Student housing is a big problem and it will continue to be one. The possibilities exist for the union to buy or build its own co-op residence although this may be a long-range plan. A listing including cost and evaluation of available apartments, would help a lot of students. This could be done in part by students now rooming off-campus and could be up-dated periodically.

In the classroom, an evaluation of all courses should be published. This if honestly done, would help both professors and future students in the courses. Course evaluation, by the way, was a recommendation of the recently-published commission on University Government (CUG) report at the University of Toronto and is quite effective, while being rather easy to draw up.

There's a lot to be done.

—Hornby

While the recent student council elections were by no means a pat on the back for the more "progressive" students on council, this year has shown an increase in the number of students who are willing to consider what may be termed as Radical Students this year, but it was also a voice crying in the wilderness, heard by few. This program while well organized and carried out attracted little attention from the students at UPEI.

This year the number of students who are willing to look at alternatives (notice how I avoid labels) has increased by about 15 while this is not a very large number considering there are about 1,600 students at the university. Yet these people have shown that they are willing to put a great deal of time and energy into their work.

At this time we must consider "what is to be done" next year. I do not feel that an organization like the Education Committee would make the best use of the time and energy Radical Students are willing to put in on this campus. The Education Committee fluctuated too much in numbers, while most of the work was done by a small group. You were never sure if the other people who drifted in and out of meetings were willing to work or were just sight-seers. The Committee, I believe, attempted to involve too many people too quickly. It never consolidated its base, i.e. the members who were willing to work spent most of their time on service work, organizing teach-ins, writing letters, and other bureaucratic work. They never really spent the time necessary on politicizing its own members. Not enough time was spent on building a political movement on the campus. Only out of co-ordinated study and political action can a cohesive movement develop.

Next year I feel these students should organize themselves into a closely knit group, with some type of internal discipline. This organization should be independent of the Student Union, and should internally involve itself in constant study and communication while externally attempting to politicize other students and make demands upon council and administration. Because of this communication and discipline students in the group would be

quickly able to mobilize to back up their demands.

These students must be open about the fact that they do have alternatives and must be identified as such by other students. Finally this type of group would provide the necessary security which is needed when you are a small minority force for change.

—MacKay

## DOWN THE TUBES

It must come as a shock to most students to hear that the \$32,000 of the SDUSU will be given to the UPEI Athletic Department. (The actual figure may hit \$34,000 when the ends are all tied together.)

This, in view of the fact that the administration was going to pay for the repairs and extensions to the rink anyway, and that the Hall of Fame could have been housed in the UPEI SUB, seems like an anti-UPEISU move by the SDUSU.

What is even more precedent-setting than giving student money to the administration, is that the SDUSU members, i.e. the ones who paid in the money) were not polled. The feeling that a referendum of SDUSU members would be "too difficult" is somewhat hard to believe, since they must have lists of their members, and since the great bulk of them are concentrated on the Malpeque campus. And surely you could have held a dozen referendums since September.

We are told that a select 15 or 20 were sent letters asking for opinions, and that only "four or five" replies were received. So what? If the information on the various proposals had been handed out, I suspect that interest would have been high. I also suspect that the money would have gone to a SUB fund.

The accusation has been made that former UPEISU President John Keaveny was too aggressive when he met with the SDUSU, and that a personality clash was involved. As a former member of the SDUSU, I trust that a more substantial basis for decision than that was at stake.

Interestingly enough, the group is functioning as a completely autonomous body—the Executive was empowered last Spring to make all decisions as it felt necessary, and the Coffee Shop Board members were taken in because the biggest asset was the Coffee Shop. However, the legality of the Coffee Shop BoG members having a vote, is questionable.

But the real winner of the week is the news that the money will be paid Monday evening — the same night that Ellen MacDonald explains the decision.

—Hornby

## The Cadre

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nothing succeeds like excess is one of the credos of the bear party and we proved it with a little bear (not to be confused with gorilla) theatre on nora and many other wonders took place but karl and mcgaughey copped out so run that up your flagpole and see who salutes next weeks. erogenous opus will be the last or second last for the year. this is put in just to reward all you fans who faithfully read these things all year — a scoop for you, my sweet children. other up-and-comers include an interview, the cadre awards, and maybe even the much-maligned and totally irrelevant bear manifesto.

T G C N!

alice and angie emerged from their woody womb shaken and rather looped (wood alcohol y'know). they bravely struck out for shore and swam until they reached the mystic land of pei. this was a very strange place, because they could see nothing living except millions of little slick planners running around in their young executive suits complete with young executive dandruff measuring everything with rulers and microscopes. they journeyed on into harlottetown and travelled until they heard wild and joyous music. then they knew that they had entered the domain of captain bearheart and their hearts were glad.

