

VP Academic October Review

As your Vice President Academic I want to let you know what I have been doing on your behalf in the Student Union. October was a busy month and with the help of an energetic CFS/UPEI Committee we accomplished a fair bit of work.

Overview

1. CFS Student Saver Promotion - Mail out to old and new businesses with program information update. Lots of great response and next year's package looks even better than this year. Also, businesses have been calling and asking how to get involved next year, because of students, like you, asking if they participate in the program. This is great so keep it up and keep using your card. With Christmas and gift giving coming up you can take advantage of the program and save some dollars.

2. Under funding Survey - We conducted a survey to Chairpersons and Deans of our University departments to gauge the concerns and shared problems that faculty experience due to the

never ending problem of under funding to our university. As a Student Union we lobby our governments constantly for adequate funding and we feel we wouldn't be responsible if we didn't take into account problems of those people who are ultimately responsible for the actual instruction of our university programs.

3. Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission (MPHEC)

Presentation October 18th in Sackville N.B.

Scott MacDonald, your mature and part-time student representative, and myself presented a submission to the MPHEC Finance Committee on funding. We presented our concerns and requests on behalf of UPEI students to this committee who then advises the Premier on levels of funding allocation to this University next year. Emphasis was placed on increased funding to offset tuition increases, inadequate loan and bursary allocations, MAPUS problems with education, and deterioration factors that affect our faculty.

4. National Student Day, October 19th.

Colleges and universities, who are also members of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), celebrated Student involvement and accomplishment on this day in a variety of ways. UPEI's celebration involved a debate, a soccer match, a cake & hot chocolate reception, and a wild pub with Mike Woods. It was a great success and an event we can look forward to every year.

5. Election '88 Workshop, October 26th.

Mr. Harry Cook, PEI's CRO came to the campus and fielded questions student voters had on election procedures, proxy voting, riding breakdowns, etc...

6. Election '88 Student's Forum, October 28th.

What an event this turned out to be! We had national coverage when 12 out of the 14 PEI Federal Election Candidates came to speak to the students of UPEI. It was great to see so many of you at this event and I hope you found it to be both useful and enjoyable.

7. Canadian Speakers Series.

We are desperately trying to get some top notch quality speakers on the campus this year. We recently embarked on a fund drive toward this cause through various departments within the University. So far, the response hasn't been great, but we are still trying to get some needed funds and will hopefully be able to offer speakers like Peter Mansbridge, Erika Ritter, Alex Baumann, Gwynne Dyer, and the like. We will continue our efforts and keep you posted.

8. General Duties. Yearbook

The 1986/87 yearbook is in. The 1987/88 yearbook production is on schedule and expected to arrive in December. If you know of any out of province students who want their books then please get them to contact the Student Union with their mailing address.

This year's yearbook is going to be fantastic under the editorship of Dawn Ambler. The photographer is Steven Bettles. The Production Editor is to be

announced. All interested in learning about and helping out with the production of the yearbook are asked to keep their eyes and ears open for Yearbook 88/89 Committee meeting announcements in near future.

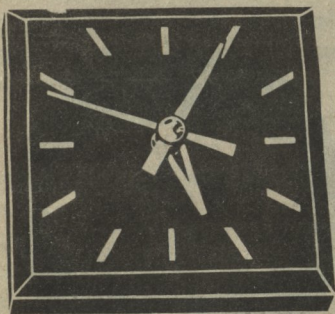
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My senate responsibilities include attendance at Senate and Senate standing Committee meetings. I now sit on the new Examinations, Evaluations, and Teaching Committee and look forward to involvement in this important area of interest for students.

Student Newspaper

The newspaper production is rock n' roll as the staff work very hard. We are excited about this weeks move from the bowels of the Utility Building to the basement of Main Building and encourage all of you to drop in and see what the paper is all about.

In summary, October has been a busy and productive month and I hope you are pleased with the developments and invitations of the Student Union Office if you care to drop in to chat or whatever.



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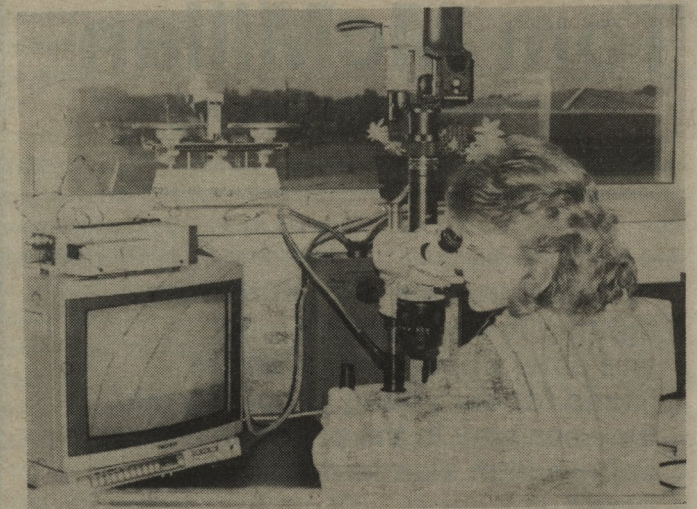
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Why do a Master's Degree?

Dr. Amreek Singh, Professor of Microanatomy, answered this question as follows "the M.Sc. degree, in most instances, is a stepping stone to do doctoral level work. In turn, Ph.D.'s are sorely needed in all disciplines to continuously push back the frontiers of knowledge. So, the institutions of higher learning would like to see that their pool of graduate students remains replete. Our graduate faculty should be proud to have attracted such bright students who have excelled

in what they have done so far." Dr. Amend pulls it all together by stating "the M.Sc. allows exploration of a research career without confronting the demands of full specialization. Ph.D. is an identity; an M.Sc. is an open door."

If you are interested in pursuing graduate studies or would like some more information on Graduate Studies at UPEI, feel free to contact the graduate students or faculty in the Atlantic Veterinary College; we would be glad to talk with you.