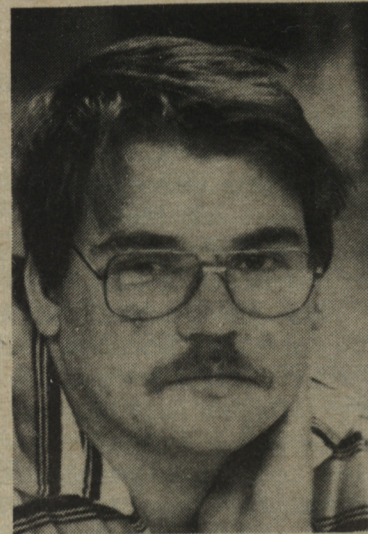


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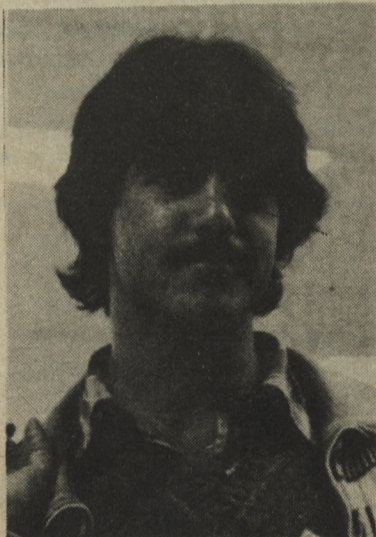
Question: What do you think of the Academic changes proposals?



Marilyn Hardy, Soph. Music
 "Yes we need cutbacks but a degree program!! This issue changes my set plans. I think athletes and other fringes should be investigated further before (specifically) Music etc. is dropped."



Micheal Moore, Frosh, Education
 "I don't like the proposals, I don't believe they will help the university in relation to music, etc. Although these proposals do not affect me I think there are better ways than cutting out programs."



Mark Stevenson, Soph. Arts
 "I think that on the whole everyone is overreacting. Yet, I do disagree in principle with the methods used to gain information for the proposals. It hit like a bombshell."



Sheila MacDonald, Frosh, PSc
 "The whole face of the university will be changed."

COMMENTS & CRITICISMS

After the student's meeting on Oct. 7, at which students expressed their views concerning Pres. Meincke's proposed changes at UPEI, I received a number of comments and criticisms. I think it might be of interest to students if I expressed these publicly.

Before I do that I will say the following:

At one point I was asked to read a proposal from a student who had laryngitis. This proposal, in effect, called for an investigation into the manner in which the "Meincke Report" was made and, in the event that it was done unconstitutionally, the students should proceed to take legal action with the ultimate aim of de-throning (impeaching) the President. Being chair-

person, I had no right to editorialize on this person's proposal and should have merely read it for him (or her). However, because I was afraid that the press would pick up on the issue and destroy the credibility of the meeting and because I was afraid of personal vulnerability I destroyed the intent of this person's proposal through some comments I made. I realize that I was wrong to do that and I would like to apologize to the person concerned.

Now for the criticisms I've heard:

Several people came to me after the meeting and said that it was unfortunate that I had permitted members of Student Council Executive to dominate part of the meeting by answering the students back, when (after express-

ing their personal views) they should have been listening to and accepting the will of the students.

To this I say: first, I'm still learning to chair a mass meeting; and secondly, I believe some good could be taken from these happenings. At least students had the opportunity to see how responsible (or non-responsive, as the case may be) Student Council Executives are to the wishes of students. (Personally, I thought John MacDougall was responsible ... Note his comments on CBC-FM the following day, when he asserted that the Student Reps. will vote against the proposed changes, as the students wish.)

Finally, It was felt that there was a need to move more rapidly towards planning alternatives to

the report. Many students felt that the alternatives were not "economic catastrophe" or "devestation of academic programming". It was felt that the Administration created panic in an attempt to forestall thought.

To this point I want to mention that John MacDougall has said that he will call for a committee (not of Student Council Executives, but made up entirely of students who are not on Council) and that this committee will be responsible for bringing the students' proposals to Council for presentation to Senate.

These were the most common criticisms I've heard about the meeting. There were many favorable comments as well.

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