

TO: The Cadre

There has been a lot of talk on this campus of student apathy. I, for one, do not believe that this is the case. I feel that the cause of student non-involvement in campus life is something entirely different than just not caring a damn. What is this magical cause, this elusive excuse for non-involvement. I call it fear and I feel it characterizes every one of our relationships with our fellow students on campus.

To illustrate my point, how many of us would be willing to go up to someone in the coffee shop, whom we do not know, introduce ourselves and start talking? How many of us would have the nerve? I say, not very many, if any. Why are we unwilling to do this? It is because of fear, fear that we will be thought of as foolish or nutty. We are very conscious of the opinion other people have of us; consequently, we don't wish to endanger an opinion by doing something that might be considered foolish. The result of all this is that these other people have no opinion of us at all, for our fear of appearing foolish has not allowed us to meet them.

My second point follows logically from the first. Why do we not attempt to know people any more than superficially? Why do we just take people on the surface of things, and not bother to find out what really makes them tick? Why do we let our first impressions of people be lasting ones, without making a conscious effort to determine if our impressions are valid. From the general to the specific, why is sex a taboo subject of conversation between males and females on this campus? Why do girls type guys as being either great, or dull and boring and not worth bothering with? Why do guys type girls as frigid bitches if they won't go for a roll in the sack? The answer to all these questions is plain, simple fear.

But what is this fear? What does it mean and what causes it? People who enter into genuine human relationships with others, have to give freely of themselves, expecting nothing in return. This is the origin of our fears. By giving freely of ourselves we lay ourselves open to be hurt. How can we be sure that they are not secretly talking and laughing behind our backs? How can we be sure that what we tell a person will be kept in confidence? The answer is that we cannot. This is the while theme of what I am saying. A genuine relationship is not forced. We do not begin, or experience, a relationship by the attitude, "But what can you do for me?" We start off on the premise that what we do may not be received and responded to with the same spirit as we give it. Sure this leaves us open to be hurt. However think of all the groovy people we might meet if we but try to look for them. Think of all the great relationships we might form, which we might not otherwise have developed. Personally, I feel the risk is worth the reward.

PS: I would like to hear comments from other students concerning what I had to say. These comments could be made to me personally, or through the pages of the Cadre.

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LOST AND FOUND:

Lost: One school spirit;
Finder please contact
Non resident students
c/o U.P.E.I.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"Shoot Before You Ask Questions
You Don't Want Answered"
Robert Gibbs

THE EXPANSION PLAN

This fall students have observed a very busy atmosphere about the campus. All the building, ploughing, and excavating have aroused the curiosity of many who are not familiar with the U.P.E.I. Expansion Plan. The plan is calling for capital expenditures in excess of 15 million dollars over the next fifteen years.

The first construction project of the plan, which is in progress, consists of a) a central utilities building and b) the sight services. The central utilities building will include a boiler room, all the trade shops (ex. carpentry, electric plumbing, painting, shops etc. the maintenance offices, the maintenance stores, inventory storages, general storage room for the university, a purchasing office and a place to do maintenance on trucks. This is what is taking place behind the chapel. The cost of this building will be approximately one million dollars. The building will be covered on both sides with earth, on which there will be lawns. This will prevent the building from sticking like a sore thumb. The sight services will cost approximately one million three hundred ninety two thousand dollars.

This first project will be completed in September, 72. It has been top priority because the present heating plant, underground facilities

and maintenance facilities can't handle the current workload and thus couldn't be expected to handle the increased load from the new buildings. The Cadre asked Mr.

Clough, the Comptroller for U.P.E.I. where the money was coming from. Mr. Clough said the university received a capital grant from the province and of that approximately, seven hundred thousand dollars is being used the first project. Permission has been received from the province to borrow funds to complete this project.

The next major project is a new library. There is a building committee working on it now. Approximately 2.9 million dollars will be allocated to this project. The new library is to be located between the Duffy Science Center and the present football field. This project is expected to be completed in 2 or 3 years. The plan will then begin to tackle the problem of teaching space, about one million six hundred thousand dollars will be put to use for this project.

Mr. Clough was asked the possibilities for an increase in fees next year. His reply was that there is always a possibility of this because of labor, utility and material cost are always rising. This year the university will be working with a projected residence deficit of \$120,000.