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Nowhere—Fast Good-bye UPEI

I spent most of last week either in meetings or discussing contents of meetings with other students and faculty. No matter what the initial discussion or the intent of the meetings it seemed that the conversations and arguments ended up at the same basis - there's something wrong with the direction in which the university is heading.

There appears to be two conflicting attitudes concerning what direction we are heading for. The elitists and/or bureaucrats have one idea and sorrowfully have the authority to fulfill their own personal ideals which, in turn, affect the entire university community, excluding the before mentioned elitists, and including those persons who have their ears tuned to the heart-beat of the campus, know or have a fair idea of what direction the university should be heading. When these two factions come together for the purpose of discussing University Objectives - Etc - the little guy becomes strangled by the big guy. To put this in blunt terms - we are going nowhere - fast.

This brings a lot of questions to mind. Will the

Committee on Aims and Objectives ratify this dissent among the ranks, or, just cushion the position of the academic bureaucrats? Who would like to attempt to predict the future of UPEI based upon facts & figures for the past two years? Who would care to rise up in dissent against our academic bureaucrat's manipulation and coercion of the rest of the university community?

Another question - how would you answer these questions? And what can you and I do about it? We can sit back, watch Rome burn and say "I told you so!" Or, we can make an honest attempt to let other people know how we feel and maybe even attempt to try and do something about it.

But it's not only from one area that there is problems, just go out and ask an education student how things are going in that department. Political Science, English, Psychology is any department running smoothly? Is anybody trying to find out why everything and everybody is riding on the waves of dissent? Ask the Maintenance workers the secretaries of the steno pool are they satis-



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Knowledge is a source of power and money.

fied? Even with all of these areas of problems, the conclusion will end up the same in all of them. The problem stems from the attitudes of those persons in the top positions of the university. We do not want those person's ideals and aspirations taken out on us or shoved down our throats. For those persons who are guilty of this offence - listen to the heart-beat of the university it may give you some insight into the future. Believe

me - you need some insight. There is something rotten in the University of PEI (not in the state of Denmark).

"Rumor has it" that this week Rachael (my on-again-off-again room-mate) turned into a domesticated house bird. This occurred when she set an all time record for eating sunflower seeds and the resulting effect is that we now have to cover our apartment floor with newspapers.

In case you haven't noticed yet, the Cadre can now be found on campus in nice bright red paper stands. They are located in the barn, library, cafeteria, and outside the Cadre office. If you pick up your paper in Main, they will still be found on top of the radiator at the bottom of the stairs.

We on the Cadre staff are in no way promoting the act of smoking - in fact we are aghast at the idea that certain students do.

Being so sure that students at UPEI would not be fooled by this advertizing ploy, we agreed to accept the boxes (which were given to us for free).

That may sound all well and good, but what it really means is that we were bought off.



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