

editorials

Summer jobs

In a move that has alarmed many people with its precedent-shattering method of control and appointment, Jim Ross disbanded the President's Committee on the proposed Student Union Building. He will set up another committee by appointment.

The news that the SUC Executive would have their honorariums extended to include a summer salary leaves him and the members of the executive open to charges of mismanagement of funds, since Paul Lynch, who was on the Presidents Committee before Ross dissolved it, has said that there were people that he knew who were willing to work on SUB plans this summer. They did not, of course, expect a salary for this. And although they had accumulated a considerable amount of information, including a blueprint, according to Lynch they were willing to be re-directed if necessary by Ross.

We hope that the President will explain his reasons for this action, and explain why he is restricting the number who can sit on a Presidents Committee, rather than the previous method of letting those interested put their names on it.

We agree that something should be done about the summer job situation in this province, but couldn't you be just a little less blatantly elitist about it?

About those ads...

Some American students have been bothered by what they feel are anti-American sentiments expressed in the "American Empire" ads that we ran in our last three issues on the back page.

I would like to make it quite clear that no such sentiment was intended — rather it was hoped to present Canadians with the fact of the control of this country by the American corporate elite. The last ad, about the Indian situation in Canada, was, although the same situation exists vis a vis the native population in the US, directed as a satire of the government policy toward Indians — which is and has been imperialist. These are historical facts.

However, American students and their contribution to this University were not in question, and we regret any feeling that this was the case. Americans have contributed to all facets of life here. A good example of this was displayed by those who aided in the effort over bursaries and the fee hike — especially those who helped demonstrate for the bursary system, which wouldn't help them.

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THIS WEEK BEARHEART LEARNED TO SAY RIGHT ON AND MCGAUGHEY CAME IN WITH AND ORDER FOR ONE COLUMN WELL-DONE BUT IT WAS RARE AND THE BOYS IN THE BAND NEED TO PRACTICE TONIGHT AND WHO IS THE REAL CHE GUEBEARA AND THE DOLDRUMS WERE WIDESPREAD? AND THE FOLLOWING LOYALISTS HAVE A VOTE ON THE CADRE REPS ON THE SCREAMING BORED FORE NECKST EDITOR: JIM HORNBY? DENNIS MACKAY? MARTIN KENNY? MIKE MCGAUGHEY? TERRY LAPOINTE? KARL MARKS? DAVID MACLOUD? DAVID MITCHELL? GARY MACCAULL? BY ORDER OF THE CZAR AND YOU HAVE UNTIL MARCH 25 TO APPLY C/O THE UPEISU. WE WILL BE BACK ON APRIL WITH OUR FINAL ABSOLUTELYTHELAST CADRE THAT SHOULD READ APRIL THIRD AND WE PROMISE O HOW WE PROMISE TO PRESENT THE BEAR MANIFESTO WHICH HAS RECENTLY TURNED UP IN OUR ARCHIVES. SO HAPPY TRAILS UNTIL WE MEAT AGAIN.



mailstrom

The "Direction of the Union Address" as presented by Jim Ross last Sunday evening was very poorly attended. However, some students who were present took this occasion to level accusations against the president and the executive. Throughout the past year students have been able to express their opinions at council meetings. However, certain students expressed the fear that this right of free discussion at council meetings would be curtailed. It was also implied that the president and the executive were attempting to remove themselves from the student at large and thus make decisions independent of student opinion.

Little do these individuals realize that the council members have a responsibility to all the students and not simply to those who are able to attend meetings. While their opinions are taken into consideration it must be remembered that the council member has to consider the whole student body when the time comes to vote. I, as a council member value these discussions but I must consider the whole of the student body. Contrary to one opinion this does not constitute a dictatorship.

—John Lacey

(Ed. Could you be more specific as to how curtailing the speaking time of interested students who go to Council meetings will benefit "the whole student body"?)

POP GOES THE CULTURE

Dear Sir:

I noted with interest the report in the March 9 CADRE that the UPEI Library regretted being unable to use the \$32,000 SDU Student Union assets to purchase a rare book collection.

It is a pity that the donors of this substantial sum were unable to exercise some imagination. There is a rare "book" collection which would have consumed little space, could have been shelved quickly and easily because it is prepackaged, and would have been groovy for UPEI swingers, squares, and tenured professors.

I am referring to the microcard library of rare comic books which is being prepared by one of the subsidiaries of Xerox. Scarce editions of the serial adventures of Superman, Captain Marvel, Mighty Mouse, Dracula, Wolf Man, and other North American culture heroes have been unearthed and purchased at great expense by the US Library of Congress (some 1940-vintage comic books have a market value to collectors of \$5000 or more), and are being reproduced for the edification of posterity on compact, durable, easily retrieved microfilm.

Not only would our Library have acquired a unique pop culture collection of inestimable value, but the historic comic books could have been employed as teaching aids in some of the new courses that have been suggested for the English Department, e.g. Mythology, Children's Literature, Schizophrenic Literature, and Pornography.

Indeed, one or more inter-media courses could have been built around the collection, as several of the mythic comic book heroes (the Lone Ranger, Green Hornet, and Batman among others) have been immortalized in films and videotapes. A course of this type might have attracted some of the students who presently draw intellectual inspiration from such afternoon video shows as Romper Room, Uncle Bobby, Matinee Bingo, and the Banana Splits,

viewed between class in the various TV lounges spotted throughout the Malpeque Campus.

Yours truly,
D. M. Cregier

No. 2 BUT STILL TRIM...

Dear Editor:

In the March 13 issue of The CADRE, Ellen MacDonald stated ::...I did find the second of the six, rather unprofessional in that the attack was on the people not the issue."

Websters New Collegiate Dictionary defines a professional as: Engaging for livelihood or gain in an activity pursued, usually, or often, for non commercial satisfactions by amateurs. With that train of thought in mind I quite agree with Miss MacDonald that my statement in the March 9 issue of this paper was unprofessional, because I was not out to make a livelihood out of it.

However, I feel she was wrong in my condemnation of "the people". She also states that the "...decision is made." Well if the decision is made than it is dead. And if it is dead, then argue that we may, we won't be able to change it. But there is one thing that we can still do. We can attack the people who made the decision. The reason that we attack them is to try to prohibit another such occasions from being reactivated. Ellen may say that I attacked "the people" if she likes. It is in my opinion that "the people" were not attacked by me but by the "committee".

The committee took it upon themselves to be representative of the rest of the SDUSU. I, for one would like to know how they could have considered themselves to be on a plane above the "average student" and decide what is to be done with the only asset we had left as a corporate body. If a decision was made to give all powers to the executive at that April 9, 1969 meeting then I would like to see the minutes of that meeting handed to me personally by Miss MacDonald.

I just am not convinced by Miss MacDonald's letter that there was not enough recognition of the matter by the "average student" not to have a referendum called. The facts could have been stated very clearly, i.e. Dear old SDU student. Do you want: (1) some more books for the upstairs cages of the library; or (2) a right nice hockey hall of fame that we can hang pictures of all the bys in. Both of which will do no good to anyone; or (3), donate it to the SUB, which contrary to committee decision was the best choice of the three, like Ellen said "in my personal opinion".

In closing I would like to say this. We really took it in the ear when we elected last year's executive.

Pissedoffedly yours
Bob Blanchard
(no title)