

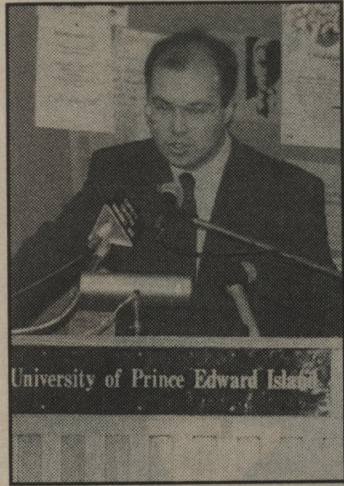


Just Answer the Question

A Brief Summary of the Liberal Leadership Debate

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rience in teaching in order to show his sympathy for the plight of UPEI's undergraduates. While striving to do the same, Keith Milligan, who went on at length about how easy it was for his generation after university, merely suc-



Danny Mullin

ceeded in depressing everyone. Wayne Cheverie chose a different tactic, deciding to promote his experience in dealing with Ottawa by attaching himself to the semi-recent Charlottetown Accord (that the Charlottetown Accord went down in bitter defeat at the hands of the Canadian populace seemed to be beside the point).

The bright point during the introductions came when Danny Mullin took the stage. With well-timed wit, and even better brevity, he quickly won over his audience. After a brief personal history, he acknowledged that few were in the Pit to listen to a speech about him; but were in fact there to listen to his ideas and stands on various student issues. So that is exactly what he did; and in doing so, became the only candidate to suggest the existence of a platform.

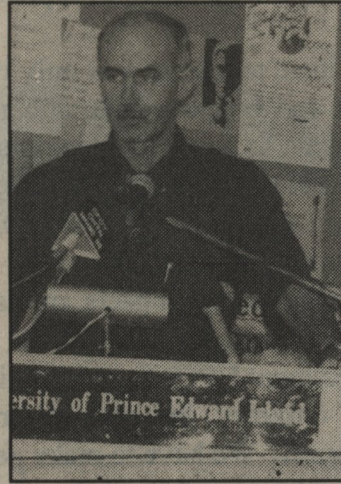
The introductions were followed by several questions from the audience. Two in particular dealt with issues facing our student body. The first concerned the projected harmonization of the PST and GST, an what effect it will have on the cost of books. Mr. Cheverie, who was very concerned with the issue, pointed out that although he does in fact have an idea, he was not ready to reveal it. "Tex" said he would follow the will of Islanders, whatever that may be. Mr. Milligan opposed the harmonization while Mr. Mullin, to the applause of many students, stated he flat out opposed taxes on books, period.



Wayne Cheverie

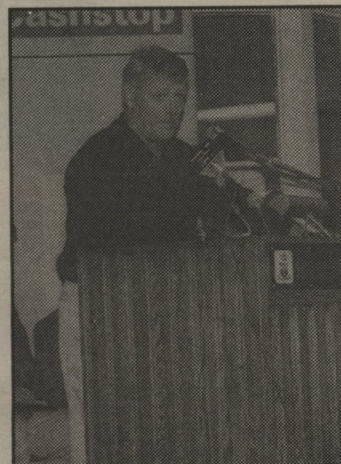
The most eye-opening question was one that concerned a recent tuition freeze in British Columbia. When the candidates were asked if a similar occurrence could happen at UPEI, Mr. Cheverie, who was very concerned with the issue, denied that increased tuition had anything to do with the provincial government. He asserted that no cuts had been made in the funding to post-secondary education at the provincial level; but that "sugges-

tions" had merely been offered about balancing the budget. Most of the candidates avoided the issue altogether, except for Keith Milligan. While explaining his view on a tuition freeze, an explanation that somehow contained reference to Law-

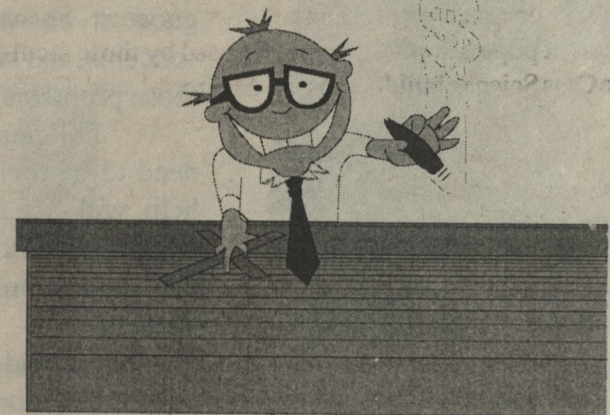


Keith Milligan

rence Olivier and Shakespeare, Mr. Milligan was backed into a corner by a member of the audience. One student interrupted his speech by shouting out the question "So are you going to freeze tuition, or what?" The answer, after some quiet deliberation, was "No."



Ian "Tex" MacDonald



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We, as the senior class executive need your input on how to make this the best senior class ever. We will be meeting every second Tuesday night at 6:00 pm in the library. We encourage all who are interested to come meet and talk to us. We need your help and support to make this an excellent year.

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