

## UPEI gets donation for Canadian Studies Centre

A DONATION of \$35,000 towards the establishment of a new Canadian Studies Centre has been given to UPEI by Imperial Oil Limited. The Centre, which will provide materials and study space to compliment the Canadian Studies program, will be set up in Main Building when that building reopens in September.

Gordon Thomson, national president of Esso Petroleum, flew in from Toronto Tuesday for a press conference announcing the donation. He said that Imperial Oil is one of the major sources of corporate donations in Canada and that donations like this must be made in order for universities to achieve what we expect of them.

"The load, the expectations the Canadian public have for our universities is immense compared to what they are probably going to be able to do for us," said Thomson. "I think this is the kind of thing that many

more private citizens as well as corporations are going to have to do... to permit our Canadian universities to do the kind of things we'd like to see them do."

Thompson said that funding the Canadian Studies program is important since Canadians are searching to understand ourselves.

"We are unlike others. We really are different. I think that searching for our roots and to understanding Canadian values is what the Canadian Studies program is oriented to doing," he said.

UPEI President C.W.J. Eliot agreed that today it is important to study our own country.

"What you (Imperial) will do will help to make the rest of the university realize that Canadian Studies is not just a fly-by-night operation that we were experimenting with but a core part of the curriculum," said Eliot.

The money will go towards the creation of a



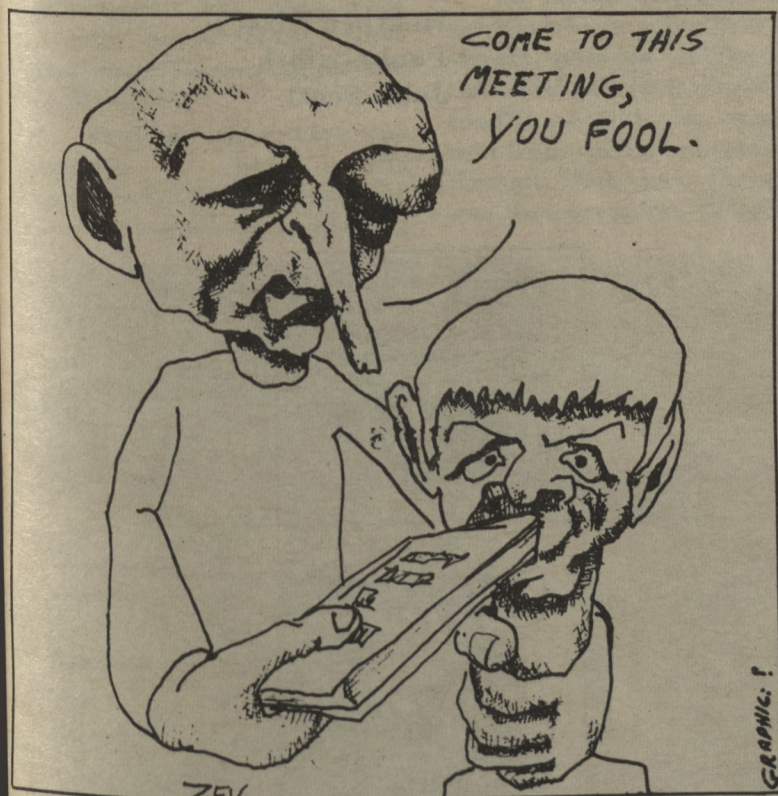
UPEI President Eliot, Esso Petroleum president Thomson, and Prof. Andrew Robb at press conference announcing \$35,000 donation.

room dedicated to Canadian Studies including books, and other learning materials.

There will also be a collection of Canadian prints. Currently the Canadian Studies

program is a joint offering between 13 different departments and has approximately 200 students involved.

## Council pays students to attend



(CUP) - Quorum is so foreign to the University of Victoria's annual general meeting that the council paid stu-

dents to come out.

"In order to encourage students to attend, we're issuing StudentSaver bucks,"

said Pam Frache, student council president.

Each buck is good for a \$1 discount at either of the two union building cafeterias.

Despite the bribe, only 40 people showed up at the recent meeting. Quorum at the 10,000-student university is 100.

But the minimum attendance requirement is reduced by half after one hour has elapsed. Councillors refused to validate the bucks until sixty minutes had gone by, when the meeting could begin.

Frache sees a real need for the promotional offer.

"Currently there's no real purpose in coming to general meetings," she said.

Frache said she didn't see anything wrong with paying people to vote at an annual general meeting.

## We Lied.



THE FRONT page article of last week's issue of The Gem mistakenly stated that elections for the new position of Vice-President Communications will be held in October. Actually, a general meeting regarding this position will be held in the pit Tuesday, April 5th followed by elections to be held April 6 & 7.

The article also incorrectly stated that one of the duties of the VPC is to promote events at the Barn. The position of VPC actually has nothing to do with promoting of such events.

See the article on page two for a full description of the position.

The Gem apologizes for any confusion these errors may have caused.