

This is your education neighbourhood

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Since school was developed by bureaucrats and intellectuals, there are, without hyperbole, millions of applicable education terms and/or people involved. Here's yet another installment.

Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI). "Free trade on steroids," according to Maude Barlow of the Council of Canadians. Target of a massive international movement of concerned citizens. Under the MAI, Canada would be locked into this agreement for 20 years. Has the potential to do all sorts of nasty things to students, small businesses, the environment, etc. Members of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) are currently trying to introduce the MAI to the World Trade Organization (WTO). Chrétien thought the MAI was such a good thing for Canadians that he tried to keep it secret from the average Canadian for as long as possible. Water cannons and baseball bats probably would have kept them quiet.

Chester Gillan. Provincial Minister of Education. Cut millions from the UPEI budget over the years, and wants praise for giving some back.

Robert Maddix. Provincial Liberal Education Critic. Only been doing the job for a few weeks, but is against the new bankruptcy legislation.

Dr. Herb Dickison. Leader of the provincial New Democratic Party, and first elected NDP in PEI history. Very supportive of students, Dr. Dickison marches with us during demonstrations and sticks up for us in the legislature.

UPEI Senate. A university body that handles academic matters. They approve course changes, Major and Minor programs, etc. Senate consists of the university President and Deans, an alumni representative, faculty and student representatives, and others.

UPEI Board of Governors (BoG). This entity makes the big administrative decisions, mostly concerned with money. These people set your tuition. The BoG consists of the Chancellor; the Presidents of UPEI and Holland College; nine representatives appointed by the Lieutenant Governor, two representatives each from Senate, the faculty, the alumni, and the student union; and two members elected by the Board.

Alumni. When you graduate, you'll be considered an alumnus of UPEI. The university will take credit for you if you do well, and ignore you if you fail. Either way, prepare to be immediately asked for money.

Impressions Café. Get over it. The Pit by any other name is still too expensive.

SUB 2000. Student Union Building project, expected to be started (or completed?) in the year 2000. Will replace the Barn, which has been the "temporary" UPEI student union centre ("USUC") for almost 30 years.

The Barn. The present Student Union Centre. Site of numerous movie pubs, concerts, and events. That's why the Student Union office smells like beer (theoretically). I won't even *touch* the couches in the lounge (literally or figuratively).

Itchy and Scratchy. Loveable characters from *The Simpsons*, they fight and bite, and fight and bite and fight. Quite relevant to sociological studies on how television violence affects viewers. They're really funny, too. Note: the cat always loses, and losing means a horrible death, which usually provides the humour.

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