

# EDITORIAL

We were greeted back this semester by the good news that last year's year book Nexus Seventy Seven was finally ready. When students look at it they will discover it is not good news. Poor management really destroyed the memories that this book is supposed to have for all of last year's graduates.

The book is basically Collier's Picture Encyclopedia of University Life in 1977. It lacks in every way with the exception that it has a lot of pictures; but what good are pictures of U.P.E.I. teams if no names are given, no comment by either coach or manager. Who is interested in a picture of Rene Levesque walking down steps if nothing says they were the steps of the Gym and he had just finished making his first public speech outside of Quebec in Canada since being elected. The list goes on but can be seen for oneself upon receipt of the book.

The problem began last year when the first editor failed to return after Christmas. The Student Council decided to hire another editor and proceeded to do so. A staff of three lay-out persons plus three photographers wrote up a contract and presented it to the Student Council. This contract said that the photographers would get \$200 each and \$350 would go to the other staff members. Although the year book was contracted to be finished by June 20, 1977, the contract allowed photographers to use the Student's photo lab until September. They were also allowed to finish up any left over chemicals for personal use rather than leave them for use this year. Council did manage to insist a clause stipulating that salaries would not be paid if the book was not finished June 20.

Council had to accept this contract for the simple reason that the photographers had all the known pictures for last year. (If one looks closely, the pictures do not cover a lot of first semester activities such as Orientation, Fall Fest or Football.) Council either had to sign the contract or buy the pictures from the photographers at professional rates or have no year book.

The problems sailed on. When June 10 approached, two of the photographers asked council for their salaries. The book was "almost" finished so they were paid. June 20 arrived and the year book was still almost finished, the editor saying that she was awaiting a photograph from one of the photographers, he had not been asked for the picture. This was then straightened out.

When the editor of this year's year book (Nexus Seventy-eight) was hired in October, last year's year book was still not finished. The old editor appeared and finished (finally) the job. A while later the year book company, Josten's/National School Services phoned wondering where the year book was. The editor reported it lost in the mail. It was eventually found, printed, and is now being distributed.

What went wrong? Student Council did not hire enough people that September. In fact, photographers should be hired the year before in order to cover events at the beginning of first semester. Per-

sonnel Board cannot begin hiring to near the end of September thus, a possible one sixth of the scholastic year could be lost.

When hiring an editor, an assistant editor or someone else must be hired at the same time to ensure replacement if the editor does not return as happened.

The contract concerning the year book should be made up in advance and standardized so as to use the same format every year allowing easy handling due to familiarity.

Payment of salaries should not be paid until the yearbook is completely finished with no exceptions allowed. (It is a point in Council's favor that last year's editor did not get paid.)

Procedures such as these should be so standardized that Student Council would have to make problems in order to have them. One Senior class has been disappointed. Let's make sure that this year's Council or all future Council's do not follow in the steps of their predecessors. The time has come for new trail blazing.

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Dear Editor;

Upon my return to these hallowed halls of education, I was shocked to see that the students of the University have been forced to pay the price of progress. It seems that Student Services has pooled the money from the residence fines to complete major renovations on their own office space. While the renovations are the next thing to a new Bunny Hutch for Hugh Hefner, I am more disturbed about the possible health consequences that may occur because of this pro-

ject.

UPEI veterans, especially those who have had the dubious pleasure of frequenting the Beaver Gourmet Restaurant, have tried in the past to escape the wrath of Island winters by seeking refuge in Main Building. However, the new look Student Services offices have cut off this effective warmth and have forced the hardened student to stay outside in the frigid air, and in the first week of school, the health service has rep-

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# LETTERS

Dear Editor,

How pleased I am to see that some students have taken the initiative to organize extra curricular activities. A good example is the very successful Christmas party which was held in Montreal.

One realizes that the efforts which students put into organizing activities pays off. The Exchange,

which involved a lot of work, was definitely worthwhile, as it benefitted many students. I am also sure that the Winter Carnival will be a success, as I have seen the committee at work.

I'm looking to the same type of involvement this year. Keep up the good work.

A pleased student