

UPEI Attends National Catholic Conference

The 1986 National Catholic Students Conference was held in Newfoundland from Aug. 24th to the 29th. It was hosted by Memorial University Catholic Community.

The conference was at-

tended by students and chaplains from nine provinces. Prince Edward Island was represented by Sister Alma MacLellan (U.P.E.I.'s chaplain), Anne Perry, Donna MacDonald John Beazly, Debbie Wedge,

Glen MacNeil and Pat Kenny. Special guests in attendance including Ann Shore (the national chaplain) and Bishop James MacDonald.

This year's conference theme was "Take Down Your Lan-

tern". Each day began with morning prayer and ending

morning prayer and ended with evening prayer. In between were stimulating talks and small discussions. Every day a different topic was discussed. Monday's talk centered around "Identity" and "Who we are?" Tuesday's talk discussed "Gifts within our Community". Wednesday dealt with the "Challenge for us as Laity to Journey, to Change, and to Grow". And Thursday concentrated on the "Integration of Roles in our Lives".

Our days were filled, but the "Newfies" didn't forget the nights. Monday night, the conference was "Screeched-In". Tuesday night was talent night and coffee house. Wednesday afternoon and evening

were our free time to discover St. John's for ourselves. A banquet and dance were held on Thursday night.

The Newfoundlanders went out of their way to make us feel welcome. Much energy and resources went into the planning of the conference. Their efforts paid off, for it was a most exciting and memorial event.

We would like to thank everyone who supported the P.E.I. group. We are eternally grateful to Sister Alma for her encouragement and guidance.

The 1987 conference will be held at the University of Edmonton. If you are interested in attending, please contact Sister Alma at the Chaplaincy Center.

Patricia Kenny
Donna MacDonald

U of Calgary Liberates Parking

CALGARY (CUP) — The University of Calgary has rewritten its parking regulations after settling out-of-court with a law student who launched a court challenge of a parking ticket last spring.

The third-year law student Robert Sigurdson deliberately collected a parking ticket last spring in order to take the university to court.

Sigurdson believed the university's parking regulations were unconstitutional under Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms, violated the Alberta Bill of Rights, and overstepped the boundaries of the Alberta Universities Act.

The assistant to the C vice-president of finances and services credited Sigurdson with "getting the ball rolling" on reforms.

"Our lawyers were confident" the university could defend itself against the student, said Frank McKinnon, who drafted the new rules. But when the university's finances and services portfolio got a new VP, the attitude changed. Sigurdson had claimed that tickets issued by campus patrol officers presume guilt.

On the new parking ticket, the recipient is advised of the parking regulations, and not told to pay the fine indicated immediately. The ticket also outlines the recipient has the choice of appearing before a committee or paying the fine directly, admitting the infraction.

The hearing committee replaces the old appeals committee. No longer will a member of campus security sit on the committee, as according to the old regulations, a "non-voting resource person."

"I still don't agree that they have the right to a hearing committee," said Sigurdson, who believes cases should be heard in traffic court down-

town. He had charged the Board of Governors lacked authority under Alberta's Universities Act to issue parking tickets or conduct appeals.

In answer to Sigurdson's charge that the old towing rules were analogous to unreasonable search and seizure, the university has stopped towing or impounding vehicles. It will, however, continue to tow cars that are parked where they shouldn't be.

The university has also dropped its policy of withholding academic marks of students with outstanding parking fines.

McKinnon hopes the new rules will make life a little easier for all concerned.

"I'd like to see parking work in a way that won't require a lot of enforcement," he said.

ECONOMICS

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