

Barn Inadequate As Student Union Building



editorial
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It has long been recognized that the Barn is woefully inadequate as a Student Union Building. The acoustics of the place have long been renowned as the worst on the Island, Souris Legion not excepted. Further the space available is inadequate for a Pig - which is why most major events take place in the gym, costing the Student Union hundreds of dollars a shot. And if a Pig is held in the Barn all other activities must stop.

It is not possible, as an example, to sit in a side room and have a quiet talk while the other students engage in the mad drunken orgy.

Enough about Pigs. That building is inadequate for just about everything else as well. Aside from eating or wasting your money at pinball, there is nothing that is supplied by the Barn to do. So most students just sit and talk or maybe play cards. Either that or they just don't bother to show up at

all.

A proper Student Union Building should have three or four small common rooms, one large one, a cafeteria, a dance area (which could be made by putting a removeable wall between the last two which would be taken out for pigs), a conference room, a day care centre, Student Union offices, a room or rooms containing ping-pong and pool tables, and if the government would agree, a lounge.

The Report on Aims and Objectives has suggested that the building also contain a Faculty Lounge. This definitely would be a poor idea, mainly because there is too much estrangement at that inhibiting factor present between faculty and students. If they were forced to use the same facilities as students then it would facilitate much more contact between profs and students. At present, if a student goes into the faculty lounge, or a prof into the Barn, s/he is immediately intimidated by a sense of being the only one of a kind in the room. If however, there was a common area, this

would be reduced. And if a professor objects to not having a separate area, then that's too damned bad.

It is obvious that such a building would be far beyond the resources of the Student Union. Our entire student fees would probably not pay the interest on the mortgage. Hence the university would have to take responsibility for building it and a considerable amount of the responsibility for maintaining it. This should not be considered unreasonable; it is standard practice at most universities in Canada.

Since the University's own Report on Aims and Objectives has recommended that this be the top building priority for U.P.E.I., the Student Union should immediately start pushing the university for it. If they want to call it such a ridiculous name as "The University Community Centre", so be it. But if we really start pushing for one now, it is possible that by the time this year's frosh are seniors, or at least next year's that we will finally have a decent Student Union Building.



Martha's For 'IT'

Dear Editor-

I am one of the "very fine indeed" Island girls the four football players were referring to. You may have heard of me perchance....."Martha the Mink". And my taste is not strictly limited to jocks, either (although as a rule they generally have nice bods.) And for the information of anyone who is not getting enough of "IT", there are plenty more like me here on fair P.E.I.

So keep this in mind boys We get just as horny as you do.

Signed,
Martha (not
of Green
Gables!)

PEI No More

Dear Editor;

Congratulations on your rapidly improving newspaper. With reference to the slogan concerning P.E.I. and tourists, it originally said "the Island" which is what every good Islander calls it. You can check the Guardian to see how they word theirs. Of course, I'm not implying that you have copied their slogan but if you did take your clues from this superior(?) newspaper, you may as well do it right, eh?

Sincerely
74 Grad

Dear '74 Grad:

Thanks for the suggestion. As you can see, we've taken you up on it.

Editor

Police Academy Warned

During the first part of the ferry crossing, on my way home last weekend, I noticed a couple of Police Academy boys (short hair, mustache and Russel and Bob on the arm of their jackets; you know the type) getting out of their car, all smiles and generally just looking

cool as always.

Imagine my surprise when the two hopped along up the stairs, leaving the two doors of their auto unlocked, with several 8-track tapes on the front seat and other valuables in the back.

What would I do? I was seemingly drawn into a trance and forced to steal those tapes, completely against my will of course. Now I feel the only way I can justify my criminal actions and rectify my temporary insanity is to warn them how to prevent a re-occurrence, so....

Attention Directors
Atlantic Police Academy
Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Dear Sirs;

I feel it my duty, as an honest citizen of the world, to inform you of some pertinent information concerning the future endeavors of those enrolled in your Police Academy (Russell and Bob directly).

It seems quite clear to me that the first step in crime prevention is to remove the incentive to commit a crime. When two prospective police officers leave the doors of their auto unlocked, with many valuables inside, it makes me wonder if perhaps they wanted these articles stolen all along.

I'm sure they didn't and will be more careful in the future, now knowing that prevention is the best cure. Any time I can be of further service in teaching crime prevention, I would be pleased to do so.

Sincerely,
S.T. Anonymous
P.S. Tell those turkeys that next time I'll steal more than a few tapes.

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