

## Generous gift donated for rink restoration

In 1960 Albert Young graduated from Saint Dunstan's University and, after a year at McGill University, made his way back to Hong Kong where he has become an extremely successful investor and developer. This summer, when he became aware of the challenge of the 80's Capital Fund Raising Campaign at the University of Prince Edward Island he sent a gift of 30,000 earmarked for the eventual renovation of the UPEI rink. The announcement of the donation was made September 2 by UPEI President Dr. C.W.J. Eliot.

This gift is of particular significance, not only because it is a large gift, but for two other reasons. It is dedicated to the memory of Albert Young's father, C.W. Young, and because the UPEI Rink played a rather significant part in the life of Albert Young when he was a freshman.

### A HISTORY:

Albert Young arrived at Saint Dunstan's campus in the autumn of 1956 shortly after his 19th birthday. The SDU campus he would come to know as a small but lively one.

His graduating class in 1960 would consist of 40 men and 7 women.

It was a campus that prided itself on the calibre of its education. It was a time when almost all of the students lived on campus and were permitted to visit Charlottetown once a week. Although within the Charlottetown area the campus had a rural environment complete with a herd of dairy cattle. The men lived on the campus and the women lived in the farm house belonging to Saint Dunstan's Orphanage across the highway. It was a time when all of the students knew each other. It was a time when basketball games were followed by sock-hops, when the girls' team nabbed the intercollegiate debating trophy, when students thrilled to the Saints winning a close game. It was a time when students waged vigorous election campaigns, and when a subscription to the campus literary magazine 'The Red and White' cost one dollar ("payable in advance"). In those days groups of students put on parties and band concerts for the children of the Saint Vincent Orphanage across

the road. The Red and White reports that the children, many of whom had never heard a band before, had such a good time that "long after Christmas the children were still talking about 'the party the College boys put on'".

However in the midst of all the academic and social activity one of the things that attracted Albert Young was the skating in the rink after the evening meal. In 1956, when he arrived the rink and skating in the rink was an older wooden structure with only natural ice, and the strength of the hockey team depended in large part, on the weather. The rink and skating so attracted the young science student that at 4 o'clock in the morning he and his friend Michael Liu would make their way across a snowy, dark campus to hose down the ice surface for the skating that evening.

It was during Albert Young's years on campus that the old rink was levelled and the existing steel frame structure was erected on the same site. Under construction in 1957, the new rink was hailed by the students on their re-

turn from Christmas holidays. The march 1957 issue of the Red and White records: "the rink is one of the finest of its kind, and has the largest ice surface of any college rink in the Maritimes... that old menace — mild weather — has been overcome".

Commenting on the current condition of the rink, UPEI President Eliot notes "Unfortunately the rink is now 30 years old and is in much need of elec-

trical and mechanical updating. As well, new insulation is required. These eventual renovations made possible by the generosity of Mr. Young, will improve and extend the life span of the dynamic part of our campus."

The UPEI Rink is used by the Hockey Panthers for practice sessions, by a large number of community hockey and skate groups, and by the University for Convocation each spring. ■



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to cooperate, the wet/dry idea may become a permanent fixture of main events at the Barn.

The new program may also affect bar sales. Meyer predicts that initially there will be some loss of sales (due to the minor inconvenience imposed), but that as people become more accustomed to the idea it will have little impact: "Everybody's just going to be

able to party together," she says.

Meyer is positive about the Panther Lounge, despite the possibility of a drop in sales. "What I'm going to concentrate on this year is my lounge," she says. "I'm going to do everything in my power to make IT the place where they (the of-age students) want to come for a few hours anyway."

rove to be a bit of a nuisance to the legal patrons.

The wet/dry system has been adopted on a trial basis. Says SU President Steve Wynne, "We're not even sure whether this is going to work." If there are no major problems with enforcing the system and getting patrons of main events