

Editorial

By John Cairns

Well, believe it or not, and I hardly believe it myself, this is the last SUN of the year. The fact makes me both glad and happy. I'm glad because it is hard work giving you a newspaper, especially when the SUN, like everything else, is hindered by student apathy. I'm sorry because producing the paper is also fun, and those of us who do it are hooked on the job.

Traditionally a last editorial thanks everyone in great detail for their work on the paper during the year. I do express that thanks, but only briefly. Doing otherwise might become too sentimental.

THAT'S IT FOLKS!

Those of you who have worked on the SUN know who you are, and you can rest assured that you have my gratitude and that of our readers. I do, however, have to mention three names for special attention. I refer to Maureen Hartman, the layout manager who has been essential to the 1979-80 SUN in more ways than I can count, and to Derwin Banks and Todd MacLaughlan who always came through in the crunch.

Next year's paper will have a new editor, a partially new staff, and undoubtedly a new look. Hopefully all the changes will be beneficial, and you will have better reading than ever. So long, have good exams and a smashing future.

GEORGETOWN

Dear Sir:

I have just read Kevin Gauthier's exposition of Georgetown Seafoods Ltd. in the UPEI Sun, Thursday, March 20, 1980. My first impression was that Mr. Gauthier was not writing about the plant in which I have worked for six years. Upon reading, I found that he had made some valid observations.

The verities cited are worth noting. Above all boots must be worn. Georgetown Seafoods is definitely

different from what an "outsider" might expect. The plant is a modern well lit place complete with conveyor belts and some noise. Finally, applications are at Manpower.

It is important to note some questionable impressions Mr. Gauthier had about the plant. The processing involves much more than the simple outline in The Sun. There is packing frozen lobsters in boxes, grading of various size fish, working area

housekeeping, temporary assignments in other departments, etc. The ten week period must cover more than May and June, if these months are less than 35 days long. People are within speaking distance of each other, but company bosses have reprimanded workers for talking at work. Sometimes the floor is dirty and people have been injured by slipping on fish waste.

The wages quoted do start at \$4.15 per hour. You may have to work as much as 51 hours per week. However, your union, The United Food and Commercial Workers, is trying to get better wages and working conditions. The company does not want these improvements, so the workers may have to go on strike. In that case there would be no work if the strike coincides with the lobster season.

To get supplementary info about conditions at the fish plant, one could talk to people who were there last year, some of whom were laid off before the end of the season. Considering the unfavourable aspects of fish plant work, it might be better to work elsewhere.

If you decide to go into fish processing, you must be sure to carry a well stocked lunch pail, as you shall work up a good appetite.
Sincerely
Reynold M. Vail UFCW

was misleading. It seems, however, that he himself is guilty of this crime.

To begin with, although there were not enough people to vote for reconsideration at the first meeting of Senate, there were enough at the re-scheduled meeting and they still came up two votes short of the required number. The purpose of the reconsideration regulation is to make sure topics are not discussed ad nauseum and to make it difficult for Senate to change its mind. To get around this regulation which was serving its intended purpose, a motion was introduced to "cancel" classes for the week in question.

The reasons why the motion was accepted? Because (1) it was not technically the same as the original motion, and (2) the Chairman felt that some people were not present who would have voted for reconsideration (democracy-one man, three votes). The motion was then passed by a vote of 10 to 6. This could easily have been reversed by the student senators. What merit do Senate regulations have if they can be over-ruled so easily? They are a farce and might as well be flushed down the john.

I firmly believe that Mr. O'Hanley found much support for the shortened semester from the students, but he neglects to give the reasons for their support. If he discovered what I did, most students want the shorter term, not so they can get jobs,, but so they can get out of here as soon as possible. These are the same students who would like to see UPEI turned into a degree factory.

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LOST CLASSES

Dear Sir:

This letter is prompted by a response by student senator Robert O'Hanley to your editorial of March 13 in which you criticize Senate's late decision to shorten the semester. In his letter of March 20, Mr. O'Hanley claims that the editorial