

even be a strike coming. These are only possibilities - but I think that one must entertain such possibilities in order to help one think about making decisions. I just hope they - and by they, I mean both the professors and the administration - keep in mind who is going to be paying for it all in the end. It is going to be us students!

This factor alone could impregnate hostile sentiments from some students towards professors, or vice-versa, and this is certainly not what we want here at UPEI. I send an e-mail: "Churchill Arms, 7:00 pm, Friday, currie chips and beer." Someone sends back saying Thursday is better, and a group of students and professors show up talk over food and beer. And what could be better?! This grass is green my friend - but I'm sure one might think of something a little greener than beer, har-har. In any case, this student/professor relationship is not something we want to create a rift in. In my opinion it is one of UPEI's

greatest assets.

So what are the students to do? What might we ask for? Discussion from the student body, this is what I am asking for - voices from the students. I am almost to thinking a student discussion should be held in the Duffy Amphitheatre in order to decide what role, if any, we are to play. An idea I like is to put pressure on both the faculty association and the administration, so as to try and force them to close the deal a little more quickly, but one must ask how this might be done. Also trying to force them to go public with what the professor's are demanding, and why the administration is not accepting, might be a good idea. I think however, that this would disadvantage the professor's credibility. This does not mean that what they are asking for must be over the top. The professor's have not had a contract in four years, are the lowest paid in the Maritimes, are over-worked, and have many other trou-

bling issues to deal with. I would like students to be allowed to sit in on the negotiations to see for themselves what is going on. Many students are saying that they do not want to hear anything about it from their professor's, but I would like to find out what they have to say.

So... if there might be anyone willing to spill a little information under the table, my e-mail is postsilly-serious@hotmail.com. There is also about a half of an inch underneath the Cadre door, and golly, paper seems to fit quite well! This will not make me popular with some, but "I have never courted popularity" - so no worries from me. Students have a lot of potential sway power here, and the outcome will certainly effect us, as well how long the negotiations, or strike, actually takes. These are things we students have the power to effect. As a single lonely student, I would like to get together with others and see what actions we might want to consider, if

any - for now I would simply like to suggest that students not pay their tuition fees until the muck clears up enough to see what's in the water.

I would like to make it clear, however, that although I would promote not paying tuition, I do not promote this in order for the student body to act as an aid to the professor's. Though I do sympathize with the professor's to a large degree, I propose this because it may end up saving some of us students a lot of money. That is why I am not paying - I do not want my money to be wasted, and I'm not taking any chances no matter how slight that chance may be - I cannot afford it. At the same time, I do understand that this will almost be equivalent to basically siding with the professor's. Just to add, this opens up an interesting debate contrasting intent of action, with the outcome of the action - which is to be valued more from an ethical standpoint? Is there actually one concrete answer? Blah!

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