

Variety is the Spice of life

by Frances Smits

Yep, just for variety the UPEI bookstore was broken into instead of the Barn. Missing are \$3000. worth of grad rings.

The bookstore was broken into sometime after 2 a.m. on Friday, January 9, 1981. The break and enter was discovered when the security officer made his 5:30 a.m. round.

The vandals tried to jimmy the doors, but were unsuccessful. They gained entry by breaking a window in the Business office, according to Russell Stewart, manager of the bookstore.

Stewart added that the front entrance doors were also smashed, with damages running up to \$750. The vandals also tried unsuccessfully to break into the safe.

One member of Security said Friday that university students are not suspected as being responsible for the break-in.

Other thefts at UPEI over the holidays included \$150 being snaffled from the Christmas tree at the Registrar's office on December 21. Only \$70 was reco-

vered and a suspect was scheduled to appear in juvenile court Monday, according to a Security officer.

The same youngster is reported to have stolen \$198. from the Panther

dressing room in the rink January 4, at approximately 8 p.m. while the players were at practise. The theft was discovered by the Panthers and all of the money was recovered.

Students Don't Give a Damn

by Maureen Hartman

"Students are not taking advantage of what they're paying for", according to James Griffith, Director of Student Services at UPEI. "Student unions are trying to be as representative of the students as they can but, like administrators, they end up dictating to the students because the majority of students really don't give a damn any more".

Griffith was speaking to the third Student Union presidents conference held at UPEI this past weekend. Present were representatives from Nova Scotia Agricultural College (NSAC), Mount Allison, Holland College, Acadia, Nova Scotia College of Art and Design (NSCAD), Dalhousie, and UPEI.

Griffith also maintained that Student Services and student unions should compliment each other because they share the same concern, "...STUDENTS. Cooperation between the two here in the past few years hasn't been bad, it just hasn't been. Student Services is making more decisions for the kids because the kids don't want to make those decisions by themselves."

Fielding UPEISU president Philip Brown's question of whether we were returning to the Sixties where administrators were dictating services, Griffith replied that he did not see that as the case. Instead, he saw students as standing still.

"In the last three to five years, student unions have become big businesses. On some campuses the student unions handle more money than the administrations. Student activity sharply declined when our student union became more business-oriented", said Griffith. He also stated that the UPEISU for the past few years has been caught up in planning because no provision is made for implementing decisions.

The weekend conference was useful in the exchange of ideas it provided the attending presidents. Among other things discussed were:

- provisions for long-term objectives
 - student placement
 - the SU and athletics
 - vending machines ("you can get anything you want from meatballs to panty hose")
 - student health plans (ranging from \$6 at NSAC to \$25-\$30 at Acadia)
 - budgeting and payroll content
 - destruction and remedies. According to Holland College SU president Scott Lannan the College is "calm this year", but at Dalhousie the SUB has up to \$40,000. damage per year and NSAC has more destruction this year than any other.
 - roles of each executive member, maintenance, campus police, clerical workers. The number of executive positions on each council ranges from three to six. Dalhousie has eleven full-time employees as compared to U.P.E.I.'s three, with a full-time bar services manager and an assistant bar manager.
 - part-time students rights and fees (depending upon the institution, part-time students have the option of paying the fee and being allowed into events, have no option, or having a lower fee than full-time students) Mike Johnstone, president of Acadia's SU reported on five surveys being conducted by that university. The surveys are of tuition, room and board, student representation at Canadian universities, the ID system, cafeterias, and publications governed by student unions.
- The quote of the weekend muttered by a SU president was "... all that red-tape bullshit...it's a bureaucracy."

General Council Report

by Maureen Hartman

"There is often not enough work for three full-time employees in the Student Union. We must investigate how the most work can be done most efficiently," were the words of Joanne Peters at Sunday's SU council meeting.

Peters is one of seven members of the newly formed Restructuring Committee. The committee has been appointed by the SU to investigate possible improvements in the structure of the student union.

Within the next few weeks members will be visiting other universities and colleges to garner ideas. The committee also plans to meet with UPEI administrators to discuss their position.

According to the students involved, it seems the consensus that full-time employees of the SU are needed to retain the sense of continuity as one executive changes to another. They will also investigate the maximum number of courses that the executive should be allowed to study while in office.

The restructuring committee is asking for feedback from faculty, administration and students. They will be holding an open meeting for recommendations at 7:30pm SUN. JAN. 18 in the Barn.

A rather lengthy debate on the topic of student discipline stole the lime-

light at Sunday's meeting. Criticism ran high on fine appeals, damage, and responsibility of student discipline. The system came under attack when it was mentioned that the Senate Appeals Committee has not handled a case for two years.

It was also pointed out that the future of residences at UPEI looks pretty grim. Waiting lists exist, yet part of third and all of fourth floor Bernadine remain closed. If attendance in residence drops, a MPHEC grant will be rescinded and the residences could conceivably be closed. As Philip Brown asked: "Do you want this university to turn into a day school?"

In other council briefs, chances are good for a movie club to get on the ball and show a movie possibly on Sun. Jan. 25.

In his executive report, Philip Brown said that "everything is looking good". The SU is also reviewing the Campus Police and the bartending policies.

The blood donor clinic will be held in the Barn Jan. 22 from 3 until 5 pm. The games room will be open at that time and the games will be available for free use.

The Winter Carnival is on again for this year from Feb. 2-7. The theme is "Flake-Out 81".