

Make me a Christian Optimist

They tell me, Lord, that one characteristic I am supposed to have as a young adult is optimism. An optimist is a person who looks on the bright side of things, who sees his glass, his wallet his life as half full instead of half empty, who looks out from the place of his imprisonment and sees not mud but stars.

I must look into myself in Your presence and see how I rate as far as optimism is concerned. Am I an optimist? Do I have hope? Is my basic outlook on life a happy, hopeful one? Do I

really feel that life, despite its difficulties, is well worth living?

My attitude towards life, Lord, is going to depend a great deal on my attitude towards myself. Do I have sufficient confidence in myself to feel that there IS a job in life for me to do and to be happy at? Do I believe that God, my Father has given me enough of what it takes to do this work well?

Am I convinced that God, in making me, gave me sufficient raw material, health, brains, and all the rest to make something worthwhile of?

Am I convinced that I have not been gypped even though I may not possess the same good looks, brains, skill, personality that someone else has?

Am I enthusiastic about life and about the good that I can do for others in this life? I may not be the bounciest person in the world but do I have now the desire and energy to do things for others -- things that are not of direct benefit to myself?

Am I optimistic about people? Do I look for the

best in them always or am I inclined to be distrustful and suspicious of them because I don't like their looks or their manner?

Jesus, who made all things good, teach me to see the good in myself. Teach me to see the good in others. Teach me to see the good in the world, and the wonderful possibilities for me to do good in the world the Father has made, and the life He has given me.

Lord, increase my faith and my hope. Make me a Christian optimist.

PRESIDENT DEREK KEY : DRASTIC ACTION NECESSARY IN FIGHT AGAINST FEE INCREASES

One of the greatest signs of reality withing an organization is conflict. That is, a conflict initiated by two or more partners truly caring about an issue.

But a disturbing note is when people, unfortunately defeated in Council and Executive elections take it upon themselves to be the conscience of the entire Student Union. This is disappointing.

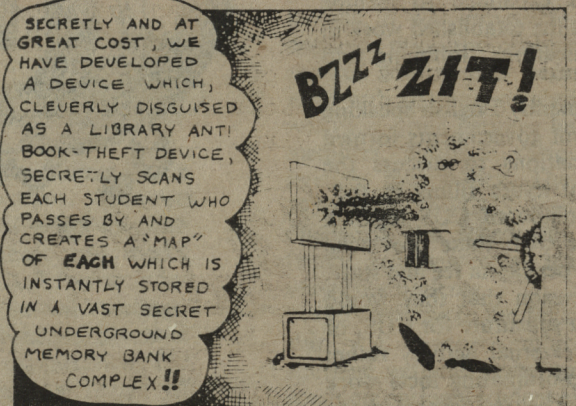
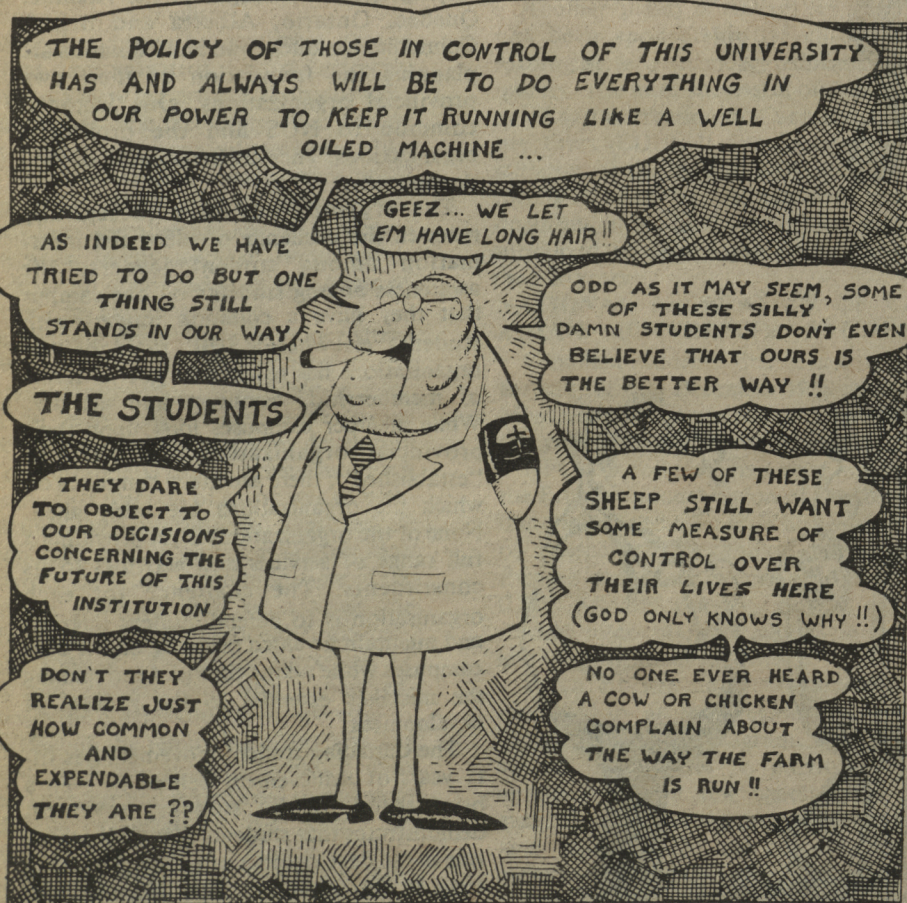
At present the Student Union finds itself in one of its most challenging controversies to date. That is, of course, the possibility of rent and tuition increases. This situation, as proven last year, must be handled with the utmost of caution. We must gather public

sympathy, have the support of students, and in particular, we must present a united front. It is very frustrating for an executive responsible to the entire Student Union to spend its time "dilly-dallying" with a few renegade councillors or defeated candidates who feel they have the divine power to make decisions above the order of both executive and council. In fact, they have gone so far as to announce a March on the Provincial Legislature .. then to cancel it. To announce a general meeting...then cancel it. To confront members of the executive and ever-so childishy squeal that they are not responsible

to the democratically elected executive and will handle the rent and tuition problem "autonomously" without the consent or even advice of the body who are responsible to you the executive.

Fourteen months ago I was elected to be your representative. I was responsible for the handling of the rent and tuition controversy of last year and in being re-elected in Mid February of this year I fee that I have again been given the responsibility. This being the case, let it be known that if any further actions take place, instigated by these few ir-

responsible individuals, that may jeprodize our choice of defeating there proposed inverse in tuition and rent, I will be forced to publicly announce via our Island media system, that these individuals are not speaking for the Student Union, nor is the Student Union responsible for their activities & actions. I apologize for the harsh show of power, but in these circumstances of the utmost seriousness, involving all UPEI students I feel this is necessary if we are to have a "Snowball's chance in hell" of keeping our tuition and rent increases down to a minimum.



"THIS ELECTRONIC INFORMATION IS THEN FED INTO A COMPUTER CONTROLLED 'FABRICATOR' WHICH BUILDS AN EXACT REPLICA OF THE STUDENT ... IN OTHER WORDS, AN ANDROID OR MAN-LIKE ROBOT!! THE 'ORIGINAL' STUDENT IS THEN 'DISPOSED OF' QUIETLY. THUS WE



NOW HAVE A 'STUDENT' WHO DOESN'T COMPLAIN, DOESN'T EAT, DOESN'T GET DRUNK AND BREAK THINGS AND BEST OF ALL, HAS ABSOLUTELY NO WILL OF ITS OWN!! SO FAR, NO ONE HAS DISCOVERED EVEN ONE OF THE SEVERAL HUNDRED ALREADY IN OPERATION HERE. THIS IS DUE TO THE FACT THAT THEY LOOK LIKE AND ACT THE SAME AS ANY OTHER STUDENT. (AS CAN BE SEEN FROM THIS ATTACHED PHOTO OF ONE OF OUR UNITS AT A RECENT COLLEGE DISCO!!)

MAX THE MADMAN HERE TO ASK ... HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE YOU WALKED THROUGH THAT MACHINE IN THE LIBRARY? HAVE YOU NOTICED YOUR FRIENDS EATING THEIR SPARE CHANGE LIKE POTATO CHIPS? YOU REALIZE, OF COURSE, THAT THEY WOULD NOT ALLOW ALL THIS TO BE REVEALED IF IT WERE NOT ALREADY TOO LATE TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT!! GAD, BUT IVE GOT THIS CRAVING FOR ALUMINUM!!