

Super Cops...Those wonderful boys in green

The general trend at U.P.E.I. these days is to be as apathetic as possible, due in part to the fact that this is and always has been the general trend on Prince Edward Island. But due also in part to the fact that little things are subtly covered up by the authoritarian society we have here, with the tools of bureaucracy and the class pyramid. Information gets lost somehow and no one dares question the class out of fear of upsetting his (her) own smoothly run life. So you get a whole majority of people who remain silent in their toleration of what "has to be"-typical capitalist viewpoint.

Just bear with this article awhile. I want to show you just one facet of our university's authoritarian tradition; how it is and how it doesn't have to be. That facet is the military organization hired by our worthy Student Union, dubbed the title Campus Police.

This organization is made up of the following well known personalities on campus - some of them are even well known because they're niceguys. Some, as in all levels of this campus are well known because they're social-climbing elitists, power trippers or just plain old hard-nosed "easy money" makers.

Here is a current list of our law-enforcing officers in case you haven't met them. On a campus this small, everyone should become acquainted with his (her) campus police. It may come in handy at a function you can't afford to get admittance into. Your cop friend will look the other way for 30 seconds : Rennie Kermath (chief), Wendall Muttart (assistant chief), Bob Dixon, Joe Lisi, Gene Kenny, Peter Gillis, John Klub, Doc Blanchard, Lainie Landry, Peter McGregor, Marty Cole and Bob Thompson.

Of course there are many more part-time cops and the chief can hire as he feels the need.

These illustrious law abiding (?) policemen protect our health and welfare at such events as football games at other campuses as well as our own. This can only mean that they are the most efficient campus cops in the Maritimes since they have to be sent along to other universities to do other campus cops' jobs for them. They also serve at all other "dry" or "wet" events on campus. For instance, there are fourteen cops on duty everynight for three nights at our Fall Festival and Winter Carnivals - in the gym alone! What are they expecting, a mass riot? Students sure can't be very civilized if it takes that much control to keep them quiet.

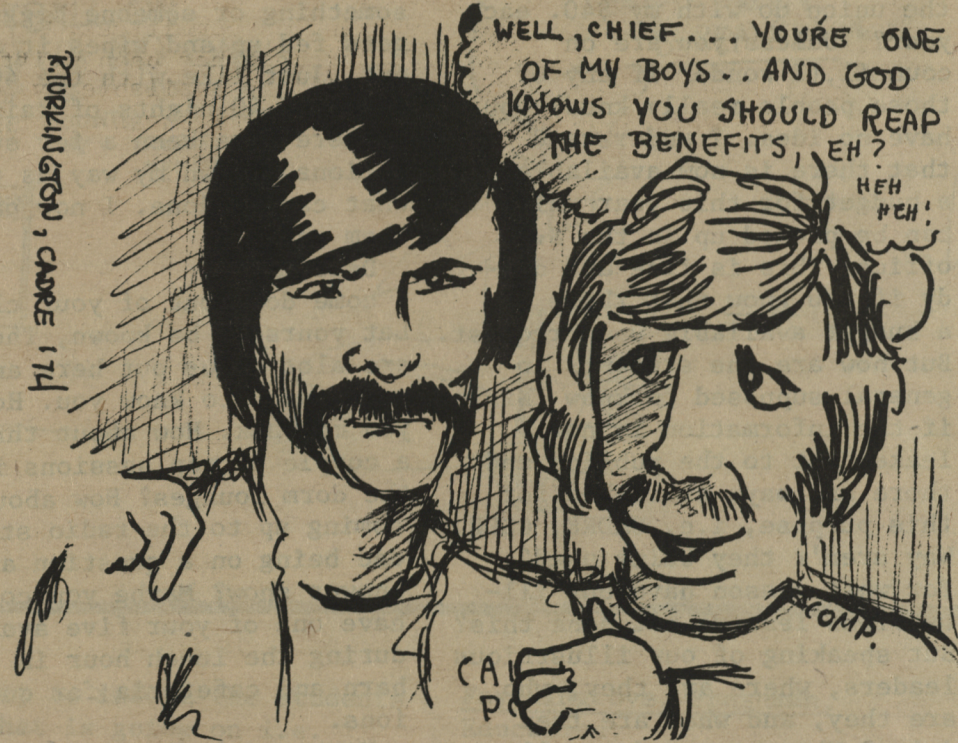
But here is the block-buster. In case Gordon and his staff are banging their heads against the wall trying to figure out a way to keep their heads above water on the Fall Fest, Christmas Dance and Winter Carnival, they might stop and add up a few facts and figures. Campus police make \$10 for a Pig 'n' Whistle. Yes the campus police make the highest wage on campus. That's pretty hard to swallow when you consider some people are making 35¢ per hour for a 40 hr. per week job. The Cadre staff, CSUR staff or the Student Union executive could tell you that. But don't get me wrong. These people aren't complaining. They do their job because they are interested, because they love this place and its people and want to make sure we don't get walked over by other unmentionables. How many of our campus cops would work even one quarter of those hours for a token salary? Mr. President, I'd advise you to put that in your pipe and smoke it because it looks like our Student Union is going to go broke again this year if some of the expenses aren't cut down. And number

I've already been advised to do, they went to Pete Morris and asked him to represent them at the meeting. Twice in a row he failed to bring up the subject at the meeting. But instead of going himself, Ted Crockett and his boys in green staged an illicit walk-out. Without warning these student law enforcers, humanitarian people opened the doors, let everyone, literally everyone in free of charge and GAVE AWAY Student Union beer and wine. Thank God that the only consequence was that the student union gave them what they wanted. Of course we all lost a lot of money that night but that's obsolete. Think if a fire would have begun in the Barn. People would have panicked and someone could have been killed. With the place wide open and totally un-policed somebody could have started a real brawl, because don't forget the security police were standing behind the campus police and would also have refused to act on any emergency. This episode is merely an example of the degree of dependability the Campus Police have.

so many S.U. dues paying students were being turned away from the door at the Pig 'n' Whistle when the place was being packed with non-students, thus non-supportors of the student activities. That student wasn't arrested. I'm glad, I wouldn't like to spend a night in jail. Rene Kermath was upstairs, off duty. Wendell Muttart was on the door and went upstairs to get Rene. He refused to come down. The book says he is supposed to be on twenty-four hour call. He obviously doesn't go by the book too much. Even if he wasn't on call, as the chief you'd think he'd have enough interest. Rene uses some pretty obscene lingo too, contrary to the rule on page 6 of the above booklet under heading General Disciplinary Regulations. It is an offence to use abusive or obscene language. He explained to a student that when he read the article from the member of the herd he wanted to quote "Punch his (her) f..king face in".

Campus Police, here's your chance. I've exposed you and your thieving, (oh, yes, they get free booze and free rides at every event. No one can prove it but the temptation sure lies open for them. They can't ALL be that honest. We couldn't hope for so much.)

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A Member of the Herd.



one on the agenda should be to cut down the number of student cops to at least half for the big events. There are enough security police floating around at such events that we don't need 14 student cops in the gym alone.

The wage question is touchy. There isn't much the Student Union can do with the threat of an illegal walk-out hanging over their heads like a noose.

Oh, a lot of you didn't know much about that episode did you. Well, way back last year when some of you were still in high school, our campus police decided they wanted a raise from the wage of \$1.50 per hour. Now it's bad enough that they wanted the raise but instead of taking their qualms directly to the Student Union - as

Now I will refer to the booklet of laws for U.P.E.I. entitled Rules, Regulations and Disciplinary Procedures for Students. you will probably go through hell to get a copy. I did. On page 7 under the heading Security and Law Enforcement sub heading 2. Campus Police, we have a rundown.

"Students hired by the Student Union constitute the Campus Police. They maintain order at University functions and are on twenty four (24) hour call. Students are reminded that it is a serious offence, punishable by a fine of \$1 00 to strike a Campus Policeman on duty."

Let me relate an incident. Three weeks ago, a commotion was raised at the door by a student inquiring as to why

P.S. Student body: in my first letter I appealed to you. Everyone's been appealing to you for participating in your night to police Pig 'n' Whistles? I'm fully prepared to stand at that door for no salary. How many of you will show an interest? We could save the Student Union a lot of money and get rid of some of the treachery that is going on around here. It's the only way because when students aren't in it for money or fringe benefits, there in it because they take pride in the Student Body. The dependable policemen and women would soon be screened from the ones looking for a free ride so long as free rides are permitted. Think about it.