

# SYMPOSIUM RESULTS

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Symposium '79 has been labelled a success by most of the people who attended it. To this moment its most concrete results are the resolutions it passed. Those resolutions all concern UPEI, and they are as follows:

- that the idea of a core curriculum should be supported and that all students should take courses from other faculties;
- that a three tier system of education featuring a general education, a majors program, and an honours program might be useful.
- that the image of the campus, including both its appearance and its reputation, should be bettered;
- that there should be a place centred on campus for student interaction;
- that the idea of UPEI as "The Island University" should be strengthened to draw more students here and solve declining enrolment;
- that more events should be developed outside of the classroom to interest both faculty and students;
- that outside lectures of general interest should be encouraged rather than ones that appeal just to specific departments.
- that we should recognize that UPEI hasn't the best facilities and that we should use to best advantage what we do have;
- that socializing on campus is too party-oriented;
- that UPEI professors should encourage a greater measure of open criticism in class;
- that UPEI should create an ombudsman to deal with problems within the UPEI community;
- that residence conditions should be reviewed and considered for improvement;
- that a department committee should be established to deal with curriculum, material, books, and how students can benefit in these areas;
- that students should be allowed to sit free of charge in classes to decide if they want to take particular courses;
- that course evaluations should be made open and available to students, possibly even with the publication of an anti-calendar;
- that many students expect too much from their education;
- that high school students aren't well enough briefed on university and that in the future their first year here should be a sort of preparatory year;
- that at the Symposium students, faculty, and administration came together for one of the first times;
- that more people should be encouraged to take part in things like the Symposium;
- that the university should establish a faculty for interaction like that of the Symposium;
- that efforts should be made to make the Symposium a vehicle for change;
- that a committee should be created to pursue the Symposium's proposals;
- that a permanent Symposium Committee should be established to meet throughout the year and organize a Symposium bi-annually for the interchange of ideas as started at the first symposium;

## A STACK OF RESOLUTIONS

--that the whole symposium idea can't settle anything, only express views.



YOU KNOW, WE SPENT FOUR YEARS AT UNIVERSITY, BUT IF WE HADN'T GONE TO SYMPOSIUM '79 WE MIGHT NEVER HAVE FIGURED OUT WHY WE WERE DOING IT.

Rum flavoured. Wine dipped.

# Crack a pack of Colts along with the beer.