

the upei sun

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



EDITORIAL

This is the sixth SUN this term, and each one has brought our staff the satisfaction of a job completed. Unfortunately, we have also felt frustration, frustration from mistakes made. Mistakes are bad anywhere, but in the newspaper business they are especially irritating. That is because once the paper is in print they are beyond correction. They simply settle within the pages defying staff and misinforming readers.

This editorial has been inspired by specific blunders in last week's SUN. The first of them, we're told, has upset the home economics department. The faux pas in question was in the article entitled, "Dalton Hall Meals." There appeared a sentence which read, "As the home economics students are leaving the managerial process and intricate workings of a food service behind, you will be able to dine in style for just the costs of ingredients and preparation." Does that make sense? Maybe so, but it should read this way. "As the home economics students are learning the managerial process and intricate workings of a food service business, you will be able to dine in style for just the costs of ingredients and preparation." That was mistake number one, and we hope that now we have properly corrected it.

The second major error was on the same page. It was in the Fall Fest Schedule, just where we wanted it least. Whoever laid out the schedule (probably the editor) omitted part of it. The result was the jumbling of Thursdays and Friday's events creating a confused and downright misleading situation. Hopefully we didn't spoil anyone's week-end, and we assure everyone that it won't happen again, at least not during Fall Fest.

The secret in newspaper work is to minimize mistakes. Gripping that secret is one goal of the SUN, and it is a goal which may eventually be reached. Pat Ingraham, Lachlan MacQuarrie, and the rest of our staff are helping us get there. Pat's typing is frequently flawless, and the copy she doesn't handle is carefully scanned by Lachlan and our other proofreaders. Some errors survive this process, but we usually don't make the same ones twice in a row. At least we're learning.

Not often do newspapers acknowledge mistakes, but there you go, the SUN has done it. Our redeeming qualities are that we try to correct ourselves and that we invite our readers to join both the SUN and the struggle to improve it. If we're lucky maybe someday the eagle at the bottom of this page won't be necessary.

Letters & Opinions

To the Editor:

The following is a letter in response to the Personnel Board's rebuttal in the 5th issue, 11th volume of the SUN.

There is a section in the SUN which is entitled "Letters and Opinions". This is where any student of UPEI is allowed to voice an opinion or "beef" to the happenings around campus. By writing the newspaper, comments can be made openly to the rest of the student body. Opinions expressed in this manner can harbour some resentment amongst certain individuals without meaning to. I took it upon myself to write to the SUN (previous issue) to express my opinion with regard to recent recommendations by the Personnel Board. This opinion was purely intended to tell the student body that a particular function, the Personnel Board, was not properly run, but was not meant to single out and abuse any member of this board.

As a result of the increased number of letters which were sent to the editor regarding this situation, this proved that I was not the only person who felt this way. If

these students all wrote concerning the same matter, then something must be wrong.

In the past September issues of the SUN, letters to the editor (if there were any) never dealt with any specific function on campus. With recent attention all turned toward the Personnel Board, maybe the Student Union Executive will clearly analyze the situation and deal accordingly. If the executive reaches an agreement regarding the P.B. even if revisions do not occur, I would ask if their decision be made public to the student body. Very few, if any, of the student body attend the open council meetings, so this is why I ask of the council to serve the student body regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Patti Bradley

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IF YOU FIND MISTAKES in this publication, please, consider that they are there for a purpose. We publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes.