

# Editorial

By now, you must all be aware of our Student Union's plans for next week's massive march on the Provincial Building. The march is scheduled in protest of proposed cutbacks in funding for post-secondary education by the federal government. The Union should be commended for sticking out its neck and goading the student body at UPEI into some form of action.

Yet all this activity is somewhat puzzling, partly because the student of the '80's is notorious for his supposed apathy. Mostly, however, one is intrigued by the interest in the E.P.F. since the Union made it perfectly clear last year that their policy was not to make political stands. If that policy bothers you, bear in mind that the Student Union is, at least if not on paper then in reality, subject to the whims and fancies of the more permanent powers-that-be on this campus. Taking a political stand could ruin the long hours of work our dear university President has spent in trying to raise a portion of the vast sums of money necessary to run an institution of higher learning.

Presumably the Student Union justifies its current interest in the E.P.F. because of the direct relation it bears to UPEI students. That in itself is dandy, but reluctance to broaden our minds in international matters cannot be excused. In one week's time a university student from El Salvador will begin a six week cross-country tour. A former member of El Salvador's federation of student unions, this student intends to enlighten people on the horrors which have recently ravaged the small country. Rumours say that during last year alone, over 800 students in El Salvador were killed by the military government. However, this student will bypass P.E.I. completely unless specifically invited to speak here.



Before you hop up and down in glee, eager to point out that an invitation by our Student Union could be interpreted as a political statement, let me re-emphasize that this cross-Canada tour is only to create an awareness of the current situation in El Salvador. Knowing full well that media accounts of all world events usually contain much misinformation, we should welcome any chance to combat the onesidedness portrayed daily by our media.

The presentation by this El Salvadoran is student-related on a universal basis. The least we can do to bridge the gap between Canada and other nations is force ourselves to become aware of the fundamental causes of strife elsewhere. If trying to open minds to international events leaves the Student Union open to abuse for making what seems a political statement, so be it.

Have a funny week and be strong.

## Sincere thanks

Many thanks to those of you who helped me look for my lost wallet during Orientation Week. It goes to show what a great Freshman class UPEI has this year. The

wallet was not found, but a collection was taken at Casino night, and \$85.00 was raised. I am grateful more than words can say. Thank-you.  
Rick Tarkka



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