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## Answers...

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The 2nd annual "Direction of the Union Address", was given by the new president, Jim Ross, March 15th, at Duffy Amphitheatre.

Ross's speech was divided into basically two parts, one concerning the Union involvement outside of the University and the second part concerned with the Student Union's role in the University community.

Speaking about the program which has been started off campus, Ross said, "I can see that it has had many successes along with many failures. I should like to continue such a program and even extend it, but such a program undivided support."

By far the best part of the will fail unless you give your speech was concerned with

internal matters. Ross said, "Our internal organization must and will be improved."

In pointing out some of the problems which had to be overcome Ross gave the examples of Communication, he says that this was a problem which plagued the Union all year but hoped it would be helped when Radio UPEI goes into operation.

Speaking on finance, Ross said, "I see a real need for the Union to support financially the programs of inter-murals." He went on record as being against any increase in fees in the area of athletics.

Ross concluded by saying that he was very optimistic about the future of the Union, and requested that all students get involved in the Union.

## and questions

During the question period following the "Direction of the Union Address" Paul Lynch questioned Ross on the future of the proposed Student Union building and why the Council had disbanded the present Committee which was working on plans for the new building. There seemed to be some concern at the time whether the Executive had disbanded the committee so that they would be able to stay here this summer, with extra salary, to work on the project.

On Wednesday afternoon Ross attempted to clear up this question with The CADRE. He said that he had done away with the First Committee because "It was sort of mixed up". Ross said that they were going ahead with one type of Union building and did not consider other plans enough. He also felt

that not enough emphasis had been put on getting help from professionals.

He said that the new committee would be appointed by him and he hoped that the executive would work on this project in the summer. He felt that if the salary of the Executive was extended so that it would include the summer months, it would keep the Executive here.

Ross said that he wanted the new committee to look at as many alternatives as possible. He said "Some students felt it was one person's Union building, some thought it was Paul Lynch's". He said he felt the whole project had been rushed too much and that the new committee should take a long look at the whole project. "We may even be able to erect the building without an increase in Union fees," said Ross.

## Fraternity formed

Phi Kappa Theta, UPEI's first fraternity, came into existence on March 7 with the initiation of the first pledge class. The Charlottetown chapter, going under the name Rho Epsilon, is part of an international fraternity which began around April of 1959. The fraternity currently has 68 active chapters in the U.S. and 29 associate chapters in Canada and the U.S. There are 21 members in the Charlottetown chapter.

The fraternity hopes to encourage the attainment of high scholastic standing while promoting a spirit of loyalty to alma mata and provide bro-

therhood, achieved through close association based on common ideals.

Members of the executive of the fraternity's local chapter are: Dave Reynolds, President; Ben Poirier, Vice-President; Peter Shannon, Secretary; Marty Cole, Treasurer; Norman McNaught, Social Chairman.

Ed Kirchner, Vice President for Expansion of Phi Kappa Theta visited UPEI and helped the fraternity get off the ground. He was successful in purchasing a 15 room house is located on Pond St. and should be ready for occupancy by late April.

## NATIONAL ROCHDALE WEEK TO OPEN ON APRIL FOOLS DAY

TORONTO (CUP) — Rochdale College, Canada's oft-publicized high-price free school, laid claim Friday the 13th (March) to their "rightful tithe" on all marijuana pushed in Canada for the week beginning April Fool's day.

Those who don't sell dope can buy themselves a degree cheap.

Rochdale national co-ordinator Ian Argue announced the tithe from the institution's 'war room' Friday, as 14 members of the college prepared for a 9-day, nationwide campaign in conjunction with "national share the wealth with Rochdale week", April 1 to 7.

The move, Argue said, is an attempt to arouse national interest in the beleaguered institution during its current crisis: overdue debts with the government - owned Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

CMHC reportedly is considering turning over control of the 18-storey concrete college

and residence building to Campus Co-operative Residences Incorporated. The move follows recent notice that Rochdale is \$100,000 in arrears on payment towards a remaining \$4.5 million CMHC mortgage.

The campaign, according to a Rochdale press release, is to "raise funds to support Rochdale's revolutionary educational programme, "which are currently "totally unsubsidized."

The average subsidy for Canadian postsecondary students is 91 per cent, Argue said, except at Rochdale where the subsidy is less than one per cent.

"In other words," he said, "for every \$100 spent by a university student on his education, an additional \$1000 is added by the government, through grants. For every \$100 we spend on our education budget, the government chips in 60 cents."

The 14-member national tour team will be selling memberships in the college.

They will also sell degrees to anyone who wants one.

According to the press release:

"The B.A. granting course is \$25. Course length is 24 hours, and the degree will be awarded on the answering of a skill-testing question."

Fifty dollars and a question of the student's own choice buys an M.A. degree. PhD's are going for \$100—no questions asked.

The prices are reversed for non-degrees. A non-PhD can be purchased for \$25 with the only requirement "that you say something."

Fifty dollars and saying "something logical" buys a non-M.A. A non-B.A. costs \$100, with the candidate required "to say something useful."

And for those pushers hampered by the new federal credit restrictions, "Rochdale is willing to accept 10 per cent of all cannabis in lieu of cash."

## U. S. UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMISSION BACK IN ACTION

WASHINGTON (CPS-CUP) —The U.S. senate internal security sub-committee (formerly the subcommittee on un-american activities) has launched a new investigation against several U.S. radical groups.

The investigation, under the chairmanship of Mississippi senator James O. Eastland, involves at least four groups:

—Liberation News Service, a news distribution agency which sends a packet of articles, photos and drawings twice a week to 500 subscribers in the U.S. and abroad;

—the New York regional office of the Students for a Democratic Society, now an independent collective. The office has been used as a meeting center and for printing and propaganda work for radicals in the area;

—Cambridge Iron and Steel, Inc., a corporation operated by radicals for the distribution of money donated by a wealthy benefactor.

A spokesman for Cambridge Iron and Steel described the organization as a "fluke" — that is, not an ordinary funding arrangement for radical movements — and said the name was a joke. The corporation disbursed nearly

\$25,000 to about a dozen groups, including LNS and the SDS New York regional office.

—the Institute for Policy Studies, an academic "think-tank" located in Washington, DC. IPS' fellows and visiting researchers include radical academics and activists. Its director, Marcus Raskin, was a co-defendant with Dr. Benjamin Spock on charges of encouraging draft resistance.

The Eastland subcommittee has so far obtained the bank record of IPS (which offered no resistance) and of Cambridge Iron and Steel (whose bank, Cambridge Trust, did not notify the corporation.)

LNS AND SDS have successfully obtained court restraining orders to prevent the takeover of their records.

Continuing legal action by the two groups will seek to enjoin the subcommittee from continuing its investigation. So far, a federal judge has postponed making a decision.

The Eastland committee, re-named in the backlash against red-baiting in the US

in the 1950's, made headlines a year ago when it called youth international party non-leaders and anti-war activists before its members.

Jerry Rubin showed up wearing war paint and carrying a toy sub-machine gun.

Senator Eastland, chairman of the committee, is a resident of Sunflower County, Mississippi, where he owns 5,800 acres of land, worth about \$4 million. Eastland also owns stock in the state's two largest and most politically influential banks.

Eastland family holdings in Mississippi in about \$158,000 per year in federal subsidies for land left idle: his annual income is reputed to be in the neighbourhood of \$250,000.

Most children in Sunflower County grow up in families with total incomes under \$1,000 per year. Most blacks in the county don't vote, although they make up 68 per cent of the county's population.

According to the New York Times, Eastland has bottled up more than 122 civil rights bills in senate committees during his political career.

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