

U of Victoria Education Students Prepare Report

Victoria (CUP) The two representatives of the Education Undergraduate Society of the University of Victoria will take a six point report to the Calgary conference of Western Canadian education student societies Feb. 21.

The report, which was worked out with the Education Student Association of the University of British Columbia, set out what the two associations felt should be the common goal of a Union of Western Canadian Education Societies

which is expected to come out of the conference.

The six points are:
..to work with the education faculties to make the desires and needs and expectations of education students known and considered so as to improve the student's curriculum requirements for entry into education programs and school experience.
..to develop a file of information about the type of schools, programs and teaching opportunities in each school district.
..to increase communications

between faculties through external affairs and other positions.

..to define transferable credits and outline what is further required and seek recognition by each faculty of such credits and student programs.

..to actively seek membership and student input into the policy formation and other activities of the federation. The student membership will include the following: insurance, credit union membership, free legal aid, counsel and assistance

from officers, participating membership at annual BCTF conventions, representation at the local levels.

The report also states that one goal of the union should be to promote better training at the local, provincial and interprovincial level, in the hope of creating a better equipped and trained teacher.

It stated that to create a professional teacher and to ensure a learning environment for all school children certain questions have to be answered, such as what we want teachers to teach; how to ensure learning is meaningful; and how to train teachers to teach in a meaningful manner.

The report called for a strong liason with the faculty of education, local school boards, provincial governments, and the universities.

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Big taste, big satisfaction



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Unlike the Calgary Conference of Education Students, the meetings held between the Education Students and Faculty of U.P.E.I., have produced little or no change.

It seems that the Education Students at U.P.E.I. are not interested in improving the Education Department. (This is evident by the poor turn-out of the meetings held 3 weeks ago). These students are interested in only one thing: getting to Hell out of U.P.E.I.! They don't care about what happens to those students who will enter this Department next September.

Unfortunately their apathy will go with them as they enter the teaching profession. Their apathy will contaminate the schools and be passed on to the students unfortunate enough to be taught by these apathetic, unconcerned, supposed teachers. These teachers to be do not care now - will they care when they become teachers? How many students will these teachers turn-off in the course of their teaching careers?

If you, the Education Students don't like the picture I've painted of you and you don't like to be labelled as apathetic - do something to prove you aren't what I said you were.