

Point of View

By Mike J. Trainor

The 1984-85 Student Union elections are all but upon us. These elections, slated for Wednesday, March 7, will prove both exciting and uplifting, especially in the middle of the winter.

It is a time when declared candidates for President, VP External, VP Internal, Treasurer, Senate, and Arts, Education, Science and Business reps will show us, the voters, exactly where they stand on election issues.

Politics is the art of compromise. For the next week these candidate will be telling us why we as voters should elect them rather than those running against them.

In the end, it will be we students who will at the ballot box come to a compromise on who should govern us for 1984-85.

The power to choose or refuse candidates rests with us voters.

Interest in this year's elections can be described as highly encouraging to our political process. All candidates deserve a pat on the back for allowing their names to stand for the various positions.

With interest like this shown, there is no reason why we students should not become actively involved in the process. It's up to us to question the candidates, challenge their views, and most importantly, expose to these candidates the major concerns which face students on campus today.

For example, what is each candidate's view on the new Vet College, the increase in tuition fees, the standardization of education, a core curriculum, and the role of student government as it affects the students of UPEI?

Let's see where each candidate stands on each of these issues. After all, if elected, these students will be representing you on the Student Union Council, and it will be to your advantage to know just where they stand.

I have no intention of picking out candidates that you should support. After all, we live in a democracy where the right to choose is left up to you.

It will rest on you to vote for who you feel will serve your needs. Frankly, this year's slate of candidates is excellent.

That is why I urge students to be cautious, curious, and beseeching, but most importantly to be active and vote on March 7.

1984-85 will be a challenging year for all students at UPEI. That is why it is so important to elect an executive and Council that will best meet these challenges head on.

Now is your chance to decide on the future direction of your Student Union. After March 7, it may be too late to make that choice.

Whoever we politically support in this election, we must get out to vote if we are to uphold the virtue of democracy.

"And that's my point of view ..."

(To those of you have been wondering, Mike Trainor is Speaker of the UPEI Student Union Council this year.)

CFS goes to bat

OTTAWA (CUP) — The Canadian Federation of Students made its "best presentation ever" recently when it asked the House of Commons finance committee to kill a proposed \$350 million education cutback.

Federation chair Graham Dowdell says committee members took an active interest when CFS delegates argued Established Programs Financing should not be tied to the six-and-five restraint

program, especially since the government plans to soon phase out the program.

Dowdell admits the government will likely push through its plans to amend the EPF act so education transfers to the provinces are tied to six-and-five, but says there is a chance the Liberals will agree to earmark funds for education.

He says the provinces often redirect funds that should go

towards post secondary education, and earmarking would solve the problem. "They listened, but I don't think we should hold our breath waiting for either change," Dowdell said after Feb. 14 presentation.

During the one and a half hour meeting, CFS delegates stressed the need for long-term education planning. "That got very favorable response," Dowdell says.

The federal government announced its plans to tie

EPF to six-and-five in January. The complicated formula used to set transfer payments makes it difficult to assess the exact impact of the cutback, but it's about \$350 million, according to CFS. More than \$100 million of that would come from the year's budget.

The amendment to the EPF act will not become law until the finance committee completes its review and brings the proposal back to the House.

Registrar's office releases 1984-85 info

Students who plan to return to UPEI in September, 1984 are requested to complete an application form at the Registrar's Office before they leave for the summer.

Students who complete the application form may pick up pre-registration material during the summer so that they may register by mail and avoid the lineups during September registration.

Students who choose their courses and pay their fees by mail will be required only to sign in when they return for classes in September.

Students who choose their courses but who do not pay their fees will be required to pay their fees and sign in when they return in September.

Some courses will have limited enrolments so students would be well advised to register by mail to avoid being turned down for a course that is filled.

Please note the following dates for 1984-85:

SEPTEMBER:

Wednesday, Friday 5-7
Supplemental examinations

Tuesday 4
Registration. Seniors & Juniors in the morning; Sophomores & Freshmen in the afternoon; Part-time students from 7—9 p.m.

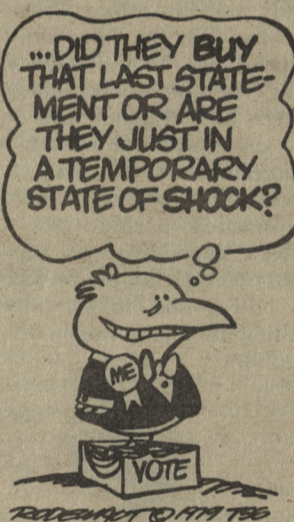
Wednesday 5
Classes begin for all courses

other than those at the introductory level

Thursday 6
Classes begin for introductory level courses.

Monday, 10
Final Day for Late Registration.

Wednesday, 12
Final day for changing sections or courses.



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VP Internal

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