

PSS...

by Yvonne MacKean

After a brief shutdown due to budgetary constraints, PSS is back.

An executive meeting was held on Thursday November 16. The executive, after being rounded up by the HH, decided on a number of issues.

1. Christmas Party: Ideally, there are plans to have a Fourth floor Main Party, including Philosophy and Sociology/Anthropology, should they choose to participate. The expected date will be after exams. Obviously, as with politics, nothing is certain and decided. The masses will be contacted when everything is finalized.

2. Next Semester: The executive has started to make some plans and suggestions for activities for next year. If anyone has any suggestions or concerns about the department, contact Egan Henderson. If he is not around the lounge, he can be reached through email at 'wehenderson'. Addressing him as Dictator couldn't hurt.

3. The HH: Applications are now being accepted for the HH. Applicants must have accreditation (criminal record). Resumes may be left for Ross Williams via the Department. The HH is an equal opportunity employer.

4. The Constitution: After a review of prior constitution, President MacFarlane decided that some amendments may be necessary. VP Peter Clarey advocated that the executive be locked in a room, order Chinese food and hammer out some amendments. A snide "Calm down Pierre," was heard before Clarey was escorted from the meeting by armed HH members. The President decided to deal with this issue at a later date.

5. Weekly notes: It was decided that the secretary should have reports in each issue of the newspaper (decision made half hour before deadline!). News bites of the week or society news should be highlighted. Of course, Dictator Henderson wished to approve any releases to the media.

Event of the Week:

US government shuts down,
BC Premier Harcourt steps down.

A coincidence? . . . Is BC the 51st state??

Stay tuned for finalized Christmas plans.

What Really Matters

by Faith Hunter

Howdy. I apologize for missing the last issue, but I assure you that I had a good reason: I was pondering the question "Is There Any Hope For This World?" I came to the conclusion (you'll be glad to know) that there is indeed hope, but I was then led to another question: "How will we know when the world has REALLY improved?" And so, for this issue, I shall answer just that.

How We Will Know When The World Has REALLY Improved:

1. Education is accessible (ie. affordable) to all people who work hard, rather than to those who are rich or willing to go into lifelong debt.

2. Instead of restaurants and donut shops throwing away extra food at the end of each day, they give it to the Food Bank or the Upper Room.

3. The police cut down on checking for seatbelts and spend more time patrolling the streets where serious crimes brew.

4. The government decides to reduce its own paycheck rather than break contracts with, say, teachers. And, when there do have to be budget cuts, education and healthcare are not even considered.

5. You see a car with the lights left on and you aren't afraid to turn them off for fear that someone will think that you're trying to steal the car.

6. The front page of the newspaper is good news.

7. The justice system is seen as a friend to all people (including minorities), and not a second form of victimization.

8. Children grow up without fear of neglect, abuse, or poverty.

9. Women make one dollar for every dollar a man makes, and there is no need for things like affirmative action, because all people are treated equally.

10. The tears of happiness shed in the world outnumber those tears shed in sadness.

Now that you have your assignment for the week, I wish you luck and bid you farewell until next time. Take care and dream big.

TELL IT LIKE IT IS

by Lorne Caborn

I find myself in an odd position this week, that being on the defensive. What is it you may ask am I defending? Why, the very paper you're holding in your hands my friend, the Panther Prints.

This being my first year of university, I was eager to experience it from all points of view. I began writing for the student newspaper and during my short tenure here I've been witness to some sad things. Myself and a group of hard working volunteers and underpaid staff work hard every week to produce a product suitable to the consumer's taste. Apparently the consumer isn't very hungry, as the grumbles are heard around the campus on a daily basis on the content of our paper. Sloppy editing, little content and lack of substance are common complaints. What people don't seem to realize is that this is a student newspaper and it is a reflection of ourselves. If the paper lacks substance, than so must the student body, since we are the main contributors to the stories and other contents published. In a time when enthusiasm among university students is being questioned, UPEI is doing little to prove the critics wrong. It's easy to criticize something, but to go ahead and do something for the improvement of the university is something most students "don't have time for."

It's impossible to address the needs of the student body if the body in

general does not take an active role in making its wants and desires known. This goes from telling the paper what kind of features you would like to suggesting a type of coffee you think they should offer in the Pit. If you want the university to improve then it's time to put up or shut up. There's no sense in demoralizing your fellow students by telling them what they do is no good. Either offer a solution or even better, demonstrate one. If we the students don't learn to take a more active role in life here at the university, the quality of everything surrounding our everyday lives will continue to diminish.

Should you happen to disagree with what I've said, you can continue your apathetic ways and complain to your friends, or let me know personally at lcaborn@upe.ca. Also, my editor would love letters or even articles contradicting what I've said. Until we meet again.

(Ed. note) Letters supporting the above article are also welcome. In fact, letters about anything you see in the paper, or anything at all, are more than welcome. As always, drop your letters off at the Panther Prints office, room 06 in the basement of Main Building. If you prefer, we can also take letters via email, the address is xpress@upe.ca. All submissions must include the writer's name and phone number, but names can be withheld from print if requested.

Dig This!

The Soc/Anth Newsletter
by Michael Drake

Although the Panther Prints, for some unknown reason, did not see fit to publish last week's newsletter, there are still a few things you can be informed of before it's too late.

Jackets are now being ordered and there are two styles being offered (Bomber style and longer style), with a variety of colors. Go to Mark's Work Warehouse to choose style, size, and color, and fill out one of the forms available in the lounge. A definite price has not been set, but it's sure to be reasonable. As well, be sure to sign the petition in the lounge pushing the department to institute an Honours program in Sociology and Anthropology. It would mean a higher level of education for you.

Well, pals and palettes, that is about it for this week. If you have any comments, suggestions, or criticism, attend the society meeting every Thursday at 3:45 pm in the lounge. It's your society and your input is appreciated. *(Ed. note: Sorry about last week folks, the computer ate your article.)*

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