

editorial

Did you know we are going to be paying more for the Student Union Staff in the future? We are. Are the right people getting paid the right amount, though? I don't think so.

As it stands, salaries are: President of the Student Union - \$1000; Vice-President - \$600; Treasurer - \$800; Comptroller - \$701; Communications Officer - \$600; U.P.E.I. Sun Staff - \$1,440; C.I.M.N. Staff - \$1,400; plus Honorariums of \$225 to the Social Committee; \$150 for the Speaker; \$75 for the Recording Secretary; \$100 to Winter Carnival Committee; \$35 to the Electoral Committee; \$100 to the Orientation Committee; and \$25 to the Fall Fest Committee. These are all going to change this year. Where should the changes be made?

First of all, one should that one should not take a political office for monetary gain. With governments, most political figures take a loss in income.

Next, one should consider the purpose of people applying for Student Union jobs. It is true most of us take them to become involved or to gain experience; but it is still a job, and as such, one expects to get paid for it. I am willing to admit that these people should not get top wages but they should not be paid in trading stamps, either.

I am not familiar with all the jobs, but I can speak with authority on a few of them. To begin, I shall discuss C.I.M.N. and the U.P.E.I. Sun. At C.I.M.N., paid staff members get \$35 a month. Here, I get \$15 an issue and the rest of the staff that receives a salary get anywhere from \$5 to \$15 depending on the work done.

This means that each C.I.M.N. staff person gets \$280 a year, I get \$360 and the rest of the paper staff get a lot less. I don't believe this is fair. We (C.I.M.N. and the U.P.E.I. Sun) put in as much time (and probably more) than the executive, but are being paid considerably less. The pressure we are under is as great (all students know how hectic it is meeting deadlines) as any pressure the Student Council is under. Why so little, compared to them?

Look at the committees' salaries. Winter Carnival - \$100 for five people, at \$20 each. With the hassles of a Winter Carnival, they deserve more. Fall Fest - \$25. Is Fall Fest really only one quarter of the work of Winter Carnival? Absolutely not! Then shouldn't the Social Committee who takes care of Pigs, Co-eds, and some Balls gets substantially more than both?

This may sound like I am asking for a raise. I am. But I'm also asking for the people who are in the same predicament as myself. I feel that I, as well as the people I've mentioned, and many more who have not been mentioned are worth more to the Student Union than it is showing. Why should people in apolitical positions make less money than people in political positions, considering no one is supposed to enter office for monetary gain.

LETTERS

Dear Editor,

I feel that some sort of reply has to be made concerning your article titled "Fights Cancel Events", in the Feb. 2nd issue of the Sun and also to some of the comments in the editorial of that same issue.

You stated that a number of licensed events were cancelled. This was not so. The only event cancelled was Saturday's Beer Bash in the Gym.

You also stated that stu-

dents were threatened if they came forward to testify. This has to be the biggest myth published in the Sun to date! Nobody was threatened.

You went on to say that "cancelling events does not prove anything except fear on the part of Student Council!" I sometimes wonder where you get your facts or ideas. Student Council had nothing to do with the cancellation of the Bash. As Winter Carnival



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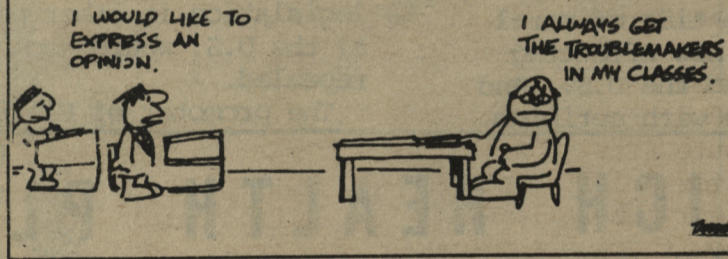
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SCHOOL DAZE



Chairman, I decided that Saturday night's event was to be cancelled. There were a number of reasons for doing so Mr. Green, none of them being fear!

One of the reasons behind my decision was the fact that there were only four campus police signed up for work. It is easy for someone to point a finger and say that the reason for this was because the campus police were afraid to work. This couldn't be any further from the truth. The reason for this is easy to explain. There are at present only 16 members on the force. When one considers the number of ev-

ents that these people had to police during the week one would realize that they as students would want at least one night off so that they could participate in at least one Carnival Event. As it happened, Saturday night was the one chosen by many. C-P chief Gordie Coffin, and I discussed this problem many times during the week. We both felt (neither of us relishing the thought) that what would happen, as has often happened in the past, was that we would have to ask the C-P's to change their social plans and work instead. Following the physical and verbal abuse the cont'd p.5