

THE WATCH DOG



Since the Student Union has forgotten its monthly payment to the Watchdog Committee for the month of April and the Sun's editor in last week's editorial mentioned our withdrawal from activity, we would like everyone to know that the Watchdog is alive and well. We have been keeping a close eye on things down at the Barn however, and feel that an accurate year wrap-up is appropriate for the outgoing and incoming executives.

Philip "King" Brown, who is still walking around with his head swelled after the comments made in last week's editorial, seems to be everyones hero. At the General Meeting held two weeks ago, Brown not only unveiled his baby, the McArthur Report, but he also promoted his achievements during his term. He boasted of things such as how well the Main Events are doing, but in actual fact all the things he spoke of are in the planning stages and need much work to fully develop. King Brown should be given credit for what he has achieved this year, but one problem he didn't find a solution to is apathy. Apathy still runs rampant here at the university and was quite visible during the S.U. elections when only 20 odd % of the student body voted. Running the Barn, so Mr. Brown says, is like running a small business, so here's to the collapse of the business world if "King" enters this field in the "real" world.

Sue Parlee, Vice-President of the outgoing Council and V.P. Internal of the 1981-82 executive has been undermined by the press here at UPEI. In last week's editorial all the praise was given to those two active bodies (ha)

of King Brown and T.W., but she was left out in the cold. Many times Parlee worked behind the scenes and accepted no praise for doing so. There is more to a job than just the title and true interest is shown only through involvement-which Sue is always willing to be part of.

Sue, next year let everyone know what you are doing and accept a little praise because you deserve it.

"T.W." McAleer came out smelling like a rose after last week's editorial. For someone who only drops into the Barn occasionally to receive his cheque, and check in with his superior J.T. Place, John sure made a name for himself. Perhaps we should look at what John has done this year. Once a month he presents a monthly budget, compiled by J.T. Place, and T.W. has the difficult task of reading it. As usual, John makes a simple task quite difficult. Anyone, be they fool or a nobody, could read this statement to 20 some people on council. A credit must be given to McAleer for sitting on one of P.D.'s committees, however. Now the rose is wilted and you don't smell too good t.w.

Now to our beloved Comptroller whose title will be eliminated after May 1, Neil MacKenzie. The comments that the editor made last week make Neil look like he can designate jobs to his subordinates quite well. After speaking to one of the engineers who participated in the CIMN project, the Watch Dog has discovered that MacKenzie can designate power, but when asked to write a simple letter of gratitude to the contributor of the cable used in the project,

he was slow in reacting. Rumor Hath it Neil that it has been 2 months since you were asked to do this and still haven't done it. Thanks to MacKenzie, several times this year 2 clubs have booked pubs on the same nite. Thanks to Philip and Sue, who came to Neil's aid before someone actually insulted him to his face, these problems were overcome. We know it's hard to do your job Neil when two of our elite, King and T.W. always try to run the show at The Barn. We do give you credit Neil for putting up with these two dictators.

We'd like to send a bouquet (not bricks like that devoted business student gives out) to the UPEI SU Council. This is the first year in many that quorums have been met and a speaker and recording secretary have attended every meeting. The issues discussed this year have been of value to the student and have been discussed thoroughly before being passed. The only real problem was that of little or no gallery being present. As for Ms. Hartman's comment on the council trying to outdo each other and repeating things, it was our beloved Treasurer who at the last council meeting kept repeating everything that was said. John walked in late after wandering around campus for an hour looking for the meeting. Many long hours were put into such topics as the Restructuring Committee, which in itself took up some five hours in its first presentation. Our hats off to Council and its members - at least you tried to do things in the right way and criticism of the

level that was given was uncalled for. You are not a bunch of babbling idiots but rather some of the few unapathetic people around this campus.

When looking at the most noticeable outlet of the Student Union, the Main Events, we must give praise to Joanne Baglolo and her not-too-often seen co-chairperson Phyllis Norring. Your choice of entertainment has greatly benefited the social life here at UPEI as well as helping the SU bank roll. There are many other students who should be praised because of their involvement at The Barn, but due to lack of space and possible editorial cuts, all we can say is Thanks to you all, you know who you are.

To next year's executive, Terry "Undecisive" Palmer, Sue "Cornerstone" Parlee, Bruce "t.w.'s twin" Hickey and Patti "MacKenzie" Bradley, best of luck next year. We hope you can do the fine job next year that the 1980-81 executive and council did. It's sad to see that only 2 of these positions actually went to the polls, but this is no fault of yours.

To all students thanks for the support you gave to this year's council. For those who just sat back and criticized without investigating the facts, keep up the apathy.

Finally to the flies on the wall, inside contacts and the big mouths around campus, the Watch Dog would like to say thanks. Without your help this column wouldn't be possible. The Watch Dog hopes we gave both a laugh and some inside information to you, the students. Have a good summer, Love & Licks, The Watch Dog

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