

Majority of students surveyed condemn fallout shelter

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By Jonathan Orlowski

Would it be nice to live in a bomb shelter under the Vet College?

Some students interviewed this week, who had little or no knowledge of the fallout shelter thought it would be a great idea to have one on campus.

But when they hear that it will save only civil servants, government employees, politicians, doctors, lawyers, they immediately change their minds.

"We the taxpayers will have to pay for it, but we won't be able to use it. That's stupid," said one student.

Another one exclaimed, "So what about ordinary

people like us?!"

Good question. What it boils down to is that the fittest survive.

"If we were going to get bombed, I'd personally blow my brains out," commented one student.

A discontented one reacted: "Someone is trying to save his own ass while having little concern about the students."

More comments? From a determined student, "If I wanted to get in there bad enough I'd get in there pretty quick."

"Ridiculous! It's a waste of money."

There are students who have been opposed to it from the start. "Why don't they

put the money into something worthwhile? Government is always bitching about the lack of money for education."

There are other suggestions about what could be done with the labelled \$2 million. "I'd like to see tuition fees go down."

"The money should go towards a new sports facility, because UPEI is now receiving national recognition as a successful competitor. Maybe more students would choose to come here instead of going elsewhere."

A concerned student (there are a lot of them out there) said, "They're cutting out courses here and subtracting departments there. Why are

they adding something here that we will have no use for?!"

An ironic twist from one: "So close, yet so far."

Another: "It doesn't make much sense to build one and have only a handful of civil servants allowed in. There should be a combination

from all walks of life in order to sustain a new balanced society."

But who has the final say?

There are some students who agree with the construction of the fallout shelter.

"I'm in favour of building the shelter. If we want the

Vet College badly enough, we should comply with the government's wishes."

An "I scratch your back-you scratch mine" type of deal.

A final one added, "We should always be prepared as best as possible in time of war."

Constitution nears final assent

By Carolyn Ryan

The UPEI Student Union Council has unanimously approved a constitution redraft.

"It (the new draft) is a tremendous improvement," said an approving Jack Keefe, SU president.

He thinks students will appreciate the sweeping changes made to the present patchwork document.

If he's right, students will vote to pass the amended constitution at a general assembly planned for Monday, April 9, at 12:30 p.m. in the Robertson Library Lounge.

The amendments require a quorum of 10% or about 170 students in order to pass legally, so the SU is planning a major campaign to draw students to the meeting.

Keefe and former Councillor Ronalda Murphy have been working on the revised constitution since last spring; Keefe is happy that his "special project" is this near to completion.

Meetings were held over the summer and throughout the fall with Murphy, Keefe, and any interested constitution-lovers, and Council has been studying the new package for the last four meetings, making further suggestions and revisions.

One meeting lasted five hours, but on Sunday night, March 25, Council was ready to vote.

Students will notice immediately that the vice-president positions have been radically altered.

Instead of VP's Internal and External, next spring's elections will feature contests

for the VP Academic and VP Operations spots.

Academic will do education research, sit on Senate, and be responsible for the

Your attendance is requested at the spring general meeting of the UPEI Student Union. Main order of business will be the ratification of a new constitution for the SU. Executive reports will also be given. Monday, April 9, 1984, at 12:30 in the Robertson Library lounge.

yearbook, newspaper, and all academic issues of the sub-organizations.

Operations will co-ordinate staff in the SU Barn, be responsible for the radio station, external and internal advertising, the Social Committee, Orientation, Fall Fest, Winter Carnival, and operational issues of all sub-

organizations.

Class reps on Council will be eliminated (the positions, that is, not the people), and an Ombudman will be elected

to "aid any member of the UPEISU who encounters difficulties with the University and/or with the UPEISU."

If quorum is not reached at the April 9 meeting, the amendments will probably have to wait until the fall, and many of the new recommendations will be unnecessarily delayed.

Liberation of the Netted Gem

The *Netted Gem's* name is alive and well!

The name was rescued from the terrorists who had kidnapped it on Sunday afternoon, when UPEI Security and Campus Police stormed the mythical fourth floor of Blanchard Hall and retrieved it without a struggle from its boredomdazed captors.

When commended by grateful *Gemmies*, CP chief Steven MacDonald said, "no comment."

UPEI Security Director A.J. MacLeod said, "Ditto."

An anonymous caller to CIMN tipped off the forces

of good to the hiding place of the criminals late Saturday evening, and plans were allegedly swiftly made.

The informer would reveal nothing of her relationship to the terrorists; the only clue to her identity we have is that she lives on the fifth floor of Bernardine Hall.

"We're not pressing charges," said a spokesperson from the *Netted Gem*. "We journalists are above petty vendettas."

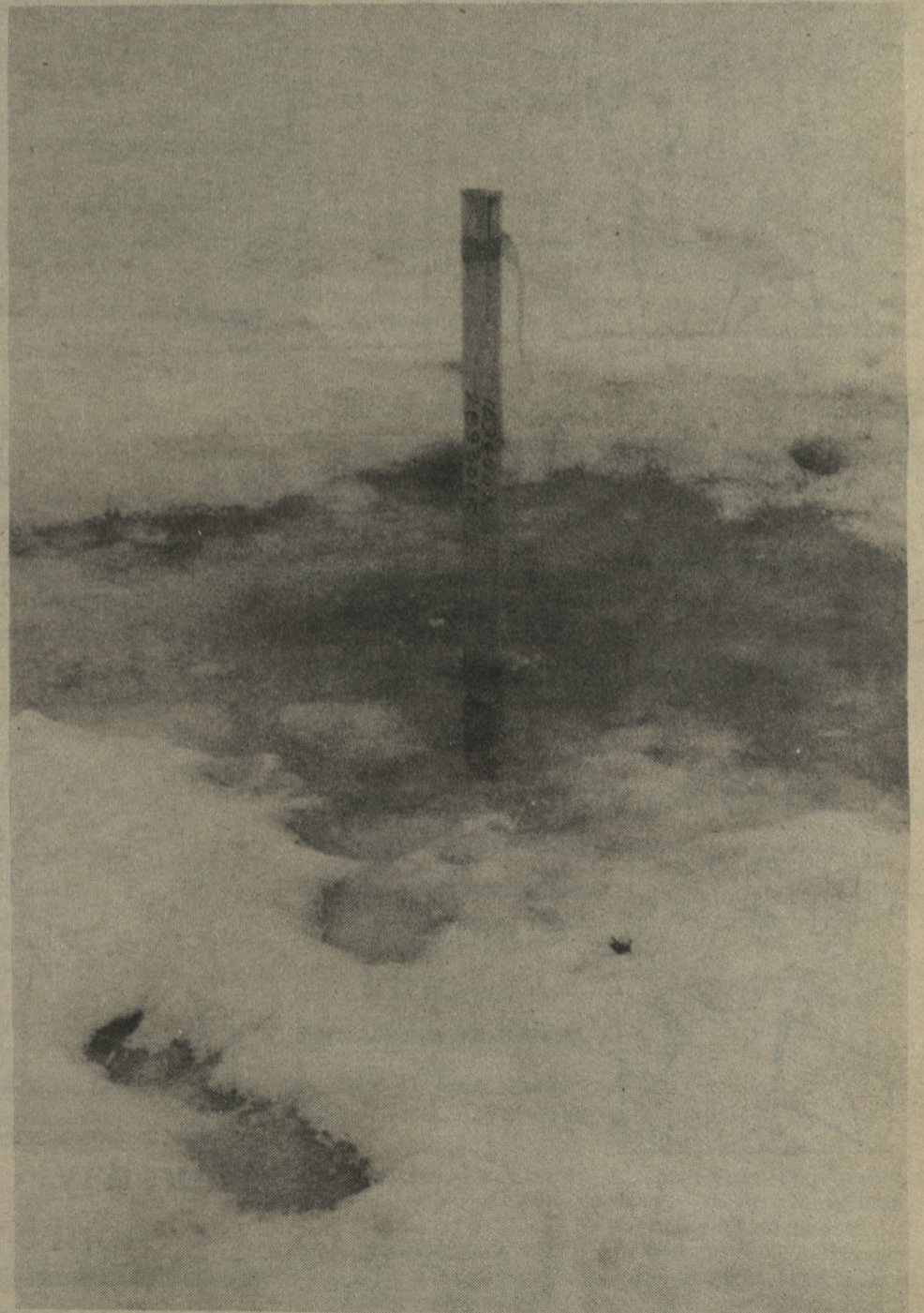
Everyone on the staff knows who the dastardly dodos are, though, and maniacal laughter has been reported coming from the fourth floor of Main.

The student newspaper of the University of Prince Edward Island

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Positive site of the new Vet College on MacAdam field, but ... possible site of the PEI government's new fallout shelter? (Photo: Grimmer)

Student Confession:

Before I started to buy my own clothing, I thought that 'washable' was something a cowboy did — very carefully.