



# Kampus Koncern

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## FINAL FORECAST !!

This being the final issue of the Cadre, for this semester, I would like to use this opportunity to congratulate all those people who have managed to survive another year at 'good 'ole UPEI'. At many points this year I wondered whether UPEI would survive another year with the various 'adjustments' (sic.) being made at all levels! And if the present trend of student decline in enrollment continues next year promises to be even more insecure for this university than this year.

The concern expressed by the Professors Association of UPEI over the provincial government's reduction in finances allocated to our university reflects the broader problems manifesting themselves all through the institution. Already there are fears that a number of professors will be 'fired' because of the lack of finances. (The decline in enrollment accentuates that fear). At present there is great concern as to the nature of educational programmes at this university. Are our present structures hindering or helping the development of a better university? Will the proposed changes in the Arts degree programme attract or discourage students from attending UPEI?

One could go on and on asking pertinent questions about pertinent problems. (There are so many you know!). However, the present investigation of the philosophy of UPEI being done by a senate committee will hopefully articulate and attempt to solve many of these "pertinent" problems. However, Senate's general inability to take risk and offer radical solutions to these ever-malignant 'cancers' bodes not well for the aforesaid 'hope'. Therefore I would have to conclude that the 'ice' on which UPEI slides is very thin. As a matter of fact, if one looks hard enough one can see in front of us the open water in which UPEI could sink if the route we are taking is not altered.

The Cadre has printed proposal after proposal on the



restructuring of the power relationships within the university. We have asked several questions such as, should students have more or less control in the development of their courses, hiring and firing of professors, etc.? None of these questions have been adequately dealt with. Simple minded people have seen simple solutions such as "no, the students are incapable of helping to develop the courses they wish to take just as they are incapable of judging the worth of a professor they study under."

But this is the mentality that pervades UPEI and which you and I are up against. There are no simple solutions. There must be great and continuous dialogue among all people within the community that is UPEI before solutions

can be gained.

My direct experience of UPEI is now coming to its end since this is my last year at the undergraduate level. However, this does not lessen my concern for the future of UPEI. Since it will be part of my past I must assume responsibility for its being -- this I cannot escape!

However, as everyone knows, after a few tokens one can escape anything, even UPEI!

At any rate I hope you all had fun reading my weekly "Bull-Session". I also hope you have a good and prosperous summer even though the economic indicators point to a summer of inflation the likes of which have not been known since those 'hungry' thirties. Get ready people - the revolution is closer than you think!