

MacMillan named Youth Ambassador

Premier Jim Lee announced last week the appointment of Billy MacMillan as Youth Ambassador for Prince Edward Island.

The Position was announced in the Speech from the Throne, and is designed to promote the interests of Island youth during the International Year of Youth.

MacMillan's major function will be seeking out ideas from youth on aspects of government policy.

He is to hold extensive discussions with young people across the province, gaining their input on topics of special interest and concern to youth.

Premier Lee says young people are facing many difficult problems, and government must ensure it understands their needs and concerns.

"The young people have many positive ideas, and suggestions, and we want to hear them," he said.

MacMillan is a native of Charlottetown, and now resides in Southport.

He is best known for his involvement in professional hockey, most recently as coach and general manager of the Colorado Rockies and New Jersey Devils.

Billy has always demonstrated a keen interest in young people, and was named "Islander of the Year" in 1970.

He is a graduate of the University of Manitoba with

a Bachelor of Physical Education.

Premier Lee says, "Billy has a solid background in working with youth, and management responsibilities. I know he can do much to increase awareness of the needs of young people."

Mr. MacMillan is located in the cabinet office, and welcomes inquiries. He can be contacted by phoning 892-4122, Fifth Floor of the Shaw Building.



Senate, Board discuss why we're here

By Carolyn Ryan

For the first time, a joint Senate-Board meeting has addressed the question of a basic philosophy for this university.

At an afternoon gathering last Monday in a Kelley classroom, Board members from the community, administrators, faculty, and students listened intently as Professor John Smith explained the basic premises the Smith Committee on Long-Range Academic Planning and Priorities worked from two years ago when it came up with its famous report.

Smith stood in front of the room of mostly business-suited men and four women and told them that, though academics seldom agree and the university is irrevocably pluralistic in programs and philosophies, "at the heart of this multiversity there exists one needful thing without which all would be confusion ... and that needful thing is the disinterested pursuit of truth."

"We recognize the fundamental importance of those disciplines which promote the verities of the heart and the imagination," he said, quoting from the committee's report. These disciplines include the study of literature, art, mathematics, music and sciences.

The committee recognized the university's obligation to aid in the growth and development of the individual, through cultivating literacy, numeracy, intellectual

curiosity, and a sense of adventure, said Smith.

"it is therefore necessary and essential to reassert an underlying liberal arts and sciences basis," he said, adding that the committee eventually relaxed a little and said there should at least be a balance between professional programs and liberal arts and sciences.

"You can look at this idea of balance between objectives as our way of dealing with a pluralistic university," he concluded.

Others weren't finished with him yet, though. Professor Joseph Revell, Director of the School of Business Administration, feared an overemphasis on arts and sciences would lead to a 'we-they' attitude between the two divisions of students, and relegate the professional studies students to the status of "second class citizens."

"The emphasis is different in professional studies, but our students have to show just as much competency in the discipline, communication skills, and development of logic and reasoning skills as any," he said.

Professor James Kelly of the Classics Department, while respecting Revell's statements as "coming from a man who heads what is possibly the best business department in the Maritimes," warned the meeting that determining a central core of studies in light of continuity and a historical perspective was not rating students as first or second rate.

"The question at hand

should not determine our attitudes," he said.

Dean of Arts Verner Smitheram questioned Smith on possible methods of establishing what was necessary for balance between programs.

"In order to balance, you have to attach weight to different entities," he said, and asked how this weighting could be carried out in regard to programs of study.

Smith responded that the university has good basic programs now, and that "it would be very difficult to eliminate anything from that and still have a university."

Yet the committee balked at this kind of disaster prioritization, he said, speaking of the members' perplexity in the face of such an extreme situation.

Smitheram proposed an even more extreme situation: "If we had to deal with a 50% budget cut, would all components take the burden equally, or would some be eliminated entirely to save the stronger programs?" He said this is not an impossible situation, as the university may in the next ten years see a real reduction in funding of 20 to 30%.

There was no clear answer to the quandary.

Yet William Wedlock, recently elected chairman of the Board of Governors, told the meeting that such joint discussion was very useful to members of the Board with little experience in academic politics, and hoped that more such sessions could be scheduled soon.

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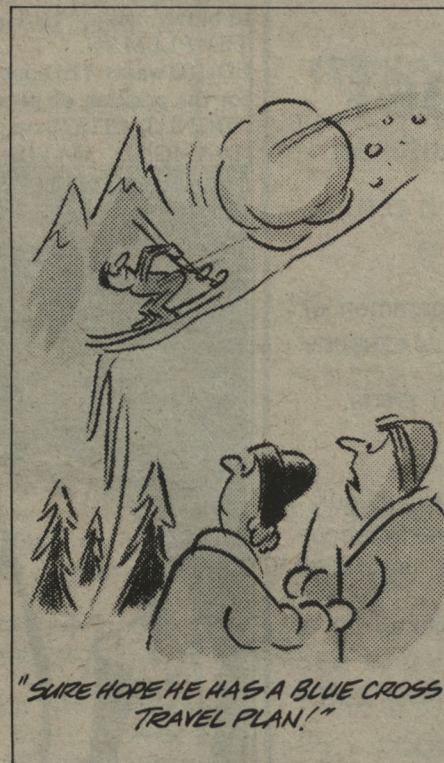
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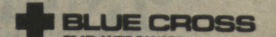
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