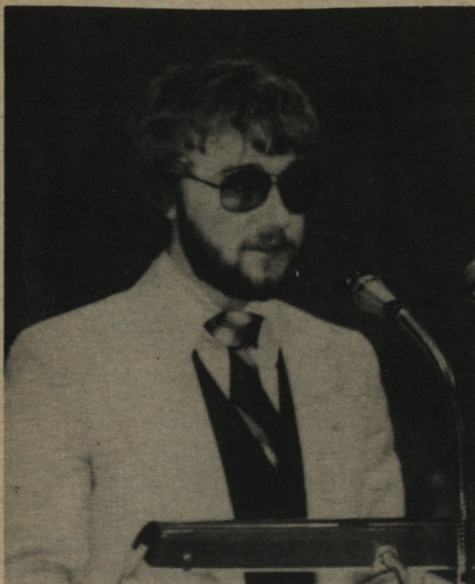


President Gauthier Wraps Up the Student Union Year



Kevin Gauthier

At the risk of being accused of forwarding a less than unbiased opinion, I am confident that this year's Student Union will be remembered as the turning point for this organization at UPEI. The 1978-79 Student Union was different from Unions in the past. Some hard decisions were made, some unpopular programs implemented, and some new directions charted. Without taking anything from previous administrations, I honestly believe that our mark on the Student Union has had and will have an effect much greater than

any other year since the Union's first.

These may sound like very large claims, and indeed they are. But a look at our record, I think, will justify them. The 1978-79 Student Union was distinguished most of all, I feel, by the type of long-term financial planning which was implemented for the first time since our incorporation. Our Treasurer has done his utmost to assure that future Student Unions will have a firm financial base upon which to operate. Previous Unions have lived from year to year, ignoring past financial commitments and future financial planning. This year, however, a firm, well-planned financial arrangement was drawn up that will guarantee future Unions will have the capital they need.

Another unique feature of this Union was the emphasis placed on political issues, such as tuition, quality of education, etc. These issues received little attention in the past, which was understandable since they were not pressing or overly serious.

But times are changing rapidly, and we have now reached the point where such issues can no longer be ignored. As students, we must take an active part in protecting our university from unreasonable actions of the government or community. Although we made a start this year, there is much, much more to be done, and future Unions will find they have little choice but to spend more effort and speak more openly on issues that affect us all.

Another project of this year's Union with which I am very pleased is the renovations made to the Barn over the summer. Although the project did have some effect on other activities because of the expense involved, I do not question the importance of the work that was done, particularly in the Panther Lounge. Students at UPEI are extremely fortunate in having their own Student Union building. It is imperative that every administration do its utmost to ensure that the Barn is maintained and used to its fullest potential.

This year we did what we could with the resources we had. I believe that the Barn is now more important and more useful than ever before. It is a real asset to this Union, one that will be of unimagined value in the years ahead.

Perhaps the most satisfying point of the whole year has been the support and participation from UPEI students. Being on Student Union Executive can sometimes be a difficult position, and often the frustration and work involved seems to greatly outweigh any of the good times that may happen along. But always there are the friends and associates that you can rely on in a tight situation and they help to keep everything going. Everybody who helps in any way through the year deserves congratulations and thanks.

Working this past year as President of the Student Union has been an experience that I would not have missed for anything. There were some things that might have been done differently but nothing that I regret doing. I

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SENIOR WEEK

A complete newsletter will be mailed out to all seniors detailing dress, times, places, etc., for all events during the week.

Posters will be up during exams telling where and when tickets are available for graduation exercises. This will be sometime before April 30.

Anyone interested in staying on campus during the week and who has not already done so should contact Mary Ross in Marian Hall, as soon as possible.

The following is a tentative schedule for Senior Week, starting Monday, May 7.

Monday, May 7

Afternoon Registration
Pub in Barn (Dunsford Bros.)
Evening Newfie Night (Guinness)

Tuesday, May 8

Evening Wine and Cheese party (Seniors Only)
Then everyone going out to either Cascade or Showboat

Wednesday, May 9

Afternoon Reception for Seniors at the home of President & Mrs. Meincke
Evening Dance in Gym (Rhythm Method)

Seniors!

Well, it's that time of year again. On May 13th there will be over 300 seniors graduating from UPEI. This is a very important part of every student's university life, culminating their academic achievements. Senior Week on the other hand, culminates the university social life.

This year's Junior Class wishes to congratulate all graduating seniors on their academic achievement and to contribute to the social aspect by sponsoring the Graduation Ball. The

Ball will be held on Friday, May 11th from 9:30-1:00 with music being provided by Rhythm Connection. We sincerely hope that all seniors will attend this event as it is the final formal ball they will attend at UPEI. The Junior Class executive will be there to greet all seniors and say good-bye and thank you on behalf of the Junior Class.

UPEI is not a university where there is segregation between classes and we realize that many seniors have close friends in other years. In respect to this

we urge lower classmen as well as faculty to attend the Ball to say good-bye to our Graduates. Tickets will be on sale throughout Senior Week for non-seniors (parents, friends) who would wish to attend and we urge them to come along.

Tickets are \$10 a couple. In closing, the Junior Class would like to say congratulations, good-bye and Good Luck!

The Junior Class

Thursday, May 10 Reception, banquet & dance at Charlottetown Hotel (Riverboat)
Evening Valedictory address given
Seniors Only may attend banquet.

Friday, May 11

Afternoon Pick up gowns
Evening Graduation Ball (Rhythm Connection)
Confederation Centre

Saturday, May 12

Afternoon Rehearsal for Convocation
Pick up gowns
Beach party
Evening Parent-Student Dance in Barn

Sunday, May 13

Morning Baccalariate service
Afternoon Graduation exercises
Reception afterwards