



DIVIDING UP THE PIE

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Campus Roundup : New Athletic Facilities Proposed

March break; the very words provoke a sensation akin to Spring itself. What is the significance of this experience? Is one to utilize the time as the system suggests? With books and papers and idea makers? Or perhaps one should peacefully contemplate the splendor of the coming Spring? For sure, March break is not the savior most students dream it will be. One can not read fourteen books, write six term papers and study for five finals in ten blessed days. Nevertheless, as good students we will try, and, as usual, succeed in getting by. To make sure you do not feel alone in your mid-term papanoia Campus Roundup has accumulated suggestions and ideas from fellow inmates here at UPEI. Hopefully these suggestions will undermine the suffering due to occur as the term progresses to the bitter end.

One student suggested, "a trip; go as far as ya can, if possible, try to make it back for the finals." Another student made the enlightening comment, "man ya have to get down, like really get into doin' it, like now's the time man." For many students the soul ambition seems to be "to watch every episode of 'Another World'." Amidst these generalizations, we were able to extract a few sound pieces of advice. One such gem was acquired from a leading administrator who stated "it is within the economic interest of the student to commit suicide, the tax savings alone are staggering." A well known political science professor said, "March break is simply a straggem, so that bureaucracy may gather its forces for the final kill." A Philosophy professor put forward the idea that "the very word 'break' is a false conception since there is nothing from which to break." With this in mind, it is the sincere suggestion of this writer that students enjoy March break as they see fit.

Speaking of fit, next year's budget concerning athletics has been finalized. The university has agreed to spend even more than ever to promote health

and physical fitness at UPEI. The most significant improvement will be two major renovations within the existing athletic facilities. A mirror will be placed in the men's locker room and a brand new net will be provided for the ping-pong table. The university will also guarantee hot water for showers between eight and nine a.m., everyday! These changes will be put into effect as soon as the basketball team captures the National championship.

Of course not all is of the physical nature at UPEI. The student elections are here and as of yet, serious action has not been taken to fill the positions being offered. The few who are running seem mostly interested in personal gain rather than benefitting the student body. Indeed, the most likely person for president is motivated by the fact that last year's president was given a year's supply of mouthwash. When asked in confidence what his intentions were while holding office, he stated, "I promise to do everything in my power to promise more than last year's president could ever hope to promise." When asked to expand on this statement he said, "no way, by the time they figure it out I'll be in." With the same moral sensibility he responded to the issue of student financing by stating "let them eat cake".

Not all is well within the sphere of faculty activity either. President Baker has been charged in connection with the recent attempt to burn down the Main building. This rash act was believed to be initiated by the results of a recent survey showing that Dr. Smith of the English department was voted most likely to replace the accused. When questioned on this event, Dr. Smith stated, "I personally believe the act was committed because I began to charge for the speeches he was using." Pres. Baker was apprehended amidst the flames, fiddle in hand.

That's it for Campus Roundup this week. If you want more information concerning the issues presented in this column, forget it. You can't squeeze facts from fantasy.

predetermined amount "on the condition that a fixed percentage of income be paid back for a specified number of years following leaving college or university."

This system would mean, according to the committee, that students earning higher incomes after graduation would pay back all the money they received, while those with low incomes would only pay back a portion.

The report's importance is not in its recommendations but in its attempt to determine which factors really responsible for limited accessibility to post-secondary education in B.C.

The reasons are social and economic, and the recommendations in most cases can only affect economic causes. They cannot change individual attitudes and cannot make students who have never expected to go to university change their minds.

The report reveals the inequality of the present system, and clearly states that the situation is unfair. Recommendations aimed at changing the economic situation of students from lower income families can help.

The report must still be discussed by either the government or other agencies.

But even if all the recommendations are acted upon, there is no guarantee there will be a dramatic improvement in the accessibility of B.C.'s colleges and universities.

recommendation is that it seek public reaction to its report by distributing it to "all existing government and private bodies, departments and boards, or agencies concerned with education.

The committee recommends that grants as well as loans be made available to all students depending on their need.

It also recommends student aid assessments be made without reference to the financial status of the students parents. "The age of majority is 18 years, and any student this age should be regarded as an adult and treated as such," the recommendation continues.

Many students are not supported by their parents, even if the parents could afford to do so, the report says. Under present student aid policy, parents are required to state their incomes and expenses to prove that they are not able to support the students.

In order to speed up the processing of applications, the committee recommends they be processed by financial aid officers at the colleges or universities rather than in Victoria.

The committee also says many students are unaware of the existence of a student aid plan.

Finally it recommends the loan-grant structure of student aid be changed to a system where a student receives a sum up to a