

EDITORIAL & OPINION

LETTERS

Provincial Election

Dear Fellow Students,

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the UPEI Soccer Panthers for the capture of the AUSA Soccer Championships for yet another year with their victory this past Sunday. It is with the same pleasure that I will be congratulating them when they walk away with the Eastern Canadian Championships this coming weekend. Undoubtedly my pleasure will continue to rise as they spiral towards excellence and the national championships.

However, presently I come with a different message but one which is also associated with a potential victory. Shortly, a provincial election will be called. Perhaps it will have been called by the time you read this article. This is a great opportunity for us to express student issues before the three parties. Issues ranging from student loans and student housing to better athletic facilities on this campus stand before us and they

should stand before the candidates who wish to be elected. It is the duty of your student representatives to present the issues and have them attended to.

The worst thing we can do is to think of ourselves as powerless. The student body and their families constitute a very large part of the local population and a substantial portion of other ridings in the province. We also have natural allies at the Holland College Student Union, in the Charlottetown Tenant's Association for better housing facilities, and in the ranks of the unemployed for a better future.

Most people agree that the upcoming election will be decided by a very close margin. This is just a theory but it should be a great encouragement to us. Students are encouraged to enumerate themselves in the local areas for the upcoming election if they now reside in Charlottetown. This will greatly increase our influence if we are able to articulate our concerns to the parties.

The Student Union is preparing to organize an open forum for students to be attended by the three party leaders. This will be an opportunity for all students to size up the leaders on student issues. As well, the Student Union will be hosting a series of meetings in a few weeks before the election to establish priorities from the student point of view. Students are encouraged to attend these and voice their concerns.

No, political issues are not as exciting as soccer games. However the victory can be just as sweet if we make some small steps towards maintaining quality education which is affordable for all people. The Student Union government has little power to solve our problems by itself. However, we do have the power to influence the next government who will direct the future of university education in this province.

Sincerely Yours,
Gordon Cobb, SU President

The gems who were netted: Jim Lai, Jonathan Orlovski, Don Lane, James Connolly, Bill Harwood, Danny Mullen, Ron Lewis, Howard Beattie, Bob Stanley, Robert Bodrog-Goodland, Mike Zinck, Marlene Cole, Margo Chase, Mel Wilson, Brian Linkletter, Shelli Wheaton, Nils Connor, G.R. Boswell, Karen Coughlin, The Easter Bunny, Janet Armstrong (Production Editor), Santa Claus, and Sheila Lund (Editor).

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