

O'Brien centre of storm

By Michael Zinck

After being disqualified and finding himself at the centre of one of the biggest political storms ever to touch UPEI student elections, Kevin O'Brien is very happy overall, and says, "I have no complaints or bitterness about what happened."

Riding out a campaign that has been called petty and vindictive by some, Kevin seems quite calm about all that went on. He sees the problems of the campaign as having more to do with an incomplete constitution than personal vendettas.

Kevin feels that Chief Electoral Officer Tracey Arsenault completed her job to the best of her abilities.

But he stated, "she was without the proper tools to do the job she was asked to do. However, this should be

fixed by the five-member constitution committee's recommendations to Council".

Kevin continued, "Tracey had the hardest job of the campaign."

Kevin, as did other candidates, had a problem with disappearing posters.

One poster was found in the cafeteria the day of the election and a complaint to the Chief Electoral Officer resulted in Kevin being disqualified.

Kevin says, "I was sure it was not there, as two friends assured me none of my posters were there when they left the cafeteria late Tuesday night."

As for the speeches on Tuesday, Kevin didn't feel that an executive of the Student Union should use his speech as a rebuttal to a candidate's speech, especially after the executive reports

had already been approved.

On the new Vice-President Academic Carolyn Ryan, Kevin believes that she deserves the respect of students. She ran a clean, well-informed campaign.

It is not good, Kevin says, "that there are uniformed people running around talking about the quality of her campaign."

As to charges that his campaign was petty and vindictive, Kevin answered that he was only voicing concerns brought to his attention. This was the case with the question of the yearbook contract, and he states, "This is no reflection on the quality of the yearbook committee."

Kevin feels he did not run a slur campaign, but only argued his campaign on the rules. There were "no libellous statements made," he asserts.

Kevin felt there were issues that should have been brought to the attention of the students. It is not vindictive, Kevin feels, to talk about where the Student Union may have done a less than adequate job.

In fact, he says, "It was the right and responsibility of every candidate to point these

out."

Kevin offered nothing but praise for current President Michelle Dorsey, who he feels often took great responsibility, and made many difficult decisions over the course of this year.

The groups who supported Kevin were, he felt, the major ones. The three issues important to him were the constitution, CFS, and the yearbook.

However, Kevin is at pains to say he is not anti-CFS. He just wants students to get their money's worth from the organization.

But Kevin was warned, he says, "to take the mild approach and not talk about the constitution during his speech, by a number of individuals."

Overall, Kevin feels there has been a shakeup in things, students are asking questions of both the constitution and student government, and so are getting more involved in the Student Union organization.

"This is the opportunity to take the momentum and turn things around for the benefit of the whole student population at UPEI," he concludes.

Your name in gold

Graduating students will be mailed their yearbooks next year, each copy personalized in gold engraving, VP External Les Smith said Sunday.

The move, a first for the Student Union, will cost approximately \$1000, sources said. The yearbook is operated on a break-even basis, as each student must pay \$13 for a copy above and beyond the \$70 Student Union fee.

MAPUS meets

The Mature and Part-time University Students (MAPUS) will be holding their next meeting on **March 25**, at 7:30 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge, Main Building.

The guest speaker will be Gerry Perry of the Department of Psychology. His talk will be of particular interest to those students attending or planning to attend university on a part-time or full-time basis.

Everyone is welcome, and refreshments will be served.

Two less hired

The Student Union will hire only two receptionists next year compared to the current four, in the interests of office efficiency and improved communication.

Two part-time permanent positions will be established, with one person working mornings and one afternoons. Currently receptionists have fragmented schedules, as they work around class times.

The pay rate will also go to \$5 an hour, effective Sept. 1.

Through preference will be given to students applying for the positions, non-students will be considered if necessary.

We object!

Party on Holy Thursday? Not in this university's Student Union!

Plans to hold the annual year-end Student Union party on April 4 were interrupted by outcries from outraged Councilors, who felt holding a notoriously tension-releasing bash the night before Good Friday was in poor taste.

VP Internal Howard Beattie must now come up with another date for the party.

Gass impeached

Senator Randy Gass will not finish his term on the UPEISU Council, due to impeachment.

Gass, who has missed four Senate meetings since taking office in October, was by the terms of the Student Union constitution automatically dropped from membership on both Senate and Council at Sunday's meeting.

Last month, a Council meeting had to be switched from its regular Sunday slot to a Tuesday night time because Gass who could not attend, would have been impeached for missing more than the permissible number of Council meetings.

Suicide hard to swallow

By Jonathan Orlowski

In a recent *Netted Gem* poll, the question was asked, "If you had access to a surplus of suicide pills and one suicide pill was placed in front of you, would you take it if a nuclear attack was about to occur?"

78% of the students on campus said NO; 11% said YES; and 11% were undecided.

This poll was taken after the results of a vote on cam-

pus at the University of Victoria showed that the students were against having a stockpile of suicide pills on campus.

"I don't think we need another avenue of death," said a concerned student. "What if someone broke into the surplus (stockpile) of pills? No telling what will happen. It's crazy!"

Another student said, "If there is a chance in hell to live, I'd take that chance."

One student put it bluntly:

"I will not lie down and die! I will fight to stay alive no matter how slim the chances."

A student said that it does involve more values; "God gave me this life and God can take my life, but I will not take my own life. That's wrong."

Another speculation given during the interviews is that the nuclear attack could be a hoax and one would kill himself or herself for nothing.

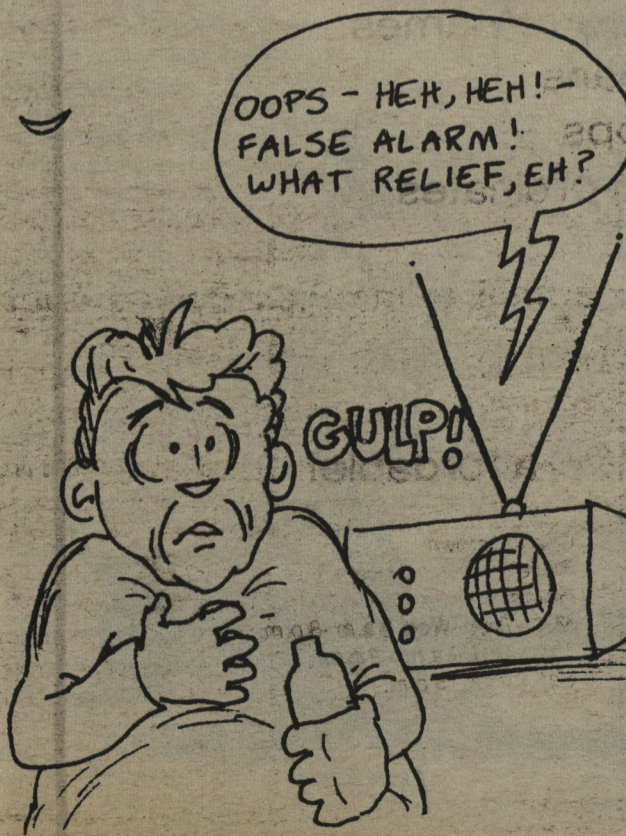
But some students think it is a mistake. "Who wants to die a slow painful death? I want to take the quickest way out," said one student. Another said, "Why prolong the agony? Take the easy way out."

"I could say right now," said an undecided student, "what I would do but in the actual situation I might do something different."

In an interview, UPEI's nurse gave her opinion about the issuing of suicide pills: "I can't see a nurse, doctor, priest or social worker handing out those pills. It would be like giving a license to kill!" She continued, "I would be aiding and abetting if I issued that type of medication. That's breaking the law."

She went on to say that it could turn out to be another Jonestown, sending shockwaves throughout the world yet again.

She summarized, "I can't see that happening here."



Coming next week ...

"Return of the Exam Schedule!"

THE DEAN OF SCIENCE SEARCH COMMITTEE INVITES APPLICATIONS AND NOMINATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF DEAN OF SCIENCE, UPEI

Nominations and applications should be sent to Professor James MacDougall, Chairperson, Dean of Science Search Committee, c/o Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, University of P.E.I.

Nominators must have the consent of their nominees. All applicants must provide a current **curriculum vitae** and arrange for three letters of reference to be sent to the chairperson of the Search Committee.

The Deadline for Applications/Nominations is April 4, 1985

All candidates must be prepared to deliver a public talk on their views of the role of Dean of Science at UPEI in terms of the duties and responsibilities of Deans outlined in the **Faculty Handbook**. The search is restricted to persons presently employed by the University.

The university community is invited to approach members of the Search Committee to express their views during the search process.

On behalf of the Search Committee, Professor James MacDougall, Chairperson. (Other members of the Committee: Mr. Willard Burke, Professor Ninian LeBlanc, Professor Don MacEwan, Mr. John MacIsaac, Professor Estell Reddin, Professor Reginald C. Stuart, and Dean R. G. Thompson)