

LETTERS...

Re: Criticism

Dear Editor:

I feel compelled to respond to the criticism made by Mr. Johnson and Mr. Mitchel in the Oct. 31st issue on Mr. Dixon's recent talk on high-level radiation waste disposal. Although I was not at the session, I feel qualified to raise a few points about their criticism.

The authors state that there is no safe level of radiation. On an absolute scale, this is true. However, it is not always practical to look at it this way. For example, the sun is a vast source of radiation due to the fusion of hydrogen, yet most people don't think twice about getting a sun tan. In fact, any heat source gives off radiation so think twice before turning on a light or sleeping in a warm bed. I believe the speaker had intended a safe level of radiation to mean a reasonably safe level, i.e. its effects would be small in comparison with the amount of radiation one normally receives.

Radioactive substances in the ground can migrate into ground water, making the water potentially hazardous. An example of an analogous incident involving chemical waste would be Love Canal. Perhaps this was why the

speaker said mining uranium was safer than leaving it in the ground.

The authors said that the speaker discussed various proposals for the storage of high-level wastes, such as plutonium. Although the authors raised the issue of nuclear proliferation, they apparently failed to realize the such semi-permanent storage in Canada would remove the necessity of shipping plutonium to the United States for storage. It seems that the authors were unable to see the beneficial aspects of the Atomic Energy of Canada's research.

The whole purpose of this letter is to say that issues, such as nuclear power, cannot always be viewed in black and white dichotomies. I am not saying that nuclear power is unequivocally good. Neither am I saying that everything the speaker said was accurate. I merely wish to point out that to be objective, one must look on both sides of an issue, weigh the benefits and the costs, and then make an informed decision, rather than confront on an issue while being on uncertain ground as many people are apt to do.

Jim Lai

General Meeting

Editor,

For the next meeting of the Student Council in the Student Lounge, the date should be set for a Tuesday or a Thursday. If it has to be on a Monday, do you think those in charge would consider starting at an earlier time. Both attempts, the second of which was successful, were held at 11:30 on Monday mornings.

Unfortunately, not all students have this time free in their schedules. Therefore, the Student Council should consider a different time slot during the week. Perhaps, if it were feasible they would even hold two such sessions. This would allow students, virtually all students, the opportunity to see their Student Council, and hear the reports.

A Different Timer

Senior Class

Dear fellow students,

This past Sunday night, the UPEI Student Union Council voted to grant two pub dates in the Panther Lounge to the Senior Class of 1986. Also included in the accepted proposal was the clause that this provision be made for all Senior Classes in the future. This new measure is designed to provide a greater opportunity for Senior Students to socialize

throughout the year and also to gain more revenue for activities during Senior Week in May. The presentation was given by Senior Class President Jamie Simmons and was approved overwhelmingly by Council.

The practice has been that no class or formal sub-organization, club or society of the Student Union has been permitted use of the Panther Lounge for fundraising purposes. The Second Floor of the SU Barn is reserved for this purpose and lounge revenues are used by the Student Union to offset liquor and operating costs. However, the Council has decided to make this provision for all Senior Classes because of their special needs for fundraising. The Senior Class is the only group of which all students (including those seeking Engineering and Public Administration Diplomas) are to eventually become a part of and participate in. Thus the Lounge has been offered to them by Council through acceptance of the Senior Class of 1986 proposal. We are unable to offer this privilege to all other classes and clubs because

this would place a severe drain on finances which are used to continue the Lounge operation. The provision is only for Senior Class of which we all eventually be a part of.

The Senior Class is to be commended for making this new innovation in fundraising. Best of luck is extended to the executive of the Senior Class as they plan these and other events. Students of the Senior Class are encouraged to come out now and participate. As a reminder, the executive is as follows:

Jamie Simmons, President
Denise Wadden,
Vice-President
Bill Sinnott, Treasurer
Liz Pendergast, Secretary

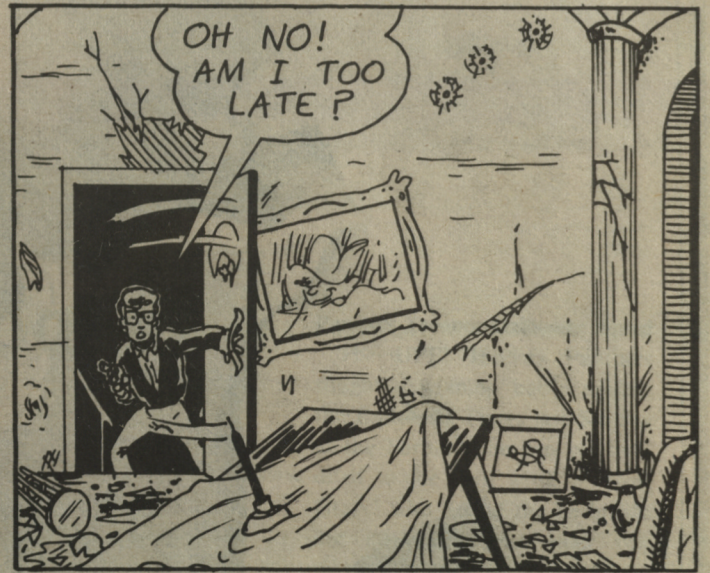
Please note that the Senior Class is located in the Alumni Office in Student Services, Main Building (566-0615)

Also, messages can be left at the Student Union Office either in person at the SU Barn or by phoning us at 566-0530. Thank you.

Sincerely Yours,
Gordon Cobb
SU President

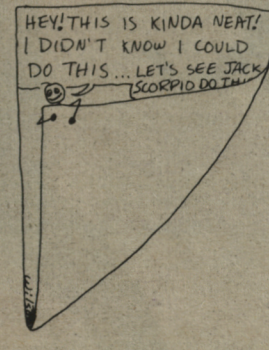
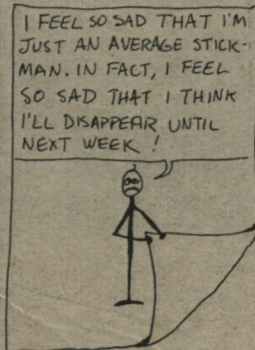
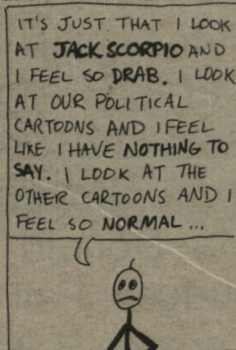
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by Mel Wilson



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