

Editorial

By Carolyn Ryan

Ever wonder what happens to the huge pile of leaves fluttering down to the ground, sometimes thwacking us in the face, so visible this time of year?

Right, neither have I.

Maintenance could be collecting them for a huge bonfire they have ever year, during which veterans on the force sit around the blaze becoming maudlin.

Or the leaves might simply rot. So what?

So ... has it ever struck you that these leaves are predominantly Orange?

Ah ha, I thought not. You honestly have never realized the significance of the autumn leaves turning orange, have you? Poor innocent you, to imagine you can pass the rest of your lives without ever contemplating Orange.

But Orange is more than a colour. It is a religion, a political system.

In 1708, three hundred young visionary young ladies were burned at the stake as witches because of a fondness of Orange.

The real reason Trudeau resigned as Liberal leader was because the press threatened to expose his fetish for Orange, a revelation which would have radically altered our present system of government.

For the good of the party, Pierre stepped down.

Mulroney, on the other hand, prefers green plaid. And that tells you exactly where this country is heading.

Here at UPEI, other signs await inspection, if the alert choose to see.

What colour are the abundant fall leaves?

Orange.

What colour are the little dots over the letters in the UPEI logo?

Not brown, as you thought, but Orange.

What colour radiates from the Psych Club Halloween Party posters? That's a sure sign of where modern psychology is heading. Prepare to abandon ship.

Frighteningly, such sings of a bizarre new world are on the rise, not the wane, and Canertech, the energy conservation project, is to blame.

Deny it if you will, but, although these lights give "500% better light, at one-third the cost of the old fixtures," their purchase was a serious and perhaps fatal blunder.

We all know that UPEI is a hotbed of student activism, a place where all have forgotten how to spell apathy, and a chasm of high emotion and suggestibility.

Tell me, o powers that be, why?

Did they really have to be ... Orange?

(P.S. As proof of the vulnerability of young minds to external suggestion, take this week's *Gem*. What more can be said?)



graphic: Gauntlet

D. Clarke

LETTERS

Dorsey responds

Dear Editor:

My first order of business is to commend you and your staff on the marked improvement in the *Gem*. You have trained the paper into something that one looks forward to reading.

I do however have a couple of criticisms which are intended to be constructive rather than malicious.

The first comment I must make is regarding the announcement, "Dorsey to can sub-organizations".

I believe you were rather presumptuous in printing what you did. I would have preferred if you had done some investigative work to

uncover my intentions, as I only briefly mentioned it during my report to Council.

The intention behind this act was to clean up the system. Right now we have a file of ancient suborganization constitutions and numerous accounts which haven't been touched in years.

My idea was to abolish status and give a three-month period during which the suborgs could reapply. During this period the club would retain tentative powers and rights within the Union.

If the organization does not come to Council before the deadline, the old constitution and the moldy account will be laid to rest, leaving the Union with a revitalized network of sub-organizations.

I would have been more than willing to discuss this

with you or a member of your staff had I been asked. I feel it is your duty to report unbiased news. It does not make for good journalism to make assumptions on what you are reporting ... get all the facts and they you may draw your conclusions if you wish.

While I am writing I would like to take this opportunity to mention the General Meeting that is coming up. It is very important that all students attend. Business of the Union is conducted at this time ... it is imperative that your voice be heard.

This is the chance to meet the people who are governing student affairs, the time for you to ask all the questions you want, and the opportunity to let us know your priorities and what you want us to be moving on.

Remember — you are only justified in your criticisms if you are willing to work to change.

Michelle Dorsey
President,
UPEI Student Union

Basha congratulates

Dear Netted Gem,

I wanted to congratulate you on the great job you did organizing the Fence Painting Contest. The results are very appealing and add a nice touch to the campus.

I think your efforts turned out to be very successful

Sincerely,
Marion Basha
Student Services

AGENDA for GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, October 31, 1984
Robertson Library Lounge 11:44 a.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Comments from Speaker Bob Hanf
4. Introduction of all Council members, Executive members, and General Manager
5. State of the Union Address by President Michelle Dorsey
6. Report from Vice-President Internal Howard Beattie
7. Report from Vice-President External Les Smith
8. Report from Treasurer Ken Mutter
9. Remarks from Ombudsman Jacinta Gallant
10. Remarks from the Acting President Dean Dowling
11. New Business
12. Adjourn

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