

Administration commits to committing oral policies to writing

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UPEI administration, in conjunction with the UPEI Student Union and other campus groups, will be working this year to draft written policies concerning, among other issues, the presence of off-campus organizations in the Breezeway and "the Pit" according to Interim UPEI President Lawrence Heider.

These changes, according to Heider, come as a result of misunderstandings surrounding a number of unwritten policies on campus, which

he attributed to "a great oral tradition" at UPEI.

"This was fine when it was a smaller university, but it has grown more complex and we need to write these policies out," Heider stated.

Some of the greater confusion surrounds one largely unenforced "oral" policy concerning commercial entities and political groups being prohibited from certain areas on campus. In spite of this general policy, solicitors such as the Imaginus poster company,

IslandTel, and credit card companies have been regularly stationed in that environment.

Recently, conflicts regarding a Youth Reform Club and the visit of three Reform Members of Parliament have sparked examination of this policy.

"There is an unwritten policy that only campus/Student Union sponsored organizations could be in the Breezeway," Heider said. "There is no question there ought to be a written policy, and it is not

satisfactory that we do not have one."

Heider stated that he believed that most who know him are aware that he believes strongly in the freedom of speech.

"We want to support that kind of thing," he said. "The university should be a place in the community to learn about new ideas and perspectives."

Heider said that Neil Henry, UPEI Vice President Finance, was working with Matt Gray, UPEI SU presi-

dent, to draft a clear policy which can be accepted by all sides of the issue.

"We need a policy that everyone can understand. . . policies which are well thought out so that we can know what the situation is," said Heider. "If it is the right policy. . . we'll have to support it."

In addition, other policies which will be drafted include those concerning faculty rights and responsibilities, with respect to consultation groups.

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