

\$13,000 goes to CIMN. I have already said my peace on this.

\$10,500 goes to CFS. My feelings about this organization are no secret. Enough said.

\$3,000 for a party in lieu of Honoraria. An Honoraria is a gift that was given to councillors at the end of each year. The SU stopped giving these gifts a number of years ago in order to save money. Instead, they give a party to all the SU volunteers and workers. This is a great idea except the Student Union Executive still get there \$250 honoraria each year.

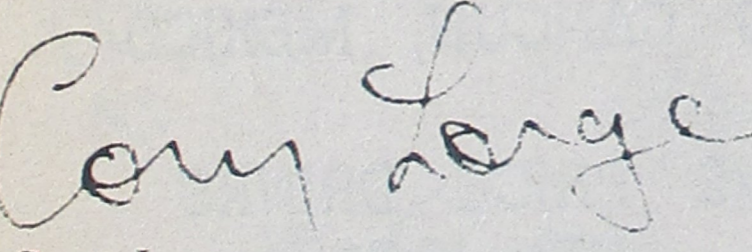
\$1,500 for "Student council activities". I guess this includes the "Booze Cruise" around the harbour that the councillors were treated to at the first of the year. What's next?

With these hard economic times upon us, the Student Union must become more accountable to the students of this university. It is about time that they showed some fiscal responsibility, instead of this uncontrolled spending spree.

I am pretty disgusted with our student government and you should be too. Maybe with the Student Union elections starting on the 14th, some of these concerns will be raised. After all, it is your money they are spending.

(X-Press budget = \$31,355)
(Editor's salary = \$60/issue)
In case you were wondering.

Yours Accountingly,


Cory Large

Letters To the Editor...

Dear Editor,

Peter Hanus and Joseph Murphy's article on Affirmative Action in the 23 January 1992 issue of the X-Press is a classic example of the straw man (person) argument. This fallacy involves setting up a false position in order to then demolish it thus creating the impression of a successful counter argument.

The article which supposedly addresses the current proposal concerning hiring procedures at U.P.E.I. completely misses the intended target: The U.P.E.I. proposal concerns Employment Equity not Affirmative Action. The difference is that the former seeks to create a level playing field for all qualified candidates, whereas in some versions of the latter, qualifications are reduced as a means of redressing some previous inequity suffered by a disadvantaged group.

While it is appropriate to debate the employment policy proposal, the debate can only be appropriately conducted if it about the policy under discussion.

Sincerely,
Verner Smitheram

Dear Editor,

I am growing more and more alarmed everyday by the systemic discrimination against women and minorities in our society. The phallus-bearing Europeans (especially the dead ones) of our university community would like us to believe that everything is all very well and peachy, but it is becoming more and more apparent that this is not so. We are not fools, we know how language is used to "keep us in our place". While browsing through the U.P.E.I. calendar the other day I noted an overwhelming number of "seminars" being taught at this university.

WHAT?!? NO "OVULARS"? I must call upon the faculty of this university, the Student Union, and all the students to band together in order to "correct" this social injustice immediately! We have nothing to lose but our chains!!!

An Offended, Oppressed, Suppressed, Depressed,
Vertically Challenged Minority Student