

# SUC REPORT

Problems in the Students' Union Council came to a head with the submission of the President's resignation.

Jim Ross submitted a verbal resignation to the External Vice-President, John Lacey, with a formal resignation left to follow. The resignation was to be effective November 11.

Students were not informed of the resignation in order that Ross could continue negotiations with the P.E.I. Liquor Commission for a licenced lounge in the Student Union Building.

Ross stated, at the time, that the reasons for his resignation were personal. He maintained that he was serious in intending to resign.

The story was released by Radio U.P.E.I. A number of students reacted by asking Ross to reconsider. It was agreed that the resignation would be discussed at an Executive meeting on Sunday, November 15, and that Ross would remain in office pending the results of the meeting.

The meeting was a confrontation of philosophies. Ross maintained that certain Council members were not doing their share of the work. He did not direct the charge at the Executive but only at the whole Council. He stated that "unless more people are willing to take on a share of the work the resignation will have to stand."

The confrontation obviously had its effect. The last Council meeting had a full attendance of members. Two previous attempts at meetings had failed for lack of a quorum.

The absence of Council action has been particularly obvious in the case of the Student Judicial Committee. No members of

the S.J.C. had been appointed until the last meeting. There is a backlog of 20-30 cases for the committee to hear.

Ross feels Council members may be more ready to work now. But, he stated, "if they're not going to do anything they should resign and allow somebody more willing to work to sit on Council."

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The provincial dailies publish four week old "news" story concerning the proposed UPEI campus expansion. Apparently current news isn't good enough for these crusading journals.



SUC PRESIDENT JIM ROSS

The other attitude on Council is that attendance at Council meetings is all that is required by the elected representatives. Committee work and other necessary duties are not the responsibility of the Council as a whole but of the Executive. Council members have on three occasions defeated motions which would have required them to put in one hour per week working in the Union Offices with a member of the Executive.


At the Executive session Ross explained that his duties were hard to define specifically. He stated he was constantly at one type of meeting or another. This was in answer to a charge that he was not doing enough work for the Union.

Ross said that his resignation was prompted by health and study problems. He explained the need for more involvement by all members of Council. He told the Executive it was their duty, collectively, to provide leadership and initiative for the rest of the students.

After considerable discussion it was decided not to accept the resignation. It was the consensus of the meeting the the Executive, and Council members, should try again, and if things still didn't work out then it would be time to get out.


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