

Viewpoint-'What Are the Issues In This Student Union Election'

This week in Viewpoint we felt it necessary to discuss the upcoming elections in the student union with some students on campus, since this is the topic most evident in discussion.

We wanted to know what our interviewees felt about the elections, the candidates and the issues; here is what they felt.

Gary McGillivray - 1st year Engineering

- on the issues, Gary felt that the students are not properly informed about Student Union income and spending. He wanted a "monthly budget statement so students would know what's happening to their money. Half the student body doesn't know what's going on."

Doug Miller - 2nd year Business Administration

- The student elections did not mean too much to Doug. He felt that we did not have a Student Union but a social committee which placed too much emphasis on social aspects, like Pig 'n Whistles and Dances. The issues that were really important to students like better classroom and athletic facilities, better maintenance, "cigarette machines on campus" and general improvement of life on UPEI campus were not considered too important in the upcoming elections.

Dave Macrae - 2nd year Arts

- found issues too numerous to mention that were not involved in the upcoming election. Some of those he found most important were "course unions and improve-

And what do you think about the Student Union Elections?



ment of the Barn or new facilities," He also agreed with everyone else interviewed that our Union is much like our provincial gov't and was generally pissed off over the lack of everything on campus.

Charlotte Ramsay - 3rd year Arts

Was completely in agreement with Gary. She felt "everything should be publicized; for example, when the student union meetings are and what they are all about."

Frank Likely - 4th year Arts

- Frank flatly stated "There are no real issues in student politics. Those running in the elections who make claims re entertainment or course changes etc. are relying on student gullibility and will probably win."

General concerns was that things are in bad shape on campus. The people we interviewed in the Barn were all non-resident, and probably if we had approached resident students we would have found

more varied complaints. No one was ready to defend the present system.

In summing up this week, we felt that students on campus are finally realizing that something is wrong, and serious changes must be made. We also applaud CIMN for their radio programs discussing the issues. Hopefully, something better will be found, but no one expressed ideas for good, sound changes.

Next Week: a topic of a lighter note.
John Underhay and Ray MacDonald

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head against the wall, fighting for survival.

UPEI is beating its head against its walls just asking token questions on objectives, Student Unions.

UPEI don't you think its time you came out of the womb and took some responsibility in the whole community.

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