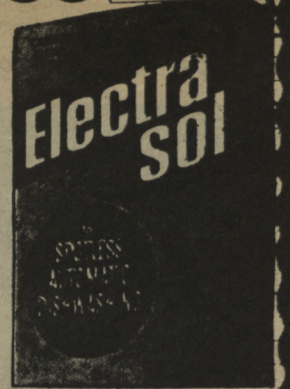




SOAP BOX



ON TALKING AND YOU

Given that discussion is the backbone of the acquisition of knowledge then why is it so lacking here?

My main disappointment is not with faculty but with students. YES YOU!!! You who entirely refuse to speak out and "make an ass of yourself in front of your peers." Instead you would rather cloister yourselves in a small room turning out highly secret documents called term papers. Is this your means of showing your intellectual and scholastic competence? Then there are others among you who believe in the theory of "God on Earth", who in His multiplicity shows His presence in the form of college professors; and damned are those who question his knowledge or show their ignorance by speaking in his presence. Why are you here?? To learn, or to pick up a paper crutch, a college degree. If the latter you are not only wasting your time but mine as well. I am not here only to learn from books and the tongues of intellectuals. I could succeed in this endeavour on my own. Rather I am here to learn from you. I respect you and your ideas, but how can I learn if no one is ready to communicate? You are like unopened books and the benefits derived are equal.

Why do you sit in class contemplating your navels? Can't we learn from each other? Or is it that you feel that I am not fit to share in your knowledge, or is it a sense of domination by a forceful and articulate student, or is it even a sense of inferiority, or is it etc., etc. I think not.; Rather I feel you have a sense of despair in that you feel you are wasting your time in discussion. Instead you would like some concrete evidence of your work; a paper, so you will feel a sense of pride and achievement. Why can't you cherish an hour of conversation in which you have been both a learner and a teacher? This, though not concrete, is still a great possession because a discussion will become a property of your mind which you can share with others.

WAKE UP !! You must start somewhere so - in your next class say something, anything! When asked if you agree on a point don't just nod your head, SAY yes or no. Then tomorrow you will be able to say a couple of words or perhaps a sentence. Then you will be able to communicate, I will learn from you and in turn you will learn something of yourselves.

RICHARD O'BRIEN

* Read me twice - I am better the second time!

STUDENT LOANS INCREASED

year, with an overall maximum of \$5,000. These limits will be raised on April 1, 1972 from \$1,000 per year to \$1,400 per year and the overall maximum will be raised to \$9,800. The increase in total is designed to provide additional aid to students in longer-term professional and graduate programs.

Last November, the Federal-Provincial Conference of First Ministers was held in Ottawa and the one main announcement of interest to U.P.E.I. students was the decision to increase the amount of Government Loans.

Presently, the maximum loan a student can receive through the Canada Student Loans Plan is \$1,000 per

But, there may also be some very important drawbacks to the student whose educational endeavors are supported by the Student Loan Plan. For instance a student may feel inclined to borrow more than he actually needs. He may not get what he asks for at his first attempt but is almost

always successful in his appeal of the decision of the financial aids officer. In an appeal, you must provide some sort of proof that you actually need the extra money; i.e., you are paying rent at home or your parents are not supporting your educational costs. These reasons may or may not be true, but the fact is it will be very difficult

for the authorities to prove you wrong. All which may or may not lead to the fact that a student could be borrowing more money than he needs and that he will have to pay it all back in the future though he may not fully realize this at the present time!

True, it is a tremendous advantage to post graduate students but, if they are going to be Professional people then they are going to be making the salary required to repay the loan without having to live in "near poverty"

With regards to the Bursary Program, R.J. Le Clair, Financial Aids Officer at U.P.E.I. said that the Provincial Government has not yet commented on how the increase in Canada Student Loans will affect the Government Bursary Program.

Therefore, any celebrations which may have occurred as a result of the announcement may be premature. Only time will tell!

NOTICE

For all education students Mr. S. Stratton of the P.E.I. T.F. will be on campus sometime between Feb. 7-11 to answer questions pertaining to hiring practices and licensing. Also, a meeting of concern will be held immediately following Mr. Stratton's address. This meeting has been called to seek student opinion of faculty, curriculum and the general operation of the Education Dept. of U.P.E.I.

* Exact time and location for the meeting will be posted on the bulletin board in the Education Building. Please attend.

- Education Committee

MEETING

ALL STUDENTS AND FACULTY INTERESTED IN THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM ARE INVITED TO COME AND MEET KENT STETSON, PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR FOR PEI IN DUFFY AMPITHEATRE ON FEBRUARY 8TH AT 8:30P.M. QUESTIONS MAY BE ASKED AND WILL BE ANSWERED AT THIS MEETING.

EVERYONE INTERESTED PLEASE ATTEND THAT IS ON TUESDAY FEBRUARY 8TH IN DUFFY AMPITHEATRE at 8:30.P.M.

NOTICE

THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER SIR PETER HAYMAN, IS VISITING THE CAMPUS ON FEBRUARY 11TH AND WOULD LIKE TO MEET SOME STUDENTS IN THE STUDENT UNION LOUNGE. TIME: 11:45 - 12:30 ALL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME FREE COFFEE WILL BE SERVED