



Monthly Student Council Report

Shooting Stars

By Lori Anne Heckbert

On September 7 at 7:30 p.m., UPEI's Student Union Council met for the first time this academic year.

SU President Rob Kelley summarized briefly his summer activities in his capacity as SU pres. Kelley and VP Academic Paul Ledwell attended the annual General Meeting of the Canadian Federation for Students (CFS) in London, Ontario. The major theme for this year's CFS campaign is "Funding the Future"; UPEI's role in this campaign is as yet unclear. Solicitation of Island businesses for the CFS Student Save Discount Program began immediately following the conference.

A submission detailing UPEI's position on post-secondary education was presented to the Liberal Task Force on Post-secondary education.

In addition, Kelley attended a conference at Saint Mary's University in Halifax for Student Union presidents. The conference afforded an opportunity to meet with other SU presidents and open lines of communication.

Some changes were effected this summer to the Student Loans Program. These are as follows:

- Room and board allowance increased from \$73 to \$78/week
- Miscellaneous allowance increased from \$22 to \$23/w
- Transportation allowance increased by 20%.

VP Operations Karen Bishop reported that Orientation had been very successful, and thanked at this time everyone who had volunteered time to ensure its success.

After brief reports by the other members of the SU Executive, Kelley cited the goals and objectives for this year's SU Council. These include bringing the Student Union back to a break-even point, after last year's poor financial performance; building communication amongst the members of the Executive, the SU Council, and the stu-

dent body; and the promotion of goodwill amid members of the community.

The first item of business discussed at the meeting was the proposed Faculty Association's Policy on Smoking. Kelley noted that UPEI President Eliot and the Board of Governors are actively seeking student response on this issue. The two points of consideration are that each building be considered non-smoking with a designated smoking area, and that the university commit itself to the elimination of smoking on campus by 1990.

The second item was a re-evaluation of a decision taken by Council last year. By that decision, last year's Council banned the sale of Carling O'Keefe products at the Barn. Carling O'Keefe has been the most active sponsor of the Student Union and it is 51% owned by Rothmans—a South African-based holding company.

Councillor Chris Maddocks brought up a concern about which he had been addressed—that is, the door policy at the SU Barn during Orientation week. He noted that the doors had closed at 11:00 p.m. as opposed to the usual 11:30 p.m. He requested that VP Operations Karen Bishop look into the matter.

VP Academic Paul Ledwell noted that the Student Union Executive had decided to match, up to a maximum of \$200, the personal donations solicited by SU Executive members for the Terry Fox Run.

And the meeting drew to a close.

Two weeks later, Council met again September 21. VP Operations Karen Bishop immediately addressed Maddocks' concern during the prior meeting. Bishop noted that this year's door policy will be as follows:

- if you already have a ticket you may enter at anytime before 1 p.m.
- if you haven't already got a ticket, you may purchase a ticket before 11:30 p.m., at which time all ticket sales

cease.

- until 11:30 p.m., students are permitted to enter and exit the building as they please; however, if students leave the building after 11:30 p.m., they may not reenter.

After some debate, Council moved to accept the door policy as stated above.

Student Representatives were chosen at this meeting to sit on the Hiring and Selection Board. The representatives chosen are Elizabeth Yeo, Leanne Gallant and Glen Moriarity.

A committee of four people was struck to review the present Health Plan and all of the available options; the committee will then make a report to Council detailing recommendations for next academic year. The committee shall include SU President Rob Kelley as a non-voting chairman, SU General Manager Heather Love, one SU Councillor, and a student at large. Elections will be held at the next Council meeting on October 5 to fill the last two positions on the committee.

Kelley noted the establishment of a Parking Committee. The committee was precipitated from the Vet College that the parking lot next to it be set aside for the use of Vet College faculty only. Council unanimously decided to send a proposal to the Board of Governors expressing student opinion about the Vet College's proposal.

One councillor praised the initiative of students in moving the barriers to this parking lot aside as subtly expressive of student opinion on this matter.

Kelley mentioned that he alone of the SU Executive members had participated in the Terry Fox Run, and that he had solicited donations exceeding \$200. He stated that the Student Union would therefore donate \$200 to the Terry Fox Run, as agreed at the meeting on September 7.

"This were the month's activities, in brief, of your Student Council.



For Patricia—who was there with me

*Clusters of ancient noble matter,
Streaking through darkness in fiery descent,
They fall to earth and finally shatter
The stillness, suddenly and infrequent.
By stealth they dash across the wayward night,
In ominous motion, almost haunting:
And yes, with we may, and wish we might,
In a frozen instant, futility taunting.
Yet inside ourselves as we play the game
We hold our breath while we make believe,
Hoping it's true, so we pray for and name
Anything the stars in heaven could conceive.*

Robert Bodrog-Goodland

FALL ELECTIONS

Elections to the following positions on Student Council will be held on October 15 & 16:

- Education Rep
- Science Rep
- Veterinary Medicine Rep
- Freshman Rep
- 2 Senate Reps
- Board of Governors

Ombudsman

Candidates must be full-time students to be eligible for nomination. Nominations open Thursday, October 2 at 9:00 am and close Wednesday October 8 at 5:00 pm. Nomination forms are available at the Student Union Office (The Barn) Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Copies of the UPEI Student Union Constitution and Election By-laws are also available during the same office hours.

John Beazley
Chief Returning Officer