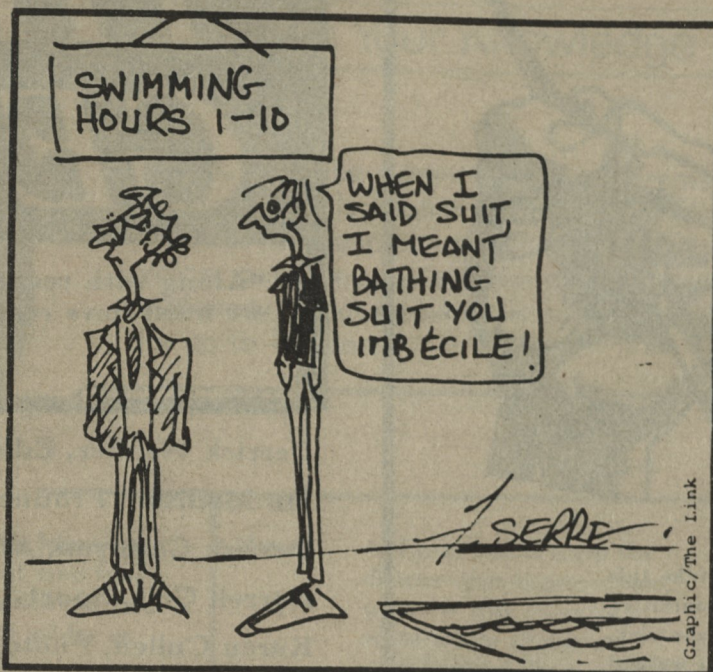


CAMPUS COMEDY SPLASH FOR SECOND YEAR

LAST THURSDAY evening, before a capacity crowd of over 200, the annual UPEI Comedy Cabaret took place at the Panther Lounge. The event, sponsored by Olands Brewers in conjunction with Air Atlantic proved to be one of the highlights of the year thus far, with a number of diverse and aspiring contestants.

This year's grand prize winner was Robert Bodrog, whose original monologue netted him \$100 cash, a round trip ticket anywhere Air Atlantic flies, and will represent UPEI at the Maritime comedy finals at Yuk Yuk's in Halifax on February 9. Last year's UPEI winner, Gordie Cox was relegated to second place, with Kirsten Lund finishing third, each receiving \$200 and \$100 respectively.



The winner of the Maritime finals will go on to represent

his/her university in the national finals, to be held in Toronto sometime this Spring.

NATIONAL WEEK OF ACTION



by Lisa Murphy

The "National Week of Action" held on this campus during the week Jan 18th - 22nd is officially over, BUT, the purpose behind the event and the spirit generated from it is far from over. This article will attempt to recap some of the events, thank those who participated, and let you know where we are headed in the world of post-secondary education.

Post Card Campaign

Approximately 700-800 postcards were forwarded to the respective federal and provincial Departments of Finance. The purpose behind the campaign was to lobby for increased federal spending and for provincial accountability (that the dollars allocated

for education are spent by the provinces). The UPEI CFS Planning Committee for the National Week of Action extends thanks to the many professors who allowed us precious class time to plead our case, and to get signatures of support from our fellow students.

Panel Discussion

The Panel Discussion, titled "Legacy of Restraint" held on Wednesday, January 20 was a huge undertaking and the comments of those who attended were favourable. The focus of the event was geared toward that of an information session. A seven member panel provided information and clarification on funding, and expressed concerns and comments on the effects of underfund-

ing in education. The session was very informative and helpful. Special thanks to the forum Moderator, Dr. David Milne; the time keeper, Cathy Campbell; the MPHEC representative, Mr. Iain MacDonald; and, to the following panel participants: UPEI Faculty representative, Professor Leon Loucks; UPEI Administration representative, Dean Verner Snitheram; UPEI Staff representative, Leo Cheverie; UPEI Student representative, Ms. Olive Bryenton; Deputy Minister of Finance, Mr. Philip MacDougall; Deputy Minister of Education, Mr. Roger Burke; and the Federal representative from the Secretary of State, Mr. Nigel Chipendale. Appreciation and thanks must also be extended to those individuals who posed questions and comments during the question period. Ron Cameron, a committee member, must be commended on a professional job done in the audio/visual taping of the event.

The Debate

Our own UPEI Debating Society staged an amusing and highly entertaining debate in the Library 'Pit' on Thursday the 21st. The Affirmative team consisted of Vivian Huizinga and Bob Smith while the Negative team sported Barry Linkletter and Shelley Robins. The resolution stated "Be it resolved that University Educa-

tion should be funded by KC Irving". Both teams displayed skillful argumentative skills but the audience leaned toward the negative team, and by a show of hands judged Barry and Shelley as the winners. It was an enjoyable event due to the good natured and dramatic presentation of these brave debaters. The Committee would like to thank Rochelle Gallant who acted as Moderator for the debate.

Procession, Service, and Irish Wake

What a media blitz these events turned out to be! These activities highlighted much of the week due to the high level of student participation, and triggered a lot of spirit on the campus. It is, however, the wish of the UPEI CFS Committee that the event is not taken out of context and is viewed as it was intended a light-hearted display about serious funding problems that exist in almost all post-secondary institutions across the country. Many people were involved in these events and all deserve mention; although, due to limited space we are only able to note a few:

Pall Bearers: Steven Wynne, Tony Mason, Kirsten Lund, Tony Doyle, Ron Cameron, and Mark Dunphy. Gowns provided by Lothar Zimmerman.

Sermon delivery by the in-

famous Barry Linkletter.

Creators of Ambience: Coffin construction - Maintenance department; funeral tape - Music Society; Candles - UPEI Cafeteria; Wailers - Laurie Reeves, Vivian Huizinga, Jill Manderson, and Eleanor Anderson; Costume and presence - Judy Myers; PRESENCE - Marian Hall gentlemen.

Performers: "Shellelagh Anne", and Heather Hickey for her version of "American Pie".

Thanks again to all those who participated in PS "Ed's" funeral service.

Premier Ghiz's Visit

Our Premier graced our 'Pit' on Friday the 22nd, and for 1 1/2 hours enlightened the crowded room about his governments position on post-secondary education. His comments and answers to questions posed by students were somewhat predictable, but overall, the event was an excellent opportunity for students to air their frustrations and concerns.

Follow Up To The Week

If there is anything that this Committee learned from the experience of the week, it is that funding to post-secondary education is a complex and highly political issue that can not be fully understood, let alone resolved, overnight. To

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