

# Vice-Presidents Message

FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT'S DESK: By Sue Parlee

While sitting here at my desk in deep thought and paranoid of The Watchdog, I'm feeling that it is my responsibility to report to UPEI students of a conference I attended last weekend at Dalhousie University.

UPEI sent three representatives to the Atlantic University Entertainment held Oct. 4, 5 and 6th. Phyllis Norring and Joanne Baglole, Co-Chairpersons of UPEI Social Committee and myself, benefitted greatly from the conference.

It began with an introduction of all University


representatives and how their university functions socially. Other topics that were mentioned at the conference; showed how to run events, ways to go about advertising, selling advance tickets, door policy, security, how to pick bands to satisfy the wants of students, how to deal with agents when booking bands, and legal aspects in dealing with bands. The conference also supplied us with a showcase giving a chance to hear a few bands. We also had an opportunity to meet the agents with whom we've talked to over the phone for years. The agents gave a run down of what bands they represent and what music they play.

The last session was an exchange of ideas between universities. Here we managed to pick up many good ideas that have a great potential of working here. And believe it or not, we had a few ideas to give out that other universities were interested in.

Attending this conference, the three of us realized that UPEI is not such a bad place. We thought we had

problems running social events, but other universities have problems as well. Some were worse off than us!! A small point of interest to UPEI students is that apathy at this university is not as bad this year as it is at other universities. A good example of this, is that so far this year, all the main events and pubs held at The Barn have seen good crowds. Saturday we attended a dance at Dalhousie as part of the conference to hear the band, and there was a low attendance. A place like Dalhousie with approx. 7,000 students and only about 600 people showed. Now as far as I can see, UPEI has got them beat this year.

We came back with a lot of ideas. Phyllis Norring and Joanne Baglole are bubbling with ideas to help UPEI socially, but two people can't do all the work. They are open to all ideas. Drop down to The Barn and talk to the Co-Chairpersons, or leave your name if they are not there, and they will get in touch with you. Get out and get involved.



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