

Execs Turn Changes Into Crusade



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editorial

The Editorial this week is going to consist of an interesting little episode drawn from the continuing saga of the U.P.E.I.S.U. Inc. and its wonderful Execs who know so well what the interests of the student are and how to reach them.

Last week, John Jenkins (Mr. Back-room Manager), Ray Shalala (our brain-storming money-manager) and Mike Hartshorn (our impartial (!?) speaker) cooked up in four hours on Sunday afternoon a scheme which was to have revolutionized the Student Union, finally get-

ting rid of APATHY and making the S.U. INVOLVED in Academic Affairs.

While it is likely that their scheme would have reached some of these goals to some extent, our crusading little company immediately knew that Armageddon had come and the forces of good were about to win.

However there was just one small problem - how to get the constitution changed so the forces of good could actually triumph.

Now it is well known in Student Union circles that students always stay away from

anything in sufficient droves that they can do nothing.

And (we thought) the constitution says that it can only be changed by majority vote at a General Meeting at which at least 10% of the students (or 148) attend. So since students never go to these meetings - and our little brainstorm has to be passed at one, what's the solution?

Well, enter the saving fact. The Constitution does not say that ammendments have to be made at a General Meeting but at something called a 'general meeting of UPEISU Council'. This is the only time in the entire Constitution that this animal (whatever it is) is mentioned. Although it is almost certainly a mis-print and the words 'of UPEISU Council' should have been deleted, fortunately the unbiased speaker was on the side of good at this time and so he interpreted the section as meaning a meeting of Council at which the General Public could attend. This is aside from the fact that has never been a meeting of the UPEISU Council which the general public could not attend!

Thus when, as expected, almost no one showed up at the

general meeting scheduled for last Wednesday our little group was ready - they knew how to protect the student's interest even if that creature was not interested in his interests. It was quite simple - do everything for the student like the benevolent little oligarchy which the student union is.

Unfortunately it seems that oligarchies can have their disputes like everyone else and at the meeting the fifth in the line of proposals was made. After the meeting in the midst of continuing argument, Chief Electoral Officer Morris Rogerson announced that it was too late to institute these proposals for next year (the election being Feb 19th) so the whole thing was dropped. Supposedly though next year's Execs will have the bug implanted and will implement the proposals for the year after that.

The moral of this story, of course, is: never let an oligarchy do your work for you unless you are certain they know what an oligarchy is. On the other hand maybe it's just as well that they do not know what an oligarchy is, otherwise they might do something.



Gladiator Gasping

Dear Editor:

We are writing this letter with respect to the mutilated gladiator in the university weight room.

It is a crime to see such an expensive piece of equipment deteriorate before our eyes, knowing we have paid \$20 in athletic fees.

There are numerous stations

of this Universal Gym which have been inoperative since October. Does it really take so long to make repairs???

Anonymous

Jesus Posters Offend

Dear Editor;

I am writing this letter as a protest to the recent deluge of Love Jesus Posters which has hit this campus. I find it exacerbating to be subjected to such emotional trash as is desecrating our Bulletin Boards. When I think that in an age of science and reason, and at a respected place of higher learning there are still traces of "blind faith" I become hopelessly flabbergasted. What really irks me is that these irrational irresponsible posters are allowed on our campus. Being an atheist I do not go out and force it down everyone else's throat. If they still have these childish and groundless beliefs

let them keep it to themselves. The university is no place for such self-centred acts of irrationality. I believe in the right of free speech but surely religion courses cover that.

I suggest these assinine posters be ripped down and anyone caught defacing our bulletin boards with these posters be thrown off campus. With upset stomach, I am P.P.



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