

EDITORIAL

Editorials can be difficult to write, especially when you have half a dozen different topics floating around in your head. Like every problem however, this one has a solution, a solution I think I have found in the running commentary which follows.

UPEI has undergone some changes in the past few months. From the new planetarium to the new observatory to the renovation of Memorial Hall, the alterations have invariably been beneficial. One problem may be that with so many ancient buildings on campus the repairs and reconstructions may have to continue almost endlessly.

This is a particularly touchy subject for the SUN staff because our own office sometimes seems to fall apart around us. One particularly large hole in our ceiling periodically sheds plaster and drips water onto our layout sheets. Needless to say, this does nothing to improve the newspaper.

Early this semester I detected a startling number of students complaining that professors were missing classes. I have also been informed that UPEI students are more and more choosing "Mickey Mouse" courses. Neither circumstance strengthens one's confidence in this university's academic standards.

The 1979-80 yearbook is progressing close to its schedule. Editor John Gallant and his assistant, Nora MacAdam, have already satisfied several crucial deadlines, and they expect the book to appear in April with a year's end supplement to come later. Their yearbook may be the first one in recent UPEI history to be available on time. John and Nora deserve a lot of credit.

Radio CIMN now appears to be thriving after a dismal finish last year and a late start this fall. Station manager Patrick Kelly is more than proving his worth. With the advent of game shows and album giveaways many of his ambitions for the station are being realized. Capable supporting staffers like Robert Page, and Mike Macdonald don't hurt either. If your pad is within receiving range of CIMN, then you probably should be tuned in to it.

For the convenience of both politicians and voters alike, Canadian elections since 1963 have all been summer affairs which allow university newspapers no opportunity for coverage. Luckily the 1980 election is an exception, and so the SUN has geared up to supply as many election stories as possible.

Prince Edward Island, as we all know, becomes a tourist haven every summer. Now that UPEI will feature the only major planetarium east of Montreal, an extra 50,000 people are to visit this campus next year. UPEI may soon be as big a tourist attraction as Anne of Green Gables.

Movies, books, and children's toys all reflect a new phase in western society, one of space and space technology. From Star Trek to The Black Hole to Buck Rogers we all seem enthralled with space adventure and science fiction. With a new planetarium and a new observatory UPEI is definitely part of it all.

Some time ago I overheard a science student complaining bitterly about a mark of 92 in one of his first term courses. Such a low mark dragged his average from 97 to 96, and he pointed out that his fate was completely unjustified. Some people are evidently never satisfied.

There now, that does it. I've dealt with my quota of topics for the week. Maybe I should write more editorials in this point by point form. Until the next time.....

John Cairns

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Mailbox



found the gym locked and security people unwilling to unlock it more than once.

I do not want to accuse only the Security Department because maybe they are just following orders, but if they are, why are these orders being given? Why are we students being denied privileges promised to us upon payment of student union fees?

Signed,
Locked Out and Mad
As ??????????????

Dear Editor,

I would like to direct this letter to the person(s) responsible for the locking and "unlocking" of buildings on campus, in particular, the Alumni Gym. When we, the students, pay an athletic fee upon registration, supposedly entitles us to the use of all the athletic facilities. Yet how can we use the gymnasium when the doors are locked?

I can understand the doors being locked at maybe 3:00 A.M., but I cannot comprehend them being locked at 11:00 A.M. when there are security members on campus. I have

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:
Winter Carnival was a success this year as always and we would like to thank everyone who participated. Special thanks go to Susan Parlee, the Chairman of Winter Carnival and to her Committee for a great job. Many long hours and a lot of hard work is what made Winter Carnival the success that it was.
Sharon Timmons, V.P. S.U.