

# What's going to happen to Vince

The Amateur Athletic Awards were presented on Thursday evening, April 4, with an excellent crowd in attendance but the atmosphere in the gym was somewhat different from other years in that many of the students were there, not to honour fellow students for their endeavours over the year, but rather to show their total appreciation of the work done by Vince Mulligan.

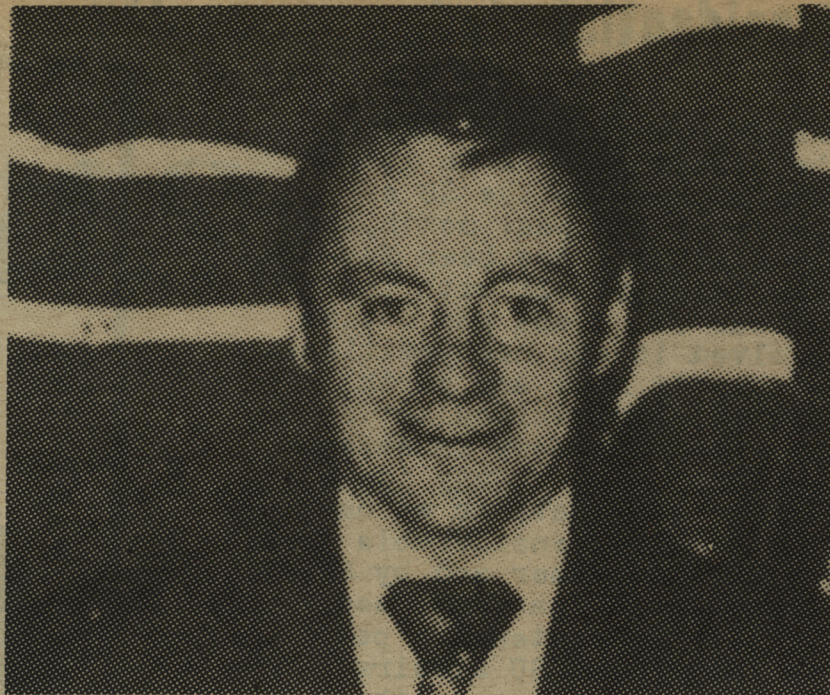
Rumors of Vince's upcoming dismissal were heard for some weeks but the situation finally came to a concrete stand when members of the football, hockey and basket ball varsity teams as well as participants in the intramural teams met with the Student Union officials in an attempt to present the Administration of UPEI with the very vehement feelings with respect to Vince. During these and subsequent discussions it became all too apparent that Vince was getting nothing less than a shaft on the whole business.

Vince is the only member (and that bars none) of the phys. ed. department who appears to take any interest whatsoever in the ordinary non-super student. Intramurally, Vince is the only one who gives a damn and seeing how every student, should he be Joe Football or not, pays \$20 in Athletic Fees for a year there seems to be a pretty lopsided emphasis of the staff away from the 95% of the students who aren't on varsity teams. This is not to say that our varsity teams should be left unattended but since Vince manages to do a bang-up coaching job with the varsity hockey team plus take care of the Intramural sports it seems he's proved his worth far beyond reproachment.

But what does he get? Not a renewed contract as he deserves, but a dismissal. It seems unfortunate that we may soon lose one of the greatest assets to this university. But, I am even more assured of the fact that once Vince leaves, he'll be wanted back and we won't be able to get him!

If there was ever any doubt in anyone's mind over the students' feeling towards Vince there could be none after Thursday night. He received an overwhelming ovation from every student present.

To be as fair as possible to the administration, they were approached, asking for reasons why Vince was being dismissed. Reasons were round about. One of the more popular suggestions was that the budget is suffering. What I would be interested to know is, if Vince is not hired does the money that would have gone to his salary be used more beneficially? If someone else is hired to the staff, it can only illustrate stupidity bordering on absurdity. If new equipment is purchased what good will it do anyone when there



is no one there to coordinate the students' efforts? As it is, a student is lucky if he can get to use the gym. If he still played high school sports, there'd be no problem since almost every afternoon I've been over there the floor is being used by some high school or other while UPEI students are refused the use of it. If the student isn't getting use

of the facilities and the staff why bother paying \$20.?

But, enough said. This could go on for pages but I think the point has been made. Vince Mulligan is one very obvious asset to this university. Maybe if the students show a little of their feelings we can prevent one very disastrous mistake from occurring.

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## CONCERN!!

I would like to express my concern over the alleged removal of Vince Mulligan from the staff of the Athletic Department of the University of Prince Edward Island.

It's hardly logical to repeat what many students have expressed since I was and am one of those students. What I would like to say has already been said at last week's Athletic Banquet. What I would have done was already done at the Athletic Banquet, (the presenting of a plaque to Vince for the work that he has done for intramurals). Every student there stood up, applauded and cheered Vince, showing openly how they felt about him, for ten minutes, not two as the guardian states.

Gordon Campbell spoke and presented the award to Vince and read a very pertinent Cadre article written on November 16, 1971 by the girls of Marion Hall. This is what it said:

Marion Hall  
U.P.E.I.  
November 16, 1971

Dear Sir,

In the hectic atmosphere of an academic community, one often finds it difficult to express sincere thanks to individuals who give of themselves far beyond the requirements in their "job descriptions". We, the female of U.P.E.I., would like to acknowledge the overwhelming endeavors of Vince Mulligan on our behalf.

We appreciate the existence in this community of a number of qualified

people who are dedicating themselves to the improvement of the University. Too often, however, these persons become involved in the bureaucratic demands which tie them to their desks, and thus, eliminate personal contact with the students for whom they are usually working.

In the character of Vince Mulligan, we have found an ally whom we know is working for our benefit. We need only suggest a time, place, and sport in which we are interested, and Vince is there with the equipment, the knowledge, and the encouragement we need. There are a number of coaches in the Phys. Ed. Dept. who are working with the athletically superior students, but Vince is the one who gathers the lame ducks and trains us in the art of enjoying sports.

U.P.E.I. is young and in many ways deficient, but we think it important to recognize the assets of the University, and it is for this reason that we say, "Thanks, Vince," and "Thank you, U.P.E.I. for employing at least one Vince Mulligan."

Yours truly,  
The Girls

The only change that I would make in that letter would be a change of date from November 16, 1971 to April 9, 1974, all the rest holds true.

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