

Chambers Fiasco Condemned

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On Monday evening, September 23, 1968 the members of the S.D.U. Student Union went to the Montgomery Hall Library at P.W.C. for what was to have been an historic meeting with P.W.C.'s Student Representative Assembly. The meeting had been arranged by a group of interested students who had dubbed themselves the Steering Committee.

At the meeting, a brief was presented by the Committee outlining a proposed means of joining the two student bodies together so that they could have a strong voice in planning the "new" university.

The Steering Committee had been formed during the summer months and its members had spent considerable time in preparing the brief.

The members of the Committee were: Howard Jamieson, Rick O'Donnell, Ted DeCoste and Eric Dunn from S.D.U.; and Brian Chambers, Vimy Gregory, Jim Ross and Stephen Foster from P.W.C. The interim-chairman of the Committee was David Jenkins, a former P.W.C. student.

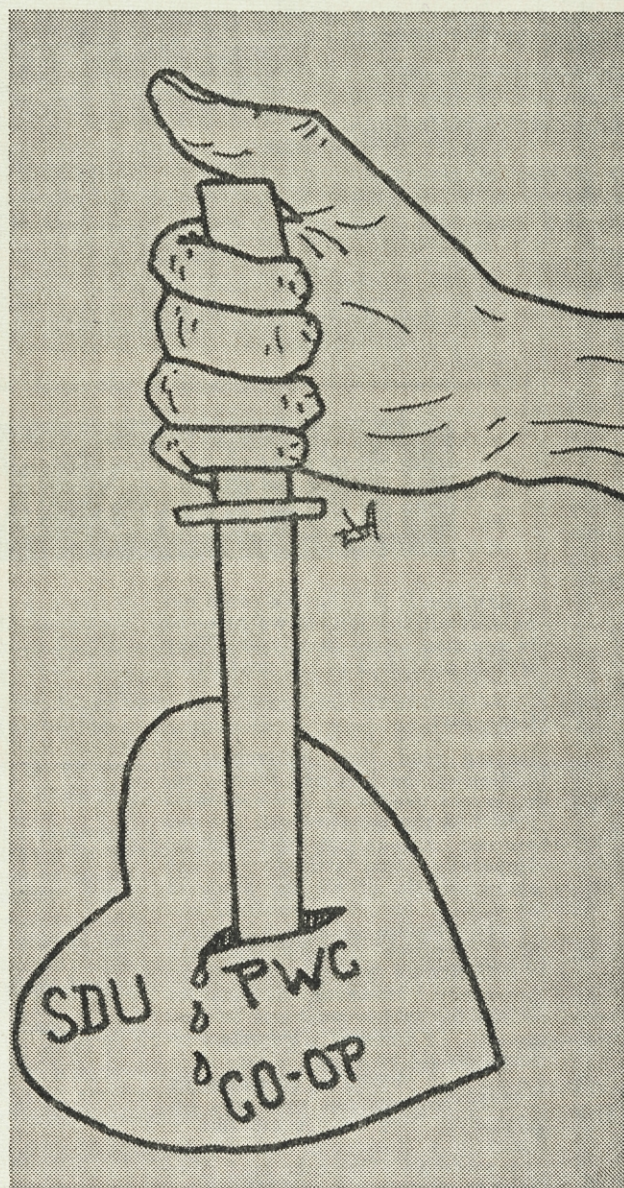
It had been agreed within the Committee that the presentation of the brief to the joint councils would be at a closed meeting. Each council would then meet, present the brief to their student bodies and hold a referendum the following day in order to get approval to set up a Student Central Co-ordinating Committee.

This latter Committee would carry on from where the Steering Committee left off and would ultimately lay the groundwork for the student government, student press, student housing, etc. within the new university. It would also have been responsible for preparing and presenting a brief to the University Planning Committee.

Both campuses are now well aware of what transpired last Monday night.

September 23, 1968 will no doubt be recorded in the educational history of this Province as the

night of the "Chambers' Fiasco". Thanks to Brian Chambers, external vice-president of the S.R.A. at P.W.C. and some of his compatriots the S.C.C.C. was royally aborted by a "walk out" by five of the P.W.C. council including Chambers, acting-president Jean Ives, Barry Burley, Melvin Roberts and Stewart Richards, who has since resigned.



P.W.C. NEWS FLASH

By Vimy Gregory

Confirmed reports reveal that John Keaveny, a junior arts student at P.W.C. and a former student at S.D.U., will seek the presidency of the P.W.C. Students' Representative Assembly at the by-election to be held on the P.W.C. campus on October 10th.

Mr. Keaveny will be out to get the position held by David Raynor, who has since resigned and gone to Dalhousie University at Halifax, N.S.

Mr. Keaveny stated that one of his big planks will be "co-operation between P.W.C. and S.D.U." He said that he felt this could be accomplished through "social, cultural and student government avenues".

It could not be confirmed but another candidate is likely to enter this crucial by-election.

The "walk out" came as the result of Chambers' demand and motion that the meeting be open. The motion was called for by chairman, Eric Dunn and defeated by a 9-8 vote. Maureen Hughes of S.D.U. abstained. The bitter vinegar for the defeat of the motion was felt by Chambers when the P.W.C. internal vice-president, Vimy Gregory voted with the S.D.U. council to have the meeting closed.

Since the meeting Gregory explained that he voted as a member of the Steering Committee, not as a member of the P.W.C. council.

Following the meeting, the general reaction among P.W.C. students was in support of Chambers' action but once they became aware of the real facts and had the opportunity to read the minutes of the Steering Committee they rapidly changed their minds. They now seem strongly in support of Gregory's decision to vote for the closed meeting and in the ideals of the co-operative move between S.D.U. and P.W.C.

One student remarked, "We are holding a by-election on October 10th to elect a new president to replace our now-departed David Raynor. Many of us hope that he will give us sensible leadership and help us to get the negotiations between us and S.D.U. re-opened. We hope that he will produce co-operation and not selfish so-called "martyrdom" which certain people on the campus are trying to sensationalize under the guise of the Canadian Union of Students."

A sophomore student had this to add, "A majority of the students at P.W.C. are getting annoyed with the clandestine tactics that certain S.R.A. members are using in aborting any attempts at a meaningful exchange of ideas between us and S.D.U."

Another student noted, "In the Steering Committee minutes of August 13th Rich O'Donnell moved that phase 1 be open to Steering Committee members only. Guess who seconded this move for closed decision making? Our so-called buddy, Brian Chambers."

The general feeling on the campus at P.W.C. seems to be that if the new university is to be planned successfully, then the selfish students will have to bury their hatchets, wash their hand, come down from their ivory towers and help with the task.

If they don't then let them go ahead and damn their own ideals and the future of P.E.I. students to hell.

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