

# editorial -by GERALD MCKENNA

The Student Union By-Elections officially started yesterday, Wednesday, Sept. 27th, when nominations were opened.

Now this article is supposed to be an editorial and not a notice or a news column but I feel the student elections are important enough to deserve mention, if not some sort of criticism.

It seems that over the past few years student elections at UPEI have always had problems, be it lack of Electoral Officers, lack of nominees, poorly run or organized campaigns, complaints of unfairness, rumors of dirty campaigns, and so on.

Well, it seems that once again UPEI is heading for problems. Nominations opened yesterday and there is of yet no Electoral Officer. Whose fault is this? Where does the blame lie? Who knows! The Student Union executive say that Personnel Board are supposed to hire the Electoral Officer but due to a technicality they are unable to do so for another week or two. The Student Council perhaps should have appointed an interim one at their last council meeting but unfortunately this was overlooked. Last year's Electoral Officer is not back at UPEI and, last of all, and perhaps most important of all, nobody has shown an interest in the position.

The Personnel Board has advertised this position in the first two issues of the SUN, but as yet nobody has shown an interest.

Why hasn't anyone applied? It is an interesting job, a good way to find out what's going on, and also an excellent way to become involved in the Student Union.

As I've already stated, nominations opened on Wednesday, Sept. 27th. All a person has to do is to go to the Student Union office in the Barn and pick up an application form. This form must be turned in before 5:00 p.m. on October 4th. Once all nomination forms are in, and forms will not be accepted after 5 p.m., the election campaign will be explained to the delegates.

Campaign week runs from 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 4th, to 12 midnight of October 10th. All posters and campaign signs must be down at this time or the delegate will be disqualified.

Wednesday, October 11th will be Election Day. Polls open in the Library from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Positions open in the elections include (1) 4 class presidents; (2) 1 Board of Governors Rep.; (3) 3 Senate Reps.; (4) 2 Arts Reps.

## LETTERS

Dear Sir,

In regard to the upcoming by-election for the available positions

with one U.P.E.I. S.U.

I wish to make the following statement:

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This small space is not sufficient to express our appreciation to those who worked on this week's issue;

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SHARON ANNE GREEN

I resigned the position of Arts representative (received by acclamation) with the student council '78-79. Be it known that

I did not leave the council with any bitterness as to its operation. Nor did I leave with any question, whatsoever, as to each of its members ability to function cooperatively as the elected representatives of our student union.

However, in reference to my resignation, some of your readers may recall that I expressed a keen interest in contesting

this position in the by-election. I must make it clear now that as a result of academic concerns I will be unable to seek this position as previously anticipated.

May the candidate who wins your support in the election also earn your allegiance throughout this current term of office. Only by such mutual support can we begin to move to a greater co-operation between our elected members and the student body. Thank you.

I am,  
Yours sincerely,  
Alan Smith