

PRESIDENT DUFFY'S MOTION FAILS

U. P. E. I. To Raise 2.9 Million

The university is embarking on a program to obtain \$2,900,000.00 in public support of an overall capital expansion program. The money (and anticipated government grants) is required to build a new library, a new multi-purpose academic building, and to renovate existing structures. The central utility plant and site services and development, initiated last fall, are a part of the overall program.

The campaign for public support, titled "The Progress Fund for the Island University", is now underway and will seek with the assistance of volunteers prominent in all sectors of Island life, gifts from national corporations with business interests in the Maritimes Island businesses, other Maritime - based companies, Canadians and others with Island connections, and individual citizens of the province. The Fund is asking corporations and individuals to pledge gifts (which are tax - deductible) over a five - year period. Co-chairman of the voluntary management committee are Eugene Cullen and the Honourable F. Walter Hyndman, who have long been actively interested in many Island endeavors. They have enlisted the support of others, who will individually approach companies and individuals to ask for their support.

This is the first time U.P.E.I. has sought public (non-government) money, and experience at other universities has shown that the success of the drive is greatly affected by the participation of those closest to the institution. Those whose interest is less immediate, particularly non-Island corporations and individuals, will ask what Islanders are doing, to help themselves, and the participation of the university community is extremely important. Therefore, the faculty and senior administration, under the chairmanship of Leon Loucks, and the support staff, co-ordinated by Russall Stewart, are organizing themselves to make individual contributions to the campaign. Alumni of U.P.E.I., Prince of Wales and St. Dunstan's are being asked to give. Parents of former and present students will also have an opportunity to support the institution's capital needs. Students will not be asked to make individual gifts to the Fund. However, the Student Council, aware of both the need for the project underway or planned, and the public

attitude engendered by student support, has discussed ways in which students may contribute to the success of the Fund.

The result of these discussions was a motion raised by Pat Duffy, S.U. President at the Jan. 21, 1973 meeting of the Student Council. Duffy moved that the Student Union support the Fund raising campaign by donating fifty cents per student for five years. The motion was defeated.

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