

Candidate speeches numerous, promises few

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Candidates may have out numbered electoral promises at Wednesday's Student Union General Meeting.

Ten candidates are currently campaigning in hopes of being elected to the four Student Union Executive Council positions. This is a change from previous years when candidates battled for four Vice President positions and

for the Presidency.

This restructuring of the council, approved last year to make money available for the hiring of another full time employee at the Student Union, has likely increase competition for these sought after student jobs.

Third year Art student, Lori Doiron, is the only candidate in the

running for Vice President Activities, and is the only candidate running unopposed.

Doiron, who has been active in various sports teams, and as a New Student Orientation Leader (NSO), says she is interested in contributing to student life. Doiron see the position of Vice President Activities, as an opportunity to increase student spirit.

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candidates are going head to head for Vice President Finance; Kent Avery, 2nd Arts student, Gordon Henley, 3rd year Business student, and Kim Tran, a 2nd year Business Student.

Henley and Tran, boasted their exhaustive academic background, and its relevance to the job. Although both refused to make empty promises and false platforms, both pledged to be responsible, accountable, and available to answer their membership's questions in regards to the Union's finances.

"There are lots of things here that I want to change, but I know most of them are out of my hands," said Henley.

Henley and Tran both recognized the importance of the Vice President Finance in the Union.

Avery, who presented an extensive account of his involvement with local, provincial and national youth groups, and who participated in the much publicized

Vancouver APEC hearings, made note of his understanding of the importance of student issues.

Avery's sees the items of his platform not as five promises, but rather as five commitments. These included to better serve the student population of UPEI, to fight tuition hikes, fiscal responsibility, increase campus spirit, and put more emphasis on communications amongst all Union members.

The position of Vice President Communications is also coveted by three students. Roger Baird, a political studies major, John Flemming and History and Economics major, and Kristin Stavert, a 3rd year Biology major, are all in the running for the job.

Stavert, who like Doiron has been an NSO leader, and who has been involved in other on and off campus activities, also refuses to make any promises.

Stavert said she was unaware of the resources and the materials which would be available to her as Vice President Internal, and therefore could not give a definite answer as to what she planned to

accomplish if elected.

Stavert relies on her drive and dedication to pull the vote.

Baird, like most candidates insisted on his willingness to work hard and on his determination to do the job right. He spoke of his involvement with the Communications Reserves, and insisted that the skills he acquired would be an asset to the position of Vice President Communication.

"[UPEI is] a small university that [has] built a big reputation," said Baird, who is committed, like most candidates, to improve communications within the Union.

Although brief in his comments, Flemming echoed his two rivals, and believes he is the person for the job.

"I think I am very approachable and have many concerns for the student body," concluded Flemming.

The Presidential race remains the most flamboyant part of the election campaign.

Bill Johnson, and BJ McCarville, both 3rd

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Senior Class Awards

The Senior Class Awards are given to those graduates who have made a contribution to the Senior Class and to UPEI. Listed below are the awards to be given out. Nomination forms are included in the Graduation Information Packages being mailed out next week. Please take the time to enter your choice of nominee for each award and return the form to the "Senior Class Box" located in the Breezeway before Friday, April 7, 2000.

Awards

- Owen MacDonald Award - Student Excellence
- Service Awards
- Spirit Award
- Class of '98 Leadership Award
- Life Executive

Please remember that nominations close on April 7, 2000. Voting will take place during Senior Week Registration on May 7, 2000. Awards will be presented at the Awards Ceremony, Friday, May 12, 2000.