

Go bananas!



Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship is having its annual

Banana Split Night

Come out on Friday, March 25, at 7:00pm to Marion Hall Lounge where Doug Woods will be addressing the subject:

"Is there a God in this suffering world?"

and after the meeting have a banana split on us (well not ON us!) Everybody's welcome!

The ninth Senate meeting of the year was held on Friday afternoon. Many issues of general concern were discussed. There will be a new course next year, Arts 321. The course will deal with a broad range of topics related to library usage. Now before anyone gets the idea that this is an "easy credit" they should consider carefully just what can be put into a course like this. The majority of Senators believe that the new course will be both challenging and beneficial to any student who chooses to enroll. There have also been new regulations proposed for the selection of departmental chairpersons. If any students are interested in finding out more about such a thing then they should see any of their student Senators or contact prof. Gary Webster (if one can find him) who chairs the committee that has brought forth the new proposals.

The Senate also discussed a new mission statement. A mission statement is the statement in the UPEI calendar that describes the university and states its intended purpose and goals. Coleman O'Hare chairs the committee charged with drafting the new statement. Some of the more colorful debates on the Senate in recent weeks were between Mr. Webster and Mr. O'Hare regarding this statement. (The above statement is intended as a personal note of thanks to both gentlemen for helping a young Senator enjoy his position a little more.) If anyone is interested in having input into that process Mr. O'Hare would be the person to contact. But do so quickly- there is not much time left (if any) for changes. The President, Dr. Eliot informed Senate that

we should begin construction on the field house by Nov. of this year. Also in his report he stated that the committee that administers the Governor General's medals "got olympic fever" and have decided to cease the practice of offering a Governor General's Gold medal to the student graduating with the highest standing in a Bachelor degree program. Instead the powers-that-be have decided to award a gold, silver, and bronze medal. The gold for a Masters program, a silver for Bachelor, and bronze for high school. Needless to say the response was quick and to the point. Dr. Eliot, even

before Senate had been formally informed, had written a strongly worded letter to the medals committee stating UPEI's disapproval of the intended changes. Also in the letter he had pointed out that UPEI had not been consulted about the changes and that they certainly do not reflect the wishes of this university. Senate approved of the action taken by our President.

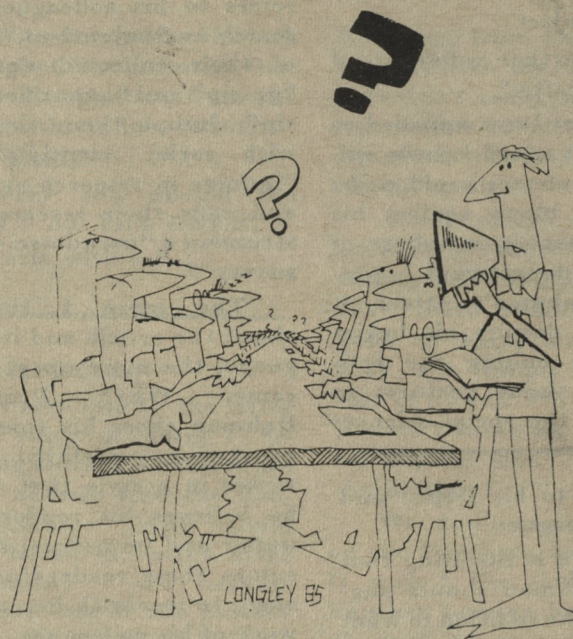
The nominating committee reported that there will be positions open on various committees this spring. The nominations for the spring openings will close on March 25th. and the recommen-

dation will be made to Senate on the 26th of April. If anyone is interested in serving on a committee or has a suggestion for a potential member they should get in contact with prof. Webster. Just a note to reassure students who would like to get involved with committee work, don't think that your talents are not sufficient for committee work. Very often the qualifications that are regarded the highest are rather simple ones; an interest in serving is often more than enough. The ARP (Academic Review and Planning) committee gave their annual report. They had a quite busy and productive year. If any students are interested in reading their report, it can be obtained by contacting a student Senator.

Two new Senators were elected and began serving their term at Friday's meeting. They are Lori Reeves and Earl Byrne, they wish to thank all of the students who voted for them and they hope to be able to serve the students of UPEI well. Nancy Lovering and Elizabeth Yeo were warmly thanked for their service over the past year. Their Senate terms were completed as of the commencement of Friday's meeting. Other Senators currently serving are Bryon Howard and myself Kevin O'Brien. Our terms will cease at the election of two senators during the Fall elections to be held in the next academic year. Also, representing the MAPUS organization on Senate is Paula Gauthier.

Students should feel free to approach any student Senator with any issues that they feel should be dealt with by the Senate. Best of luck in the upcoming exams...

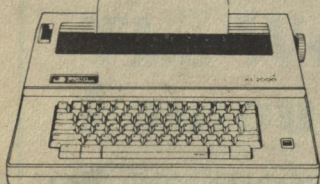
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