

BUSINESS SOCIETY . . .

Well, I suppose one is obligated to say welcome back from the March break. I hope you all enjoyed yourselves. Actually, I hope you were all bored silly; misery loves company.

Well, basking in the glow of success (a very well-attended Businessman's Dinner) this year's executive has decided to bow out, and have declared next Wednesday, March 22nd, election day. We'd like to have as many of you as possible running for positions, but I feel we owe you the truth before we ask you to commit yourselves.

Next year will be the biggest year thus far for the Business Society, and will no doubt involve more work on the part of the Executive than will any successive year for quite some time. The ordinary duties will expand slightly with increased enrolment, that is generally the recruitment and membership drive early in the year. We also hope to continue our practice of active participation in department meetings.

So much for the fun and games. Now for the work. This year's Businessman's Dinner must be considered to have been fairly successful, representing

an increase in attendance of approximately 30% - not bad for Year 2 in a venture of this nature. Although the whole event culminates in a one-evening 2-3 hour affair, needless to say, its success depends on a lot of organization work beforehand. The goal of the Business Society next year will undoubtedly be to increase attendance further and probably will do so. Anyway, I wish you luck, and recommend aspirin for the headaches which will pop up.

The UPEI Business Society has, for the last two years, participated actively in the Atlantic Conference of Business Students. Herein lies the basis for most of the work to be faced by next year's executive. For the first time, this conference will be held here at UPEI and probably in the first semester. Therefore a lot of the leg work will have to be commenced this spring and summer in preparation for next fall.

Looking back on what I've just written, I find that I've almost convinced myself that anyone would be crazy to run for a position. Now for the other side of the coin.

We in the Business department are extremely

fortunate for a number of reasons. We are housed in one of the most modern, well-equipped buildings on campus, surroundings which allow us to meet and interact with each other in considerable comfort. We are blessed with an extremely talented faculty, under the able guidance of a chairman extremely open to student participation in almost all matters. These factors have combined to make our program one of the best, if not THE BEST in the Maritimes. Participation in a leadership capacity in the Business Society is an extremely rewarding experience, and one that forms invaluable ties between the participant and his peers, the faculty and the local business community. It's clear that we are Number 1 on this campus and we will continue to be so - the Business Society Executive can play a large part in making that happen.

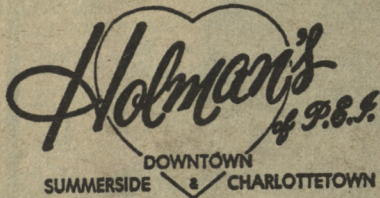
So much for the soap box routine but let me assure you that I'm sincere about every word. There's a lot of work involved, for no financial reward - but the benefit is there.

This year a large part of our Executive was made up of senior students, and I would like to see this changed next year. Let me emphasize that most of us did our best, and I believe that we got the job done. Yet the same results could have been accomplished more easily, or even improved upon, had the Executive been made up of fewer seniors and more lowerclassmen. As hard as we try to organize our time, let's face it - the rigours of Policy alone drive most

of us around the bend, without any help from the Business Society responsibilities. Please don't misunderstand my point - if you will be a senior next year, and really possess the ability to organize your time, then PLEASE run for a position, but consider carefully what you're in for.

The positions open are: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and class reps from the Senior, Junior and Sophomore classes. (Freshman picked early next year.) Nominations will have opened this Wednesday, March 15, and will close at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21. Nomination sheets can be turned into Freda Cox in Kelley before that time. Please include your name, the position for which you are running and the signatures of five other students, on each sheet. Please feel free to use posters, etc. to support your candidacy. The election will take place on Wed. March 22; you can vote at the booth in the main lobby from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The ballots will then be counted and the results will be announced that evening at a party in the Panther Lounge. The usual beer tickets will be issued to members, with a few extra for candidates. So, candidates or not, plan to attend what may be the last bash of the year under our Executive. That's in the Panther Lounge from 8-12, on Wed. March 22.

Well, that's about it for now - please consider the election carefully and in any event, don't forget to vote. Have a good week and, see you at the party!



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