



# O'Brien, Ryan face off for VP Academic



By Michael Zinck

"The opportunity presented itself"; that's why 2nd year arts student Kevin O'Brien of Charlottetow chose to run for the position of Vice-President Academic. Drawing on his experience from his time on high school council, Kevin has since then worked with CIMN radio, and at public meetings has provided considerable input to the Senate committee on long range academic planning. Until an injury sidelined him 2 years ago, Kevin played hockey for the UPEI Panthers. This spring Kevin will go to New York as a member of this years UN Model United Nations class. Kevin's main contribution to the position will be, he says, "to help create and enhance cooperation between the Student Union and

sub-organizations." He wants to be a goodwill ambassador between the two groups. Kevin major concerns are sub-organizations and CFS. He wants to ensure the sub-organizations "all get a fair shake." And he is open to the pros and cons of CFS. His concern is to "make sure the students get their money's worth out of it." WUSC and its referendum are, Kevin says, "his highest priority". He feels this is a "unique thing to the university, an international involvement in sharing our educational opportunities and resources." His other platform item is to push student involvement, as he believes that "the power of a united student body is overwhelming." As a candidate Kevin is

able to call on his wide and varied experiences both in sports and politics. He strongly believes both academic and sports endeavours are essential to a well-rounded university. On the question of initiatives, Kevin feels that the Vice-President Academic should take the responsibility and do the work involving issues in his area, though he should seek advice on difficult questions. Above all, he says, "co-operation is essential." About the issues Kevin is quite clear. As far as in-camera sessions go he is in favour of using it only when personal problems are being discussed. This is to ensure he says, "their rights are protected." He states he would vote against an in-camera session under any circumstances "when dealing with students funds, as the students have a right to know." On CFS, he will stay with it only as long as we get our money's worth. But he truly believes "the money can be better spent right here!" As to WUSC, Kevin feels he has made his position quite clear.

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"I think I can represent the students well" is why Carolyn Ryan, a 3rd year arts student from Torbay, Newfoundland, is running for the position of Vice-President Academic. Her one and a half years reporting on Senate and Student Council for the *Netted Gem* have given her a good knowledge of how student and university governments work. In addition Carolyn has sat on the Senate ad hoc Composition and procedures committee, and was a member of the spring 1984 Hiring Board. In the fall of '84 Carolyn was an applicable supervisor for the hiring and selection board. She was last years sophomore class representative on Council and has been editor of the *Netted Gem* for the past one and a half years. Carolyn's contribution to the position will be her knowledge and experience, which she will use to fulfill her concerns as Vice-President Academic. Carolyn especially wants to set up on behalf of the students a number of research

projects. As a senate member, she says "I will be speaking out for the students at Senate!" Carolyn would also like to find ways to increase ad revenue for the *Netted Gem*, and improve participation on the yearbook. As a candidate Carolyn believes that with her past experience she can "start work the day I take office." Carolyn makes it clear she is a pragmatic person and as a candidate is "promising to do only the things I know I can do." She feels the President will depend on the Vice-Presidents to take initiatives or else she believes the student union will accomplish little. "It'll be a stronger government with three people giving ideas and help," Carolyn states.

She makes it clear she will be elected "not to be led, but to get things done." On the issues ... well, in regards to in-camera sessions, Carolyn has one thing to say: "Didn't you read my editorial in the February 7 issue?" She wants in-camera to be used only for personnel matters and even then wants the Ombudsman in attendance to protect the rights of individuals. On CFS, Carolyn at present doesn't have much confidence in its lobbying power, but feels it has brought the concerns of the students before the public. Though she feels CFS is not very strong, she thinks it would only be weakened by a UPEI pullout. Says Carolyn "Instead of getting rid of it, we should work to make it stronger."

# Blacquiere, Stanley in VP Operations race

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"I see the need for improvement," and for Karen Blacquiere, a second year Arts student from North Carleton, PEI whose Student

Council experience goes back to her high school days, this is reason enough to run for the position of Vice-President Operations. Karen has past experience as student council representa-

tive for the freshman class, and two years on the Fall Fest/Winter Carnival Committee. She also worked on last year's Student Union constitution committee, and the committee which selected the food service contract. Presently Karen is chairperson of the Student Disciplinary Committee. She is also residence food representative and Vice-President of the sophomore class. Karen's contribution to the position is that she is "prepared to do the work and put in the hours needed." Her major concern is the sub-organizations. She feels they are in trouble because of failed pubs. She would like sub-organizations to earn part of their money from "activities which are special to each club." Karne want sub-organizations to get more guidance from the Student Union; they need to be given a set of guidelines and told what help is available to them, she declares. Sub-organizations, she

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"It seemed the right thing to do", is the way Bob Stanley, a third year Arts student from Charlottetown describes his reason for running for the position of Vice-President Operations. And indeed, he has put in many hours on various organizations over his years at UPEI. He has held the paid positions of News and Operations Director at CIMN, and has worked on the building of CIMN from its early years when it was located on 4th floor Main. He has been a member of the Orientation Committee for three years running. This year he is working on the staff of the *Netted Gem*. His biggest piece of work to date was as producer of "The Tempest" for UPEI's theatre society. A little on the wild side, Bob was one of this year's well-known Panthermariettes, seen at all the soccer games. Yet Bob is serious about the work, as his contribution to the position of VP Operations. Bob wants to

"get more people involved in the Student Union," and he says, "I feel it is really bad that most of next years Council got in by acclamation." To change this, he believes that freshmen must get in-

involved in the activities and clubs on campus. His other main concern is to explore methods to help sub-organizations raise money. As he says "due to

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