

# Record turnout for elections

By John Pendergast

ante Braam describes it as record turnout for Student Union elections.

According to this year's electoral officer, a total of 933 votes were cast, amounting for 55.8% of the student population.

People are describing it as probably the most successful student election in a Canadian university thus far.

The victors for the Student Union executive positions were Michelle (Titch) Dorsey as President, Howard Beattie as Vice-President Internal, Les Smith as Vice-President External, and Kenny Mutter as Treasurer.

In the Senate running the elected candidates were Norman Beck and Gordon Webb.

Newly elected faculty representatives include Mary McCarville (Arts), Patty MacAdam (Arts), Tracy Pendergast (Arts), Kevin Sener (Business), and Ken Matters (Business).

Now that she's been elected, Michelle Dorsey hopes to increase student involvement in the Student Union, and reminds the student body to us the power it has at its disposal to improve things.

Michelle describes her SU executive counterparts as very approachable and capable individuals.

VP External-elect Les Smith wants to enhance student volunteer work, and arrange a student discount program with local cab companies for the coming year. Les hopes the newly-elected SU executive will

work as a team.

The VP External designate Howard Beattie intends to improve cooperation between the SU, its various sub-organizations, and Student Services.

The newly-elected Treasurer Kenny Mutter was unavailable for comment, due to the Businessman's Dinner taking place Wednesday evening downtown.

All the elected candidates thank the voters and the people who worked directly for their campaigns.

In general, they hope to carry out as much of their platform as possible and

hope the new Student Union executive can work together efficiently for students next year.

Current Student Union President Jack Keefe says he's pleased with the winning candidates and hopes they will form a competent team in 1984-85.

In Keefe's opinion, the election issues remained the same: for example, the SU being accessible to the student body and elitism in the SU. He thinks therefore, that students voted not for issues, but for individuals they though would best represent them.

Runners-up Randy Gass, Marc Doiron, and company congratulate the winning candidates and wish them the best of luck in the future.

Some factors deciding this year's election results were, as usual, the infamous engineering voting bloc and the residence vote.

Most agree that it was a clean campaign without any cheap shots or mud-slinging.

Winners and losers alike in the 1984-85 Student Union elections can take pride in the fact that they may have helped UPEI to set a Canadian record.



Our sincere apologies. A portion of film containing VP External Les Smith's photograph, among others, could not be developed.

# Senate delays Island Institute

The UPEI Senate has tabled motion to establish an Institute of Island Studies. Ian MacDonald, who chairs the committee which proposed the institute, sought Senate's approval in principle at a February 16 meeting, in order to facilitate fund-raising for the program until Senate feels ready to completely endorse it.

MacDonald says the institute would "focus on the province and on ways of bringing together resources to look at the province."

The committee defined seven proposed activities for Island Studies: offering academic courses in the university, providing continuing education for members of "communities from North Cape to East Point", contributing to research and public policy on island-related problems, promoting Island culture, developing community vitality

through education and increased communication, planning new initiatives in P.E.I. museums and natural sciences collections and publishing.

Some projects include a study of recent damage to the sand dune systems of P.E.I., a \$56,000 fisheries book, assistance in the founding of community heritage organizations, and the Lord report on Island museums.

The institute would have a budget of \$93,000 in its first year of operation, but MacDonald, who as Director of Extension would work with the Institute's full-time chairman, is asking for only space, heat, and light from the university.

Funds for salaries, project capital, supplies, and operating costs will come from sources outside the university, says MacDonald.

For example, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, the

Canada Council, the Secretary of State, the Prince Edward Island government, and private foundations have expressed an interest in contributing.

However, some of these sources need a commitment from the university before granting funds.

Hence MacDonald's request for approval in principle.

Senators tabled the motion, though, after citing worries that the institute may in some way divert research funds from non-Island studies within the university.

This decision was reached in spite of MacDonald's reminder to Senators that his proposal does not involve research projects brought to the UPEI Research Committee being given preference for funding.

The Island Studies proposal will now go back to its

committee to be further "fleshed out" before being brought back to Senate.

MacDonald estimates this will take three months.

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# CAMPUS COMMUNITY

## Board rep needed

Candidates are being sought for a Board of Governors by-election on March 22.

The elected student representative must sit on the Board of Governors, the SU Council, and required committees of the B O F G.

## Ad jobs open

The UPEI Student Union is looking for an advertising manager and an assistant ad manager for the 1984-85 school year.

Applications available at the Barn. Deadline is March 23.

## From one to another

The UPEI Student Union Council has granted \$50 to the David Thompson Student Society.

David Thompson is a liberal arts college of 500 students in Nelson, B.C. The provincial government has announced the closing of the school as part of its restraint program.

The college is asking for donations in its battle to remain open.

## Apply for degrees

All full-time and part-time students who expect to graduate in May 1984 are reminded that they must make application for a certificate, diploma, or degree.

Application forms are available in the Registrar's office and must be completed before March 15. The graduation fee of \$10 for a certificate or a diploma, and \$35 for a degree, must be paid by Monday, April 16.

## Spa Draw organized

The UPEI Model United Nations delegation is holding a Spa Draw. Tickets for the free membership are \$1 and are available from delegation members.

The draw will be held on March 15.

## Gold medal nominations

Nominations for the Henry Birks & Sons Gold Medal are now being accepted, says the Registrar's office.

This medal is awarded to a graduating student who has demonstrated an outstanding degree qualities of scholarship and leadership within the University community.

Recommendations for this award may be made by any member of the University community to the Awards Committee by 30 March.

Winners of the Governor General's Gold and Silver Medals will not be eligible for this award.

Recommendations and supporting material will be received in the Registrar's office for onward transmission to the Awards Committee up to **Friday, 30 March 1983.**

## Wanted: MAPUS execs

Nominations are now being accepted for the following positions in the Mature and Part-time University Students organization (MAPUS):

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Please forward candidates' names to Olive Bryanton, c/o MAPUS, Box 39, U.P.E.I., C1A 4P3. Closing date for nominations is March 22. Elections will be held during the monthly meeting, Sunday, March 25th at 7:30 p.m., Faculty Lounge. All welcome.