

Humanities Ass'n May Form On Campus

Professor Graeme Decarie is heading a drive to form a Charlottetown chapter of the Humanities Association of Canada.

He recently received a reply from Gerald Morgan, President of the Association, which stated that forming a Charlottetown chapter of

HAC would be a simple matter.

Constitutionally, it is possible to form a chapter with twenty members with a President and Secretary. Membership is open to all disciplines of study and faculty, students, and general public may join.

Meetings are usually held once a month, and usually involve presentation of a paper followed by discussion. Topics under discussion are usually quite broad, states Decarie, and no discipline of study should feel that it is excluded. The National Executive of HAC arranges for

speakers whenever possible.

Fees for national membership are \$3.00, and \$1.00 is usually added to this figure for local expenses. Membership entitles a chapter to receive the Association's monthly magazine "Bulletin", and the chapter may send voting delegates to regional

and national conferences; their expenses paid by the Association.

Professor Decarie is asking that interested parties leave their names in his mailbox, and has indicated that he will hold a meeting as soon as he has approximately a dozen names.

A MUD ELEPHANT WADING THROUGH THE SEA

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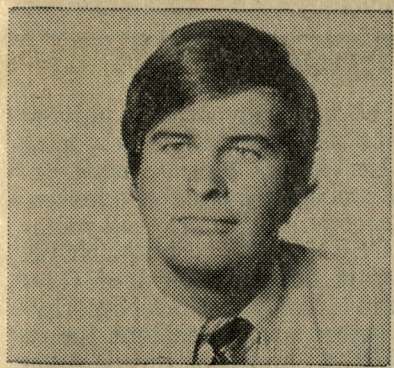
KEAVENY, LYNCH, WIN BY ACCLAMATION

7 POSITIONS STILL VACANT

U. P. E. I. S. U. Elections In Progress

Several nasty surprises awaited UPEI students when Student Union election nominations closed last Friday at 5:00 p.m.

Only seven of the 18 council positions were contested, with no more than two candidates for each position.



PRES. J. KEAVENY

There was only one candidate each for Union President and External Vice-President. No one ran for Vice-

President Comptroller. Senator and Freshman Arts had only one candidate each.

Student Ombudsman Paul Poirier named John Keaveny Union President and Paul Lynch External Vice-President by acclamation, while Senior and Freshman Arts went to Gary MacLeod and William Corcoran respectively under the same ruling.

The seven positions still open are: Vice-President Comptroller, Freshman Science, Senior Science, and Education. Nominations are expected to be re-opened for these positions very shortly after the conclusion of today's election.

Keaveny indicated that it was regrettable that no one wished to contest the Presidency, as a contest would have made students more aware of the problems and

policies the new union will have to deal with.

Several students expressed disgust over what they felt to be an extreme tendency of students to become totally uninvolved with issues that vitally concern them. "What the hell can you do for them if they (the students) won't go to meetings, won't participate in programs, and won't support elections" said one observer at the Student Union office as nominations were disclosed after the 5 o'clock Friday deadline.

The contested positions are: **Executive:** Internal Vice-President: Bea Keaveny and John Morrison; Treasurer: Charles Day and Danny Tweel. **Representatives:** Engineering: Gary MacCaull and Kenneth Montgomery; Junior-Senior Business: Bill LeClair and Jerry Brimcombe; Junior Arts: Susan

Sherwood and Ralph MacDonald; Sophomore Arts: Brian Pollard and Myrtle MacNevin; Freshmen Science David Gallant and Lawrence Lacey.

Concerned students have expressed that they hope the lack of candidates does not indicate that the majority of UPEI students will ignore participating and voting in this election. It was stated that lack of participation in student elections and student affairs in general would be launching the first year of the new Students' Union in the new university on a very bad start.

One concerned student said that "it is important that students become interested and involved now, as the next few years will determine how much influence students can exercise in the new university."

Candidates have expressed hope that as many students as possible will vote in today's election. One stated that "there should be no excuse for a student withholding his vote on election day. The ballot boxes are easily accessible to students on both campuses and even if a student has a full class schedule, it should be no trouble to take a little time out between classes to pass in his or her ballot."

He went on to state that all candidates are making special efforts to acquaint their constituents of their policies and that lack of knowledge should not prevent a student from voting.

The new council will hold its first meeting on Monday, Nov. 10, at 7 p.m. in Duffy Amphitheatre. All students may attend.

PHELAN RESIGNS FROM SENATE

"I have resigned because UPEI students are not really considered in the Senate", said student senator Reg Phelan following his resignation from the University Senate at its bi-monthly meeting held October 29, at Montgomery Hall.

His resignation followed a defeat of a Senate Committee on Committees motion which would have allowed students to choose their representatives on the various Senate sub-committees.

The Committee on Committees adopted its resolution at a Senate meeting held several weeks ago. Student senator Dennis MacKay said "our decision did not come about as the result of a formal vote, but as the result of a consensus of opinion".

He further stated that the motion, if adopted,

would have allowed students "to determine who their representatives would be on the Senate sub-committees. As it stands presently, student members on these sub-committees will be Senate appointees."

When the resolution was tabled by the Committee October 29, it was defeated by a majority of administration and faculty members who felt that such a move would increase factionalism within the Senate and because the committees would be solely composed of senators, their appointment should come from within the Senate.

A majority of student senators and several faculty members supported the Committee's motion. Following a lengthy argument between the two factions, and after consulting his student colleagues, Phelan submitted his resignation, as he

felt that the Senate's actions in defeating the motion made the student senators ineffective members of that body as they could not express the wishes of their constituents.

Reactions of other senators to Phelan's resignation were mixed: according to reports, one other student senator considered resigning; most students on the Senate were disappointed that the motion do not pass, but felt that they should remain part of the Senate. Feeling among the administration and faculty members seemed to indicate that Phelan's resignation might make students look irresponsible and would undermine the power already possessed by student legislators.

One student senator, Dennis MacKay stated that "It's not doing one damn bit of

good to have students on the Senate; at least with the existing student proportions on the Senate. All it does is merely legitimize, in the eyes of the majority of students, decisions made by administration and faculty."

He stated further that: "If students think that they play a meaningful role in decision making, they are being deceived; the fact is that six students in a senate of 24 are about as useful as a snowball in hell."

He also remarked that he might also resign but "wants to see what happens to committee structuring at one more meeting."

Senator MacKay also stated that he feels unless students are granted a greater role in decision-making by faculty and administration, decisions will have to be made outside existing structures.

"Summing up", he said, "I hope that students here should not have to resort to confrontation, but unless there is a legitimate sharing of power among administration, students and faculty, there will be no other course of action to take."

Several students have said that Phelan's resignation was a meaningless gesture, as he held his senate position by virtue of his position as Internal Vice-President of the Student's Union, which he would have to vacate almost immediately due to elections for a new student's union council. Mr. Phelan has stated, however, that it was the principle behind his resignation rather than the resignation itself which led to his course of action.

New elections for student senators will take place Nov. 7.