

# U.P.E.I. Debating

A group of interested students met with Claudia Mitchell to discuss the following:

- (a) organization/structure of a debating society
  - (b) brainstorming of possible activities in which such an organization might be involved.
- As a result of the discussion on organization, an "acting" executive came into being:
- President: Luke Triantafillou  
 Vice-President: Barry Linkletter  
 Secretary: Vivian Dykerman  
 Treasurer: Sharon Coyle  
 Communications Coordinator: Gweneth Branch-Rice  
 Social Convenor: Zain Esseghaier  
 Programme Committee: Shawn Naylor  
 Zain Esseghaier  
 Phil Stanyer

This "acting" executive is willing to attend meetings with the Faculty Steering Committee.

On the basis of the "brainstorming" the following activities were suggested:

- involvement with local high schools — with the possibility of a public debate between U.P.E.I.

and one of the high schools during National University Week, Oct. 19-27;

- debating clinics — to become familiar with a variety of debating styles;
- sponsoring a province-wide debating tournament at U.P.E.I. which would involve local high schools;
- impromptu "speechmaking" on a regular basis;
- sponsoring interfaculty debates at noon-time in Robertson Library coffee shop;
- sponsoring a debate involving teachers/professors;
- U.P.E.I. students debating at a high school assembly. Luke T. will contact Leo Broderick of Col. Gray (provincial coordinator of debating) to look into the possibility of setting up a debate in October during National University Week.

Claudia Mitchell will pass on all of this information to the Faculty Steering Committee.

# MAPUS

MAPUS, the Mature and Part-Time University Students Organization met on Monday, September 23. There was a very good turnout of students. The meeting was chaired by the President, Olive Bryanton and topics discussed were: fee structure, office space, athletics and representation on Student Council. By the way, MAPUS handbooks are now available and they cover everything you will want to know from athletics to university structure. They may be picked up at Student Services or the Department of Extension, Main Building.

Our new business included putting together a brief regarding late afternoon and evening core courses, University Week ideas, and class representatives.

We are pleased to be sending representatives to the Canadian Organization for Part-Time Students (COPUS) Conference, to be held in St. John's, Newfoundland next month.

During the meeting a committee was formed to organize two workshops. Topics of interest included stress management and degree program planning. In addition, Vivian Dyker-

man was elected Student Council representative. Connie Auld has resigned as Vice-President and Cliff Foster will occupy this position for this term.

There was interest expressed in forming a U.P.E.I. Badminton Club. It will be open to all part-time and full-time students and faculty. Our first event will take place, Sunday, October 20, 7:30-10:00 p.m. in the U.P.E.I. Gym. Birds and racquets will be provided. For further information contact, Cliff Foster at 566-1277 or Vince Mulligan at 566-0481 (Athletic Department).

Other activities available on campus to part-time and mature students, include: tennis, free skating, a Keep Fit Program for Women (M, W, F, 11:30-12:30) and Aerobics (12:00-1:00).

After our meeting was adjourned, we all enjoyed a social coffee.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 21, 5:30-6:30 pm in the Faculty Lounge. Be sure to make this date on your calendar. See you at the next meeting. New members are welcome anytime.

# WUSC Meets

WUSC-UPEI is sponsoring a Caravan Sale this weekend. This event is a sale of handicrafts made by cooperatives in the Third World. The handicrafts have been sent on a Maritime loop to all universities in the area with Local Committees. Profits of the sale will be sent back to the co-operatives. This means co-op members will be helping to develop their own economy.

The crafts on sale are many and varied. Prices range from \$1 to \$200, with the average being \$8-\$12. There are wood carvings, rugs, bronze, ivory, woven baskets, and much more. The sale will be a great chance to do some early Christmas shopping so please come out and support the Caravan.

Caravan will be located in the main lounge of Robertson Library on Thursday from 3:00-10:00 P.M., and in the Charlottetown Mall across from the Bank of Montreal on Friday from 3:00-10:00 and Saturday, 10:00-3:00.

The students at UPEI are making a difference. Last

year, in a referendum, we voted overwhelmingly in favour of giving \$2.00 each from our annual fees to establish a permanent refugee scholarship fund. This fund was the basis by which the WUSC-UPEI Local Committee was able to bring one person to UPEI to study this academic year.

The people sponsored in this program are recognized by the UN High Commission on Refugees as individuals who cannot return to their countries. If they did, they would be in mortal danger. When these refugees come to Canada, they are given landed immigrant status and are supported by the Local Committee for one year. After that point, they are to support themselves through work-term earnings, student loans, academic scholarships, etc.

The students at UPEI are the largest supporters of this program. All of us have contributed \$2.00. Anyone who is interested in getting more actively involved is welcome to attend the Local Committee's meetings.

# Baha'i Studies

The board of the Association for Baha'i Studies at UPEI held their election of officers on Sept. 22. Vida Missaghian was elected chairman and Ritchie Rolfe as secretary. The other members of the board are Fariba Aghdassi, Merhnoosh, Aghdassi and Danielle Bruneau.

On Wednesday, October 9, at 6:00 p.m. in RL 04 (library), the Association will be giving a public presentation on the "Oneness of Man". Although this concept is shared and felt by many of the peoples and organizations in the world, the question often arises, as to how do we make mankind as one? How do we prove this hypothesis? Baha'is are devoted to proving this and are seeking nothing short of the unification of mankind. This unity that Baha'is throughout the world are striving to attain, is not a unity of uniformity, but rather of diversity. The diverse cultures of the world are not seen as impediments, or stumbling blocks toward unity, but as an enrichment to a culture and an experience of world society. As important as culture is, that the love of man to man should transcend the differences. Baha'u'llah (founder of the Baha'i Faith) wrote that, "... It is incumbent on you to be even

as one soul, to walk with the same feet, eat with the same mouth, and dwell in the same land, that from your inmost being, by your deeds and actions, the signs of oneness and the essence of detachment may be made manifest."

Despite the fact that more and more people the world over are coming to think of mankind as one, there are many who are opposed to it. Baha'is attribute the absence of brotherhood to nothing more than ignorance and fear of those who are different. During the past 6000 years there have been wars waged due to religious, racial, political or patriotic prejudice. This only proves that prejudice is a purely destructive force.

Baha'is see that the divisions that are now so apparent as being a result of man's negative actions in the past can be easily be reversed into positive actions.

In reversing these actions, a realization that science and religion are not at odds with each other, but rather are in conformity. Anything else is either destructive or more superstition. Equal rights and privileges for men and



women are another requirement to aid in establishing mankind's oneness. Baha'is also believe that there is only

one God and that His prophets are one. The Spirit of Truth that was manifest in each one was the same, although the speakers were different. Any division that has been made in the past was due to man, not the prophet.

These are just a mere sample of how Baha'is see that mankind is one and how necessary the principles are to each other in the whole process of realizing how close we actually are. These will be expressed more indepthly at the public talk which was previously mentioned. For further information contact Nadim at 892-1880, Ritchie at 892-9970, or leave a message at the Barn to the ABS at UPEI.

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