

# The M.A.P.U.S. Connection

## for Mature and Part-time Students

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Now is your chance to get involved in a fast growing segment of the student population at UPEI! The executive met last week to decide on a date for the MAPUS annual general meeting. It has been scheduled for Wednesday March 24th at 12:30 in the Mapus Lounge. All mature and part-time students are invited. Pizza will be served.

Elections for the executive positions for next year's Mapus Board will be on the agenda. The current executive members are Wylie Hall, President, Janice Muir Vice-President, James O'Holloran as Secretary-Treasurer, John MacBeth as Student Council Rep and Liz Statts as Senate Rep. All of these positions are open and nominations will be accepted until March 19 at noon. If you are interested, or know someone who can do a really good job representing mature and part-time students on campus, please let a member of the executive know.

Other items discussed at the executive meeting last week include the status of the MAPUS scholarship fund, fundraising initiatives, and making plans for the future. If any students have any suggestions for this year's convocation celebration or for orientation for next year, please drop in and let us know.

The tax information session that had been planned for early March has been cancelled. The consensus was that there

was not enough students interested and that trying to get a good time to fit everyone's schedule would mean holding more than one meeting. Maybe next year folks.

The joke this week comes from the Laugh-a-Lot daily joke website. It is entitled "In a Foreign Land."

A story about a student named Donald MacDonald from the Isle of Skye, who was admitted at the prestigious Oxford University, and was now living in the hall of residence in his first year there. His clan was so excited that one of their own had made it into the upper class of education, but were concerned how he'd do in "that strange land." After the first month, his mother came to visit (no doubt carrying reinforcements of whiskey and oatmeal.)

"And how do you find the English students, Donald?" she asked.

"Mother," he replied in his thick brogue, "they're such terrible noisy people. The one on that side keeps banging his head against the wall, and won't stop. The one on the other side screams and screams and screams, way into the night."

"Oh Donald! How do you manage to put up with these awful noisy English neighbours?"

"Mother, I do nothing. I just ignore them. I just stay here quietly, playing my bagpipes."

The first quote this week comes from Alan Magid. He says "we love and we learn, but sadly at different rates."

Ann Bancroft is responsible for the second quote. "The best way to get husbands to do something is to suggest that perhaps they're too old to do it."

And from a child's perspective:

The teacher asks why the student was late. Webster replies that it is because of the sign. She asks, "what sign?" He replies, "the one that says, "School Ahead. Go Slow."

Hope everyone enjoyed the break. See you next week!

*The Mapus Connection is a column dedicated to promoting the ideas and suggestions of mature and part-time students at UPEI. For submissions, Janice Muir can be reached at (902) 853-4042 or at <jmuiradvertising@hotmail.com>*

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