

LETTERS ...



INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR

Dear Fellow Students:

It is once again time that I remind you that 1985 is International Youth Year, as designated by the United Nations.

The year has been jam-packed with events designed by and for young people across this country and all over the world. It is designed for youth to express our concerns on the future world we stand to inherit. A broad range of concerns stand before us. Everything from our future careers to the escalation of the arms race are concerns for the youth of today.

The UPEI Student Union is playing its part in International Youth Year by hosting several events: A UPEI Human Rights Conference is to be held the weekend of September 27-29. For information on this conference please contact Michael Zinck at 566-5120. Michael had done a lot of work in the past few months on this conference, which is financed by a \$1500.00 grant from the Secretary of State.

Another event in the works is the P.E.I. Youth Invitational Conference to be held here from October 17-20. This event is intended to draw on many youth in the province; and the students of UPEI are the hosts. The conference is an attempt to address the future for Island youth in relation to social, political and economic change. Much organization has already been done on this conference both by the Student Union and by representatives of other youth groups in P.E.I. The provincial Secretary of State has approved a grant of \$3000.00 for the conference and has forwarded the proposal to the federal Ministry of Youth for final approval. If you want information on the conference, or wish to help out, please contact Gordon Cobb at 566-0398 in the Student Union office.

This conference will stand as a part of "Our Present Future-The Future of Work" lecture series, coordinated nationally by

the Canadian Federation of Students - Services. This series consists of well-known Canadian experts speaking on future work issues and is complemented by locally-based events. The UPEI Student Union has received \$1800.00 to organize the series on campus. This money will be made available by the Federal Secretary of State. If you are interested or wish to offer assistance, please contact Carolyn Ryan at 566-0648. These events have been planned and organized for you, the students of UPEI. Please come out and use your talents in the organization of these events, come forth with your ideas, or at least participate in the events as they occur. Do your best to make International Youth Year a success and to improve the image of our University. Good luck in your studies and all of your pursuits during the year. Hope to see you soon!

Sincerely yours,

Gordon Cobb
SU President

V.P. Operations

Dear Students:

Now that the hardest part of starting university is over (paying our tuition), and classes have started, it is time to begin thinking about getting involved in other aspects of university life.

University involvement can be very rewarding; for example, look at the success of Orientation. Parker Grimmer and Betty Johnston deserve thanks and praise for the success of Orientation. Parker, Betty and the rest of the Committee put many hours into this event and their effort certainly did show through. Congratulations also go to Mark Griffith and Scott Ferris, for the time and effort they put into Shinerama. The freshmen set a new record for money raised from this event - congratulations!

I also want to welcome all new and returning bartenders, campus police, and staff to the Student Union Building. Their hours really have helped the operation run smoothly.

My aim for this year is to improve communication with the university community. I am for this reason organizing

encouraging everyone to have a say in what goes on at the university. The first meeting is Thursday, September 19, at 6:00 p.m., in the Panther Lounge.

Good luck to all groups including the *Netted Gem*, CIMN, the yearbook, and all sub-organizations. I hope that this year will be very successful. Drop by or give me a call at 566-0648, because I am looking forward to meeting and talking to a lot of people.

Karen Blacquiere
V.P. Operations

Needs a Friend

Dear Students:

I am presently confined at the Michigan Dunes Correc-

tional Facility and I'd be very grateful if I could perhaps establish regular correspondence with anyone wishing to do so.

Please understand, that just because I'm in prison I am not necessarily a criminal.

We can all make a mistake because imperfection is in all of us. But nothing can change a particular situation unless there is a will to do so. Is God the only one that forgives? I am just a man of low and humble station who is venturing to have a friend.

Alphonso Hayes 179535

Michigan Dunes Correctional Facility

Contact the Editor for the complete address)

a committee called the Social Committee or Events Planner. This committee will get ideas from all over campus,

There's more than one way to to run...

UPEISU Fall Elections

Nominations open on September 12 at 9 a.m. for the following positions on the 1985-86 SU Council:

Two Senate reps

One Board of Governors rep

One Science rep

One Education rep

Ombudsman

Nominations close September 23 at 5 p.m. The election will be held on October 1 and 2.

Remember last year?

This time, get in on the fun yourself. Also, a referendum on constitutional amendments, including an entirely new set of election procedures, will be held on October 1 and 2. Copies are to be available at the Barn on Tuesday, or can be read in an upcoming Gem.

Changes to election procedures to be voted upon, too.

CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS

UPEI's Student Union Council will get some extra instruction in government lobbying next week, as Judy Guthrie, Atlantic fieldworker for the Canadian Federation

of Students, starts a four-day PEI tour.

Guthrie has held the position for one and a half years, and helped last year's Council plan its campaign against cuts in federal government student

employment programs.

She will visit both UPEI and Holland College while in Charlottetown, and can be reached through the Student Union office from September 16 to 19.

Seniors

Senior Class Meeting:

A meeting for the Senior Class will be held on Monday September 16, at 6:00 p.m.

The Senior Class Executive will be voted on at this meeting, so a good turnout is needed. The concerns all Senators, so please try to attend.



U.P.E.I. DEBATING SOCIETY

One of the objectives of a University education is to develop in students the ability to organize information, to draw conclusions from organized information and to communicate such information and conclusions effectively.

Debating is an excellent means of acquiring such skills and of having fun at the same time. You need not have had previous debating experience; you need not be planning a career in the law or in politics! You need only have an interest in improving your skills in collecting, organizing and presenting information in a disciplined manner.

A U.P.E.I. Debating Society is being formed to bring together students with such interests. Membership in the Society does not require that you be a debater but it does offer you opportunities to speak in public and to debate at the intramural and intermural levels and to compete annually for a prize and trophies donated by the SDU Class of 1954, a class which produced an excellent debating team.

For more information, contact —
Dr. Claudia Mitchell
Education Faculty
telephone: 566-0341

I am interested in the U.P.E.I.
Debating Society

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Address _____

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