

Search committee announces candidates for UPEI Presidency

Students encouraged to participate in selection process

By KAREN RAWLINES

A final list of four candidates for the position of UPEI President has been identified by the presidential search committee.

Committee co-chairs Debbie MacLellan and Bob Gray announced the names of the short-listed candidates on March 2. As part of the selection process, each will participate in meetings on campus, and will also make a public presentation at UPEI over the next few weeks.

The short-listed candidates are Dr. Dianne Common of the University of Regina, Dr. Lawrence Heider, current Acting Presi-

dent of UPEI, Wade MacLauchlan of UNB, and Dr. Deborah Poff of the University of Northern British Columbia. The committee says it received approximately 50 nominations and applications from candidates across Canada and internationally.

The presidential selection committee consists of ten members, representing faculty, alumni, students and community members. It was assigned the task of recommending a candidate for the position in October, following the leave of former president Dr. Elizabeth Epperly, who resigned due to health reasons.

The candidates' public presentations have been scheduled (*see sidebar*). MacLellan strongly urges the community at large – and especially students – to attend these presentations.

"The last time there was a presidential search, a meeting was held in the Pit, but it wasn't well attended," she says.

The presentations will consist of a 30 to 45 minute speech discussing the challenges and opportunities facing UPEI as it moves into the 21st century, a topic previously issued to the candidates by the search committee. The speeches will be followed by a question and an-

swer period.

Individuals who attend the presentations are invited to submit responses to the candidates' presentations. These will play a large role in the final selection process, according to MacLellan. "It's really important for the larger campus to have input in this decision," she says.

The candidates' curriculum vitae are on reserve in the Robertson Library for those interested in researching the finalists prior to their prepared presentations.

MacLellan is pleased with the progress of the selections thus far.

"Everything's moving along great," she says. "We

hope to make the decision early in April." The position is expected to begin as of July 1, with the length of the term to be negotiated.

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The Finalists On Campus

Dr. Dianne Common

Thursday March 11 & Friday, March 12.

Public presentation in K. C. Irving Centre's Lecture Theatre at 7:30pm on Thursday, March 11.

Dr. Larry Heider

Tuesday, March 16 and Wednesday, March 17.

Public Presentation in K. C. Irving Centre's Lecture Theatre at 7:30pm on Tuesday March 16.

Dr. Deborah Poff

Monday, March 22 and Tuesday, March 23.

Public Presentation in K.C. Irving Centre's Lecture Theatre at 7:30pm on Monday, March 22

Mr. Wade MacLachlan

Monday, March 29 and Tuesday, March 30.

Public Presentation in K. C. Irving Centre's Lecture Theatre at 7:30pm on Monday, March 29.

Written responses to the candidates' presentations may be sent to:

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Good times at this year's Winter Carnival

By CYNTHIA DENNIS

Traditionally, UPEI's Winter Carnival is supposed to involve magnificent sculptures and plenty of snow. This carnival, however, did not.

This year's organizers were forced to improvise with unfortunate weather conditions, and thankfully came through to deliver an excellent concert and 820 litres of Jell-O.

When Matt McQuaid and Tyler Dougan sat down to help plan this event, one of their main objectives was to make sure they came up with activities that were suitable for students under 19 (the legal drinking age).

Fortunately for the 60 per cent of UPEI's population that falls under this category, this was an area where they were successful.

"It's important to have activities that first and second year students can get involved in and get excited about, mainly because they are the ones who will be building the school spirit in years to come," explains Dougan. "Everyone worked really hard at trying to make this successful. This year was the best planned we've seen it in a while; we just hope it keeps up."

Jell-O wrestling kicked off the week, an event that started out as a joke but was transformed into reality. Organizers soon found them-

selves making garbage cans full of the special ordered gelatin treat so they could haul it upstairs at the Barn to put in their makeshift ring, constructed from hay bails, tarp and crash mats. This was a huge crowd pleaser.

According to McQuaid, between about 115 people showed up to watch the three different matches. Some of the competitors even had choreographed routines and theme music.

Tuesday night's Talent show was a replacement for "Sex with Sue," Matt explains in a rather disappointed tone. "Even though there wasn't a big crowd, the 40 people that showed up had

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