

Council holds record meet

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The controversial Education Committee Budget was still the topic of debate at a record six-hour council meeting at Duffy Auditorium last Wednesday.

The cause of it all was a petition which was presented to council by a student group called "The no-longer Silent Majority" which wished drastic amendments to the Committee's budget.

The 379 - name petition recommended that certain projects could be handled better by other agencies than an Education committee. Fear was also expressed that the committee's program would become "leftist" oriented, and recommended that committee programs and finances be directly under council control.

The petition also expressed concern that the Education Committee was attempting to claim that they were representative of the entire student body and that its founders were "known Leftists", whose programs might prove detrimental to the student body.

The real battle began when petition spokesman Paul Poirier attempted to have the petition passed intact by council. The motion was defeated, and council proceeded to debate the petition's clauses section by section. A five-hour marathon debate followed which lasted almost until 4 o'clock the next morning.

Accusations and insults were exchanged by both fac-

tions as debate began, and at one point President John Keaveny was forced by council to retract a statement he made against supporters of the petition. Supporters of both sides refused compromise conditions, which continually prevented any definite conclusion.

In the midst of the debate, President Keaveny asked for permission to bring up the suggestion that he resign. Seconded by Poirier, council accepted the suggestion, and Poirier read Keaveny's request that he be relieved of the Presidency.

In the letter, Keaveny said that he felt he no longer could command the confidence of the student body and asked that the council carefully consider its decision whether or not to accept his resignation.

After a lengthy debate, council rejected Keaveny's request and expressed a vote of confidence for his policies and actions as President. Several observers felt Keaveny was trying to force through his measures by threatened resignation.

Debate then continued on the Education Budget until 3 a.m. when the budget was finally accepted with minor revisions.

The remaining period was used to discuss several other budget proposals. The Engineering Society Budget was chopped from \$800 to \$300, and plans for a feasibility study of a Radio UPEI and a Student Union Building were passed.

MacKAY WALKS OUT OF SENATE

by marjorie stevenson

A second student senator may resign from UPEI's academic Senate.

Senior student Dennis MacKay walked out of Wednesday's Senate meeting after stating "If senate doesn't believe that students have enough experience to handle Senate problems . . . then they shouldn't be allowed on Senate."

He was referring to a Senate initial rejection of student-faculty parity on the Student - Faculty Academic Planning Committee. Discussion on this topic ensued after his departure. The nominating committee later recommended that the student advisory committee be composed of two administration, two faculty, and four students.

Mr. MacKay was unavailable for comment, but is believed to have re-considered his actions and may return to the Senate at its request.

President Baker introduced the information that the Board of Governors has ruled that all non-academic regulations will fall under Senate jurisdiction. The Senate decided under this ruling that the "Student Judiciary Committee" should handle all matters of student discipline. If extreme legal issues are involved, these issues will in future be presented to the Senate.

The Christmas grading system was discussed with a decision to leave the present percentage system as is until after the new year when implementation of the new system previously discussed would be re-considered.



Poverty Committee meeting Monday night at the Basilica Recreation Centre at 8:00 o'clock.

(Maclean photo)

STUDENTS WILL ADVISE DEPARTMENTS

Recently there has been a move within some of the departments at UPEI to allow students to participate in departmental decision-making.

Professor Smitheram of the Philosophy Department disclosed that two students with full voting rights will be

elected December 5. They will help decide what type of representation students wish, the agreed-upon number will then aid in departmental decision-making.

The Economics Department says that they are working through an economics club,

which is discussing the possibility of students with full voting rights participating in departmental meetings. Nobody participated in the first organizational meeting that was called, but Professor O'Connell stated that another meeting would be called soon.

English Department head Dr. Coyle said "We are considering it", when asked if students would take part in a decision-making process. He feels that a Major's association might be feasible where students could participate, but not make departmental policy.

In the Physics Department, six students were asked to participate in decision-making along with faculty.

Business students are already involved in decision-making through a departmental society, said Business professor Mr. Revell, who further stated that there should be little disagreement between students and faculty, as both had common goals. He said that at the present time, numbers of representatives were not considered.

XMAS EXAMS COMPULSORY

The UPEI senate has decreed that all students shall take Christmas examinations, and that the mode and recording of evaluation will be done by the individual professor.

The November 19 meeting also decided that grades given by professors should be easily convertible into a system which will be used by the registrar's office.

The new grading system will use the letters A, B, C, D and F instead of number grades.

It was also decided that exams in non-terminal courses should not take place after December 10, and that exams in terminal courses be held no later than Dec. 16.