

English Majors UNITE!!!!

by Claire Nantes

A meeting of English majors was held last Thursday afternoon, January 11th. The purpose of the meeting was to arrange an organized body for the majors.

There are two main purposes to this action. First, to facilitate communication between these students with common interests; and second, to investigate the possibility of electing representatives who would attend the department meetings and voice the opinions and concerns of the majors.

Meeting convener, Lois Pursey, was pleased with the attendance at the meeting and she said that the students expressed keen interest in establishing some sort of internal organization. Three students were appointed to investigate

the regulations and voting procedures regarding student representations.

Ms. Pursey said that if it is found to be a feasible proposition, all English majors will be sent a nomination form and complete list of eligible students. Following this, a vote will be taken through a mail-out ballot.

The Senate Regulations on the matter seem to be rather vague. It is stated that students may be represented at a ratio of 1 student to 3 full-time

faculty.

For the past 6 years UPEI Psychology Department has adopted this principle and Prof. G. Perry, former department chairman, claims that the practice has proved to be very successful and rewarding. "Initially," states Dr. Perry, "the idea was adopted to insure that students got a voice on hiring and firing issues but the student contribution into these issues was found to be so helpful that the mandate was expanded to give the student reps. a

vote on all decisions."

Dr. Perry stated that the students were often more objective and demanding and their angle has helped to bring about well-rounded decisions within the department.

The Senate rules and regulations concerning the rights to the students having a voice in departmental decisions are being further investigated. English majors can expect to be hearing more on the matter in the near future.

ROOM AND BOARD AT UPEI A BARGAIN

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A publication designed as a guide to give the prospective university student information concerning Canadian universities says room and board fees at the University

of Prince Edward Island are a bargain but UPEI's record in intercollegiate competition is poor.

U-Choose, A Guide to Canadian Universities, published by Moving To Publications offers consumer information on awards, application deadlines, student services housing and college life.

Information about UPEI can be found on page 20 of the guide. It describes UPEI as a young university with an enrolment of approximately 1,500 full-time students.

It notes the University offers courses in three faculties in arts, science and education and that bachelor degrees are offered in arts, science, education, business administration and music.

The guide goes on to describe the facilities offered at the university noting that room and board fees are a bargain at \$612 a semester in the traditional residence

and \$322 a semester in the apartment residences.

It also notes that a feature at UPEI is the close relationships between faculty and students and the accessibility of faculty for consultation outside of class hours.

It states that students are actively involved in the university decision making at both the board and committee levels including promotion and tenure committees.

Another bright point in the description of UPEI is related to the fact that the Canadian Association of College and University Libraries (CACUL) rates UPEI library as 6th out of 41 in terms of books to full-time equivalent students.

It also states that the intercollegiate program in particular is limited and the University's record in intercollegiate competition is not very good.

LIBELOUS LETTERS!

HALIFAX (CUP) - The Halifax Chronicle-Herald which has not been printing letters for over a month, plans to resume their publication Saturday. Managing editor Harold Shea said the main reason for withholding the paper's letters was because of a supreme court decision in Saskatchewan which found a newspaper called the Star-Phoenix responsible for a libelous letter.

Shea said the decision meant that a newspaper would have to agree with the total concept of a letter it printed. - "We asked our solicitors to give us a

ruling and they suggested it would be wise to refrain from running letters."

"Of course we try not to print libelous letters anyway," said Shea, "but I feel letters to the editor have a proper place in newspapers."

"We usually get about 35 letters each week. We've been saving them all, so there's quite a back-log now."

"I personally feel someone should ask parliament to clarify the ruling. Although we'll be publishing letters again, the ruling has not been erased from our minds."

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE

The first Blood Donor Clinic of the year will be held next Tuesday, Jan. 23 at UPEI Alumni Gymnasium. The hours of the Clinic are from 3:00 - 6:00 pm. There is only one session at this clinic so it is hoped that lots of people will turn out to participate. As in past clinics, a number of businesses are contributing prizes or certificates to the donors. The University has agreed to donate a half credit course which will be drawn following the conclusion of the clinic. With tuition

increases this can certainly be a great help!

Student Union has once again agreed to donate a case of "beverages" to the residence on campus which

has the greatest number of inhabitants turn out to donate.

Several classes and organizations have issued challenges and the class

which has the largest number of donors will receive a prize from Student Union.

Chairperson Maria Driscill and her committee consisting of students and faculty held a meeting on Jan. 16 to begin the organizing of the clinic. However, the success of the clinic depends on the students, faculty, and staff. Without their contributions, the clinic will not be a success.

It is our giving of blood which can give life to others. PLEASE remember the clinic on Jan. 23 between 3 and 6 and give the gift of life.

