

A second general meeting for council

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monitoring of the Student Union Electronic Notice Board.

Gray also emphasized on the hard work of this year's edition of the student newspaper, stating that the Cadre was an important part of making students aware of what is going on around them. "It is incredible how much they have improved the quality this year. They are the ears and eyes of campus."

Gray also mentioned his participation with Writing Across the Curriculum, the SUB 2000, and the Presidential Search Committee.

"Students have 20% representation on this selection committee," said Gray, encouraging students to voice their opinion.

As expected, the controversy surrounding the recent By-Elections of November of October 28th and 29th resurfaced.

Stephen Hann, Vice President External and appointed Chief Returning Officer, along with Vice Presi-

dent Finance Stephen Lewis, who was not present at the meeting, admitted that the things had not gone as smoothly as they had planned.

"A lot was said about this year's elections," maintained Hann adding that he and Lewis had volunteered as acting CRO since the Student Union had been unable to fill the position.

Along with a low voter turnout, the early closing of the polls was alluded to. Hann claimed that he was unaware that polls were to remain open till 5:00 p.m., due to the fact that he had not read the Students Union's By-Laws concerning the matter.

"I guess we were busy doing other things," stated Hann. "We'll know for next time."

When questioned about the confidentiality of the vote [lack of proper voting booths], Gray responded by saying that prior election had been held in the same fashion but that an effort would be made to obtain appropriate voting booths from

Elections Canada for further Student Union elections.

"The point of privacy is an important one."

In his election speech Gray had proposed to place voting booths in every building on campus as to make it easier for students to vote. When questioned Gray admitted that it would be virtually impossible to keep track of who voted and that other suggestions have to be made.

Before adjourning, one student voiced her concern towards this semester's exam scheduling.

"There is not enough time between end of classes and the exam period," she commented.

The nursing student asked that council look into this matter, as student did not have a sufficient amount of time to prepare for their final exams there leading to less satisfactory results.

Gray stated that this concern would be brought up to senate.

Editor's note: In a last minute production change, last week's edition of Education Neighbourhood contained information about Best Buddies program that was unintentionally erroneous. Any misunderstandings concerning the program are deeply regretted by the author. The following entries contain information gleaned from promotional materials for the Best Buddies program, and from the ACE program. We sincerely apologize for the error.

Best Buddies

The *Best Buddies* program is designed to promote friendships between university/college students and adults with developmental disabilities. This volunteer program was founded in 1989 in the United States, and is now an international organization with over 200 chapters. Each chapter has a Host Site, which is an organization that operates in the field of developmental disabilities. The Host Site Coordinator and Campus Coordinator match students with a Buddy. All people involved complete personality profiles and attend interviews. Student volunteers have further application criteria. Student Buddies and Buddies make contact at least once a month, have one-on-one activities two or three times per month, participate in group activities, and much more. The Best Buddies friendship builds tolerance and acceptance not only among participants, but within the community as well.

For further information, contact best.buddies@sympatico.ca.

The ACE Program at UPEI

The ACE (Adult Connections in Education) program at UPEI promotes inclusive post-secondary education for adults with mental disabilities. If students wish to continue their education, they can enroll in the ACE program, much in the same fashion as others choose fields in Arts, Science, and others. ACE students take courses that interest them, go to class, and participate in other aspects of university life. Students register for courses of interest to them in conjunction with approval by the class' instructor. ACE students may take up to three courses per semester. The ACE program is a twelve month commitment, and during the summer also includes employment, volunteer, and job training placements within the community.

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