

# WHAT IN THE WORLD IS MEANT BY I.V.C.F.?

Contrary to popular opinion, I.V.C.F. does not stand for Inverted Churchgoers Foundation. The initials are derived from Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, a fifty year old organization that had its origin in universities in England but has now spread to community colleges, schools of nursing and technical institutions all over the world.

As an interdenominational student-run organization, I.V.C.F. essentially pursues two general goals. In the first place, there is the purpose of helping Christian students to think through and understand

their faith relative to the issues confronting them on campus and in the modern world. Secondly, there is a commitment to communicating to the non-Christian community, the central affirmations of historically orthodox Christianity in a way relevant to the questions and concerns of the contemporary student. Both of these objectives are pursued in very practical terms, with the conviction that the Christian position needs not only to be intellectually understood but also and especially lived-out through a loving and supportive community.

Towards these ends the I.V.C.F. group at UPEI has struggled, for the last six

years, sometimes successfully, sometimes not so successfully. But the group is growing, both numerically and in maturity, and there is great hope for the future. Issues dealt with in the past include such things as: the problem of living in a grossly affluent and materialistic society while millions suffer economic injustice; the responsibility of Christians to be politically informed and involved; the response of our society to the reality of death and dying; the need of developing a life-style of integrity and unselfish concern for others; the significance and implications of knowing Jesus Christ as Lord. In considering and discussing these issues the great concern has been applying the lessons learned to life, putting truth into practice.

The actual vehicles used by I.V.C.F. at UPEI in carrying out their concerns have included weekly meetings which may consist of anything from Bible studies to debates to films to singing and times of prayer. There are annual weekend retreat retreats, end of year banquets, a number of small Bible study and prayer groups plus whatever else may be deemed needed or useful.

This semester will see such topics discussed as the Biblical view of human sexuality, presented by Dr. Malcolm Beck, a noted Canadian psychiatrist and past president of the Canadian Psychiatric Association. There will be discussion on the causes and effects of persecution against the Church, on ways of

communicating the claims of Christ to our present age, and on the implications of those claims. There is also the winter retreat coming up, January 26-28, to be held at Malagash Camp near Malagash Mines, N.S.

And of course, everyone, Christian or not, is invited to the weekly meetings held every Thursday in Marian Hall Lounge from 5:30 - 7:00. Why not come for a time of song, prayer and especially learning? Bring your questions, ideas, and even a friend. Find out what it's all about for yourself.

## I.V.C.F. SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JAN. 19, 7 p.m.  
Kelly 237. Dr. Malcolm Beck, a noted psychiatrist, will speak on "Human Sexuality". Dr. Beck is past president of the Canadian Psychiatric Association. The lecture will be followed by a discussion period and refreshments.

THURSDAY, JAN. 25, 5:30 p.m.  
Marian Hall lounge. Ted MacDougall from Montague will speak on "Personal Evangelism".

JANUARY 26 - 28  
I.V.C.F. Winter Weekend Retreat in Malagash, Nova Scotia. The cost of the weekend is \$12.00. This will cover meals and accommodation. The theme of the retreat will be "seeing your vocation as a ministry". Speakers will include Ron Harris from Halifax; Barry Home from Montague and Dean MacDonald from Dartmouth. Skating, cross country skiing, campfires, times of prayer, games and a hootenannie will highlight the weekend. Everyone is welcome.

## BLOOD DONOR CLINIC UPEI GYM



**TUESDAY JAN. 23  
3:00-6:00**

## WINTER CARNIVAL MEETINGS

Winter Carnival meetings are held every Tuesday at 6 P.M. in the Day Students Lounge, Bernadine Hall for all who wish to become involved.

**GET INVOLVED**