

Senate looks at budget

By Cheryl Cannon

The responsibility of the Budget Committee to Senate dominated discussion at the UPEI Senate meeting held March 17th.

A motion was passed last April of '76 that the Budget Committee which is comprised of the Deans of the University, a Senator and other members of the University community would make a report to Senate periodically. Since this motion was made, the budget committee had not actually ever reported to Senate. One Professor pointed out that the minutes of all budget committee meetings were available at the circulation desk at the library, and any Senators wishing to know what decisions had been passed by the committee could simply refer to the minutes. Dr. Ralph Hazelton did not think that this was the point since a motion had been passed by Senate last year, and had not been acted upon. Senate wished to know the budget committee's recommendations prior to there being submitted to the Maritimes Provinces higher education commission, (MPHEC)

President Baker pointed out that the Provinces Higher Education recommendations were strictly confidential until they were brought before the Provincial Legislatures. The MPHEC makes a financial decision for each Atlantic University. The commission stipulates a 70% black grant which is given to the University, the other 30% of a University's budget is decided by the enrollment figures of the University. The Chairmen of the MPHEC has given some confidential information to President Baker as to where the University may stand financially, but at this time the information cannot be made public.

The motion was made that the budget committee be answerable to Senate, in that Senate may call a closed session anytime with the Budget Committee, and expect to receive information on the decisions made by that committee. After much discussion a vote was taken, with a deadlock of nine for and nine against the motion. A recount was taken and the vote was 12 in favour of the motion and eleven against the motion, the motion was

passes. Pres. Baker stated that with this motion passed he would not be able to inform the Budget Committee on matters that were now confidential. Once the Education budget comes to the floor at the Provincial Legislature, and tabled, the Senate wishes the budget Committee to report to Senate on its recommendation. Before they are made to the M.P.H.E.C.

The Academic Planning Committee made its sixth report to Senate. The first recommendation was that students wishing to graduate with a B.Sc. with a major in Home Ec., must obtain a grade of at least 60% in 15 of 21 courses required in the sophomore, junior and Senior years of the nutrition program, or 13 of the 17 courses required in the Sophomore, Junior and Senior years in the General program. This motion was not to become effective until Sept. '77; and would apply only to the Frosh and Sophomore's for next year. The motion was defeated, for Senate felt that until all the Departments of a Faculty wished to make a 60% requirement for majors, they would not make the decision for one department, that bein Home Economics.

The English Dept. also wanted a motion passed by Senate in the effect that English majors must have 60% in all courses related to their English major. The motion was tabled, and the recommendation will be sent back to the Faculty of Arts for consideration.

Professor Gary Webster questioned Senate as to whether the nominating committee could propose names for anticipated vacancies on various Senate Committees in the 77-78 Academic year. This was especially needed in the case of Senate Committees that operate in the summer, when both Professors and students are not readily available. It was felt that the nominating Committee could propose names under these circumstances.

The next Senate meeting will be April 14th at 3 PM in the Kelley Building.

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a member of the (CUP) University Press the Student Union has paid out 1800 dollars while \$1600 has been received in Advertising from CUP. Next years Communications officer Mike MacMahon had called CUP in Ottawa and had been told that the conference was a continuation of the one held in Halifax, a short while ago. The CADRE had not sent a delegate to that conference so the Executive thought there was no need for UPEI to send a delegate to Ottawa. Nevertheless, the Executive had over ruled a decision made by Council. There being no farther action taken by the Councilors the matter was dropped.

The Personnel Board recommended to Council that the Chairmen of the Movie Club, Garth Reeves and Any Gallant be given each \$15 honorarium. The motion had been tabled at the last Council meeting since \$200 had been given to the Movie Club at the beginning of the year, and council wished the Treasurer Alan O'Keefe to make a report on the financial status of the club. The Chairmen had refused to let Allen see

the books as the agreement had been that since there were no Chairmen to run the Club at the beginning of the year, and Any and Garth had agreed to take over, they did not have to report on the Club's financial status. The Movie club will be returning \$100 to the S.U. and Council passed the Personnel Board's recommendation. Next year's Personnel Board shall be under Chairperson, Monica Driscoll, with Lori Mullin, Allan Hilton, and David McKenna as members. The Personnel Board could not agree on the fifth member of the Board, so it will be left to the decision of next year's Personnel Board.

Mike McMahon informed Council of plans for the making of next year's student directory. An agreement with Micheal Hennessey the Registrar has been made in that a form shall be mailed out to all students during mail registration. The form shall be used to obtain information in all full time students attending the University, and to publish a directory.

\$170 worth of Nothing

The Student Council Executive may have cost the Student Union \$170 by not sending a representative to the Canadian University Press (CUP) Conference held recently in Ottawa.

All members of CUP must pay into a travel pool for these conferences. The Cadre, being a member of CUP, must pay \$170. If a person is sent to the conference his travel expenses are completely paid for by CUP up to the amount paid by that person's paper. If no one is sent, as happened here, CUP keeps all the money.

Not all the Student Council is willing to spend money for nothing. The Council approved money for the trip but on 17 March, the day before the Conference began, the Executive blatantly ignored Council's decision. They acted on false information that anyone with any knowledge about the conference could have clarified.

PUSHBALL TOURNAMENT

April 7th and 8th
Team - 5 boys
5 girls

Enter at Athletic Department by Wednesday April 6th.

ATHLETIC BANQUET

Wednesday, April 13th
Alumni Gym.
Invitations will be sent out.
Small cover charge for non-invites.
Dance to follow.
Music by Mulligan's Rockhouse.