

Good intentions for this year's Student Union

A sparsely attended general meeting for council

By SARAH MURPHY

"A homemade job, as professional as it's going to be," said Student Union President Matt Gray in regards to the pamphlet introducing this year's Executive members.

A second general meeting was held in the Impression's Café on Wednesday, November 25th. Although the turnout was higher than at the first event, a crowd of 75 students, several simply having lunch, was slightly less than expected.

"I didn't know the meeting was going on," said one student, "but I might as well stay."

Although quorum was not met, Vice President Inter-

nal Pauline Tran was still satisfied by the crowd's response.

"At least those who were there payed attention," she replied.

"It is the second meeting," said Speaker Michael Lisetto. "Posters were put up on bulletin boards and it was advertised on the [Student Union electronic] noticeboard. We can't force students to come."

Committed to enhancing communication, Gray stated that he wants students to know what projects council was presently working on.

"I want everybody to realise what we're here to do," said Gray.

On going communication between the union and

Education Minister Chester Gillan demonstrates a step toward fulfilling Gray's mandate.

Along with this new partnership, on campus communication has been improved by new

bulletin boards sponsored by the university and a closer
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Presidential Search Committee at UPEI

A new president for July 1999

By SARAH MURPHY

A joint committee UPEI Board of Governors and Senate has recently been elected to undertake a search for a new president for the University.

Two open forums were held on November 19th and November 23rd, in which members of the Presidential Search Committee welcomed the university and Island community. They were then invited to put forwards ideas regarding the selection criteria for the on going search for a new president.

Co-chaired by Debbie MacLellan & Robert Gray, members of the committee include: Dr. Paul Boudreau, Psychology; Dr. Regis Duffy, Chair of the Board of Governors (BoG); Matt Gray, Student Union President; Stephen Lewis,

Student Union Vice President Finance; Margaret MacFarlane, Community member of the BoG; Dr. Tim Ogilvie, Acting Dean of Veterinary Medicine; and Dr. Vianne Timmons, Dean of Education.

When asked what key issues UPEI may have face in the next five years, many of those present spoke of the university's image.

"I am not so sure where the heart of the university is anymore," said Marion Morrison of Student Services. "UPEI is said to be small, personal, and intimate, but I am a little concerned that it may not be as welcoming as we might think it is."

Morrison added that UPEI may be too oriented towards the business aspect of running a university. Instead, she continued, we should concentrate on the

spirit and the heart of this campus.

Regis Duffy suggested that a Student Centre is a big priority that would bring the campus together.

"A new Student

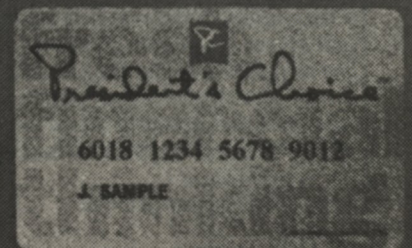
Centre would add to the quality of education on campus," said Duffy. "There is no location where students can get together. This is commuter college; drive through, pick up your courses

and go."

"A committal central space is essential," added Paul Boudreau.

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