

Jolly good exchanges coming

By Sharon Leighton

UPEI may be the first university in Canada to send an exchange student to Great Britain.

Jim Griffith, Director of Student Services, visited Ottawa last week to work on a pilot exchange program with Britain. He was the only delegate who was able to offer the most concrete necessity of any pilot program: a guinea pig, someone who is willing to try it and see if it will work.

Griffith did not wish to disclose the name of the student who has volunteered for this program until the program can be made more definite.

Two British universities have made firm commitments to the program. These are Dundee University, in Scotland, and the University College of London, England.

Ten other universities are considering the proposal favourably. These include such well-known institutions as the University of Glasgow, and such little-known ones as Langeter in Wales, a small university much like UPEI. Which university will take our guinea pig is yet unknown.

Other British universities have reservations. They plan to wait and see how the pilot project works out before they agree or refuse to participate.

A number of obstacles do exist. The greatest is the difference in educational level between British and Canadian universities.

A Canadian student who wishes to transfer officially to a British university has to have finished his sophomore year at a Canadian university

in order to enter a British university as a freshman. Because of this, the only possible Canadian entrants are those who will be juniors in their exchange year.

A second difficulty is the disparity in grading systems. In Britain, professors mark each student on a somewhat peculiar scale. A person could be graded — 75%; that would mean that his grades fell between 75 and 100, but closer to 75 than to 100. What would the UPEI Registrar's office do with that?

For the time being, the plan is to record the British grades and leave them out of any calculation of final averages.

It is also possible that British universities might require more class and study time each week than UPEI does.

The Canadian Bureau of International Education, the co-ordinator of the program, is working on these difficulties.

The pilot project is expected to begin in September, 1984. Plans should be definite in March or April.

Any freshman who might want to go to Britain as a junior should check with Student Services next year. By that time, most of the bugs in the program should have been well sprayed with Raid.

Griffith is willing to attempt to arrange an exchange program with any university. "The fact that there is no exchange program in a certain area does not necessarily mean there will be no exchange program," he said.

Radicalism a social crime at UPEI

By Karen McLenithan

Looking for excitement, adventure, the necessary *joie de vivre*? A UPEI professor suggests that on this campus, it may be found in the closet.

In a discussion of radicalism, David Weale concluded that students who find the time to be critical of their education and the system within which it is taught will enjoy a radical's freedom of direction. He stated definitely that he finds very little radicalism on the UPEI campus today.

The majority of UPEI students, he believes, prefer

comfort to adventure. Passivity and accommodation to superficial ideas provide the comfort of security.

The student who receives government subsidies isn't likely to criticize the status quo, as this would be like "biting the hand that feeds you".

However, Professor Weale believes the years at university are best spent with a questioning attitude. He encourages students to "probe to the root of the matter."

By taking a radical stand, the student has an opportunity to question how all this academic information is

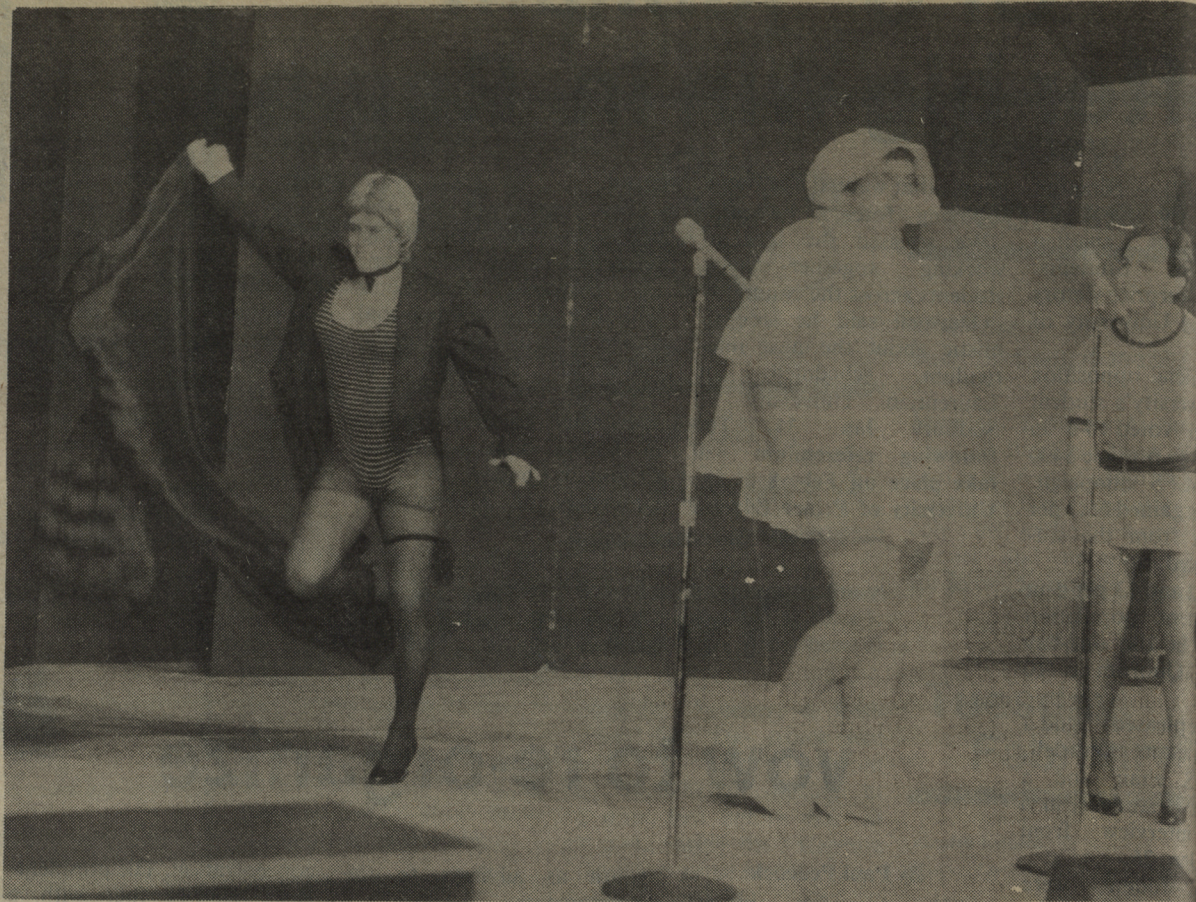
going to affect his or her lifestyle.

Has UPEI ever felt the effects of radical thinking?

Professor Weale thinks not, historically, UPEI students have kept any radicalism hidden. The closet radical chooses not to be visibly critical.

Freedom of thought is the process of radical investigation. Weale feels that, thus equipped, students will be ready to influence society's direction.

Will UPEI's closet radicals express their freedom to be openly controversial? Or will adventure never clothe its halls?



"Wasted on the Way"

It's not difficult to live by the Winter Carnival theme, as these three little maids from school show so well. They performed the "Vanity Fair" number in Monday night's Campus Cabaret.

We're not going to give you their names because, frankly, we're sure they never want to be reminded of what that night. But, we all know who you are, fellas ... so smile and say, "Cheesecake!" (Photo: Grimmer)

Boy! Those ACHES and trains

By Laurie Thompson

On Jan. 10, 1984, 12 Home Economics students from U.P.E.I. boarded the train in Moncton on their way to the Association of Canadian Home Economics Students (ACHES) annual Conference in Montreal.

It was a long 15 hour journey but upon arrival the

next day, the girls shook out their "ACHES" and looked forward to the 4 day ACHES conference.

After dropping off their luggage at the YMCA, the U.P.E.I. Home Ec. students joined some 40 other Canadian Home Ec. students for lunch at McGill University.

There was a guided bus tour of Montreal that afternoon and following this, each university (13 in total) gave a brief description of its Home Ec. program. The U.P.E.I. felt a sense of pride in being able to send 12 students to the conference, which represented far more than any of the other Canadian universities.

Thursday, Jan. 12, began very early for a small number of students with an exercise session at 6:45. Then it was off to Macdonald Campus for a full day's schedule of events.

The speakers throughout the day gave the students greater insight into the job opportunities available to home economists.

For example, one of the speakers was a dietician presently employed with a foods company doing business with nursing homes and other institutions.

Another speaker was employed with Agriculture Canada and was involved in

communicating food and nutrition messages to consumers.

The students viewed a video on the impact of computers on the present and future society and time was set aside for discussion. Home economists will play a very important role in the future in forming the link between the machine and the individual.

Home economists can even give basic computer information to help people in the management of their business lives.

The President of the Canadian Home Economics Association (CHEA), Margaret Wallace, addressed the students and 3 more speakers told the students of other job opportunities — (The Home Economist in Product Development, E.g. Catelli; The Home Economist in Journalism; & The Home Economist in Education).

Friday the 13th was not at all unlucky. The students had sessions on career management and starting a business.

The afternoon was set aside for field trips. Some of the U.P.E.I. students visited Cara Foods, the company that caters to major airlines. Others visited a Jewish Hospital and got a first-hand look at Kosher food operation.

Did you know Jewish tradition, foods get mixed meat foods on the table that plate has to be destroyed?

The other 2 field trips were to a local design firm and Offray Ribbon & Co.

That evening, the students were given the opportunity to sample a true Canadian dinner. That night, they sampled true French Canadian cuisine.

The Conference concluded Saturday with a business meeting.

The President of CHEA tied things together by telling the students of professional opportunities as professional home economists.

She indicated that home economists have a role to integrate things and she said "is our role".

The theme of the conference, "Our Future Place" was very apt indeed. Students from their respective fields with increased contact with themselves and the profession in general.

There are home economists working in dietetics, media, industry & extending more career opportunities for graduates.