

Baha'i Studies

On Sept. 16, the Association for Baha'i Studies at UPEI had the opportunity to give a presentation on peace, in celebration of the International Day of Peace. The Association's presentation began with a viewing of Doug Cameron's video, *Mona with the Children*. This is a true story, which happened in Iran, of a 17 year old girl who was executed because of her beliefs in peace and unity. After the video, Ritchie Rolfe gave a Baha'i perspective on peace. In the beginning of his talk he noted that Mona had remarked to her mother while she was in prison, that if her execution would result in the youth of the world uniting, that she would suffer 100,000 executions.

Baha'is feel that in order to have a peaceful world that we must first learn how to unite ourselves, since unity is the essential characteristic of peace, and love is the foundation of unity. During the talk, 4 kinds of love were identified: (1) The love from God to man (2) Man to God (3) The love of God towards the self, or identity of God (4) Man for man. This notion of love is quite different from what is normally considered love. It transcends the physical, emotional and intellectual attributes of an individual and focuses on the reality of his being as a noble creation with unique characteristics and qualities. Presently the concentrations in creating a peaceful world is to first remedy all the ills of mankind, i.e. crime, prejudice, war. However, if a closer examination is made, they would find that these ills are various symptoms of the basic disease — disunity.

After Ritchie's speech, Nadim Missaghian spoke on youth and how they may "move the world."

He pointed out that there are 2 stress diseases in the world. The first is passivity which manifests itself in alcohol and drug addiction,

T.V. addiction or the psychological surrender of one's personality to peer pressure. The second is frenzied activity: materialistic souls sensing their inner spiritual death and fleeing into frantic activity, bizarre fashions, violence, terrorism, etc. It was noted that we do not have a choice whether or not we can escape, but the choice is whether we will inhabit this planet as victims or as hero's. The most powerful agent in dealing with stress is to have a sense of purpose. In 1984 the top administrative body of the Baha'i Faith (the Universal House of Justice situated on Mt. Carmel, Israel) called on the youth to "sally forth unconstrained as the wind" into the field of service and action towards world peace. He continued by adding that the Baha'i youth have a sense of purpose: a mission to accomplish the spiritualization of our lives. With our personal unity intact, we may work effectively towards world peace and survive the stresses of our age.

It is with the love and devotion of Mona, who saw that nothing short of world unity was worth living for, that the youth of this world may indeed create a one planet, one people situation. However this all begins with the individuals who want it.

The Association is planning on holding several events throughout the year. Information of these events will be posted. For further information contact Ritchie 892-9970, Nadim 892-1880 or leave a message at the Student Union.

The Association would like to extend an invitation for membership to all students, teachers, staff, alumni and their family. The purpose is to study the history, teachings, and philosophy of the Baha'i Faith which had its origins in 1844 in Iran.

MAPUS

For many students returning to schools means more than buffing up their penny loafers and asking Dad to shell out big bucks for tuition and books.

Going back to school after a few years absence sometimes means scrambling to find a babysitter, putting in light hours at the office, three in the classroom, then home responsibilities, study and sleep for the rest of the 24 hours.

University can be intimidating, especially if you are going back after a few years absence, and know little about the campus.

At U.P.E.I. all Part-Time and Older Than Average Full-Time Students have a friend in MAPUS, their campus representative.

MAPUS is the Mature and Part-Time University Students Association. All Part-Time and those full-time students 24 years of age and older are members of MAPUS.

Membership to MAPUS presently is free, but methods of obtaining financing are being explored. Until our own financing is settled any donations to MAPUS would be appreciated. MAPUS needs financing to provide services to the students it represents. They money would be used to:

1. Pay for the operation of an office,
2. Produce a newsletter,
3. Employ a staff person,
4. Publish a handbook,
5. Prepare briefs on subjects relevant to the concerns of the Students,
6. Provide workshops on subjects of interest,
7. Provide an orientation,
8. Provide a graduating activity,
9. Provide bursaries.

MAPUS encourages everyone to get to know the Association, find out what we can do, and let us know how we can help you.

WUSC Meets

By Michael Zinck

World University Services Canada (WUSC) held its first meeting on Wednesday, September 19, in the Economics Lounge, fourth floor, Main.

The first event WUSC plans is a Craft Caravan, which provides for display and sale of many handicrafts from countries where WUSC operates. The price-range is extensive, from a few dollars to several hundred dollars. At the meeting it was agreed to hold the Caravan on Oct. 3-5. At least one day will be allotted for the display at UPEI, most likely at the Robertson Library.

The second major item discussed was the WUSC application for sub-organizational status. After a lively discussion of the costs and benefits of such an action, a motion was passed recommending WUSC undertake the necessary steps to gain full sub-organization status. President Joe Byrne will take the necessary action and bring the matter to student council.

The next meeting of WUSC will take place on Thursday, September 26, at 7:00 p.m., in the Economics Lounge, fourth floor, Main. Everyone is welcome.

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