

# UPEI Fall Update Revealed

University president hopes to bring in community help for school

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UPEI President Wade is calling upon the community to help support the university's continuing achievements.

In what he called the necessary hit, MacLauchlan called for public multi-year

investments.

This includes \$60 to \$100 million annually over five years.

In addition, he discusses private philanthropy, and having \$10 to \$20

committed by 2009.

These comments were made during the UPEI fall update, held at MacMillan Hall on Nov. 22.

Before President MacLauchlan gave his presentation, Education Minister Gerard Greenan said a few words.

When looking at the accomplishments UPEI has made, the university has become a very innovative capital.

"This presentation is an excellent to share the vision of what it takes to keep UPEI in the future."

President MacLauchlan began his presentation with several key points.

In terms of achievement, UPEI is ranked No. 1 in the Maritime Provinces, in terms of enrolment, UPEI is

doing comparatively well and the area of research is doing remarkably well, explained.

"But, we are not doing well enough. Being No. 1 is not enough."

To help explain the progress made and what needs to be done, MacLauchlan offered a baseball

metaphor.

"UPEI has runners on first and second, through our achievements through technology and research."

From there the presentation, which is also available on the UPEI website, explored the achievements UPEI has made

when compared with other universities, and what needs to be addressed.

One of the most telling aspects of the success UPEI is experiencing came from the Globe and Mail, in terms of a university report card.

When graded on availability of faculty, UPEI scored an A when compared to the national average of A-.

While the national average for sports and recreation received a B, UPEI ranked with an A-.

One area that doesn't have the same measure of success is support and counseling. UPEI ranked a B.

Where the university is excelling is in the areas of enrolment, teaching, and research.

Since 1997, external grants and contracts for research at UPEI have gone from \$2.2 million to \$13.2 million.

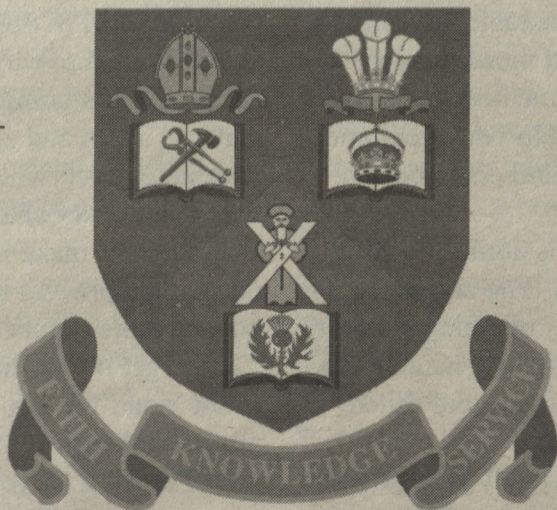
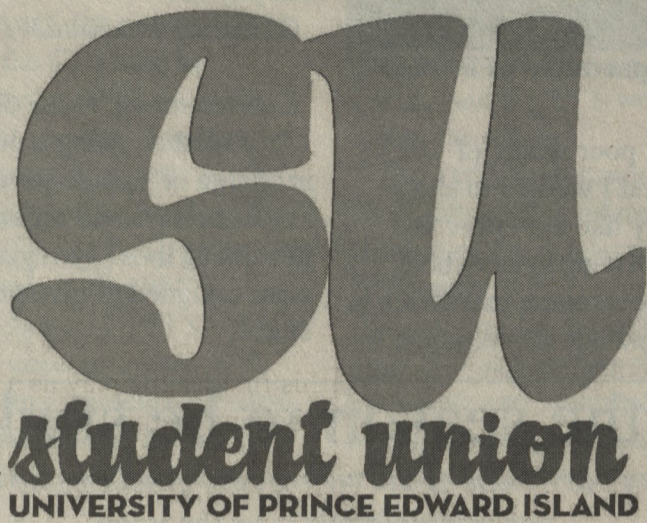
Also, graduate student enrolments have surged from 33 in 1995 to 225 in 2007.

Going back to the baseball metaphor,

it's no time to punt said MacLauchlan.

"We really should be planning on putting something on the scoreboard."

President MacLauchlan closed by saying he looks forward to being here in 2008 to talk about the steps made since then.



## International EXPOsure @ UPEI

In a couple months time, we (the International EXPOsure team) will be celebrating the many foreign cultures that have found their way to P.E.I. This colourful event is an opportunity for our brothers and sisters hailing from foreign countries to share their hometowns with us quaint folk. Whether it's through pictures, mementos or traditional cuisine, we hope to make this event a memorable one for all involved. So get involved!

We need your help to make this be the best experience it can be. Everyone is invited! If you are from another country, we want to see where you're from, give us pictures, tell us about your hometown. We want to show UPEI students how much diversity our campus is housing. Even if you're not from away, we still invite you to come check out our group and all its awesomeness.

This is interesting stuff. If you get involved with this, you will meet the most quality people you've ever met or your monopoly money back! But seriously, this is all going on at the end of January so we need to start gathering your knowledge as soon as possible so please, if you have even the slightest interest at all come to the meetings every Wednesday from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Student Services lounge (above the bookstore, you'll see us) or contact Adrienne or Mingee at [int.expo.uepi@gmail.com](mailto:int.expo.uepi@gmail.com), or myself (I'm the one walking around with a guitar, a cane, or a pie) and tell us your story. This really is going to be too much fun. Hope to see you around.

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