

NEWS

Campus Open House, April 1

The University of Prince Edward Island will host a Campus Open House on Saturday, April 1. The event will begin at 11:00am in the W.A. Murphy Student Centre. There will be an information expo from 11:00 am to 2:30 pm where various departments and faculties will distribute information and have representatives on hand to answer questions.

Tours of the campus will be leaving the Student Centre at regular intervals. At 2:30 pm there will be an information session for high school students and parents in the Duffy Science Centre Amphitheatre. This session will provide valuable information on topics such as admissions, scholarships, First Year Advisement, New Student Orientation, Residence Life, Student Services, and tips to help students with the transition from high school to university life.

"This is an excellent chance to come and check out the many great things that have been taking place at UPEI," says organizer Chris Power. For more information call 566-0439, or visit www.upei.ca

Male Participants Needed for Honours Music Research

I am looking for men to participate in a study being conducted through the Department of Psychology, as an honours program requirement. This study is investigating how rap music affects mood. There will be two parts to this study. First you have to collect and fill a questionnaire package, which is available at the Student Union. Secondly, you will be asked to view two to three music videos and answer a questionnaire.

Light snacks will be served during the second session of the research study. You will also have the chance to win one of the following prizes: a \$50 gift certificate, one of two \$20.00 gift certificates, or one of three \$10.00 gift certificates from the Murphy Restaurants.

If you are interested in participating or have any questions, please contact Chia Yee at 626-9630 or psych_rap@yahoo.ca.

Thank you,
Chia Yee Pang

UPEI Signs Exchange Agreement with The University of the West Indies

After two years of discussions, the University of Prince Edward Island recently signed an agreement with The University of the West Indies (UWI) which will offers students, faculty and staff a wide variety of opportunities for exchanges between UPEI and UWI in Bridgetown, Barbados. The agreement provides for student exchanges at the undergraduate and graduate levels, faculty exchanges, joint research, curriculum development, joint conferences and co-op/internship/practica placements. The UWI Cave Hill campus is located just outside the Barbados capital, Bridgetown.

The UPEI School of Business Administration's Professor Ron Collins, Director of International Programs, and Scott Ferris, Coordinator of International Programs, recently visited Barbados as members of the Trade Team Prince Edward Island mission to Barbados. During that time, Professor Collins met with representatives of the Canadian High Commission of Barbados and with academic officials at The University of the West Indies in order to arrange the official signing ceremony of the exchange agreement with the UWI Vice Principal.

At the same time, Mr. Ferris made visits with several Canadian companies based in Barbados as well as a number of Barbadian companies, and he was successful in finding companies who expressed a willingness and desire to accept UPEI co-op students from the School of Business Administration. He looks forward to adding Barbados job placements to the present list of international co-op opportunities.

Professor Collins anticipates a high level of interest in Barbados as a study destination on the part of his students with an interest in International Business. For further information, please contact either Professor Collins or Scott Ferris, at 566-0573 or 894-2837.

UPEI Engineering Students Win the Nationals

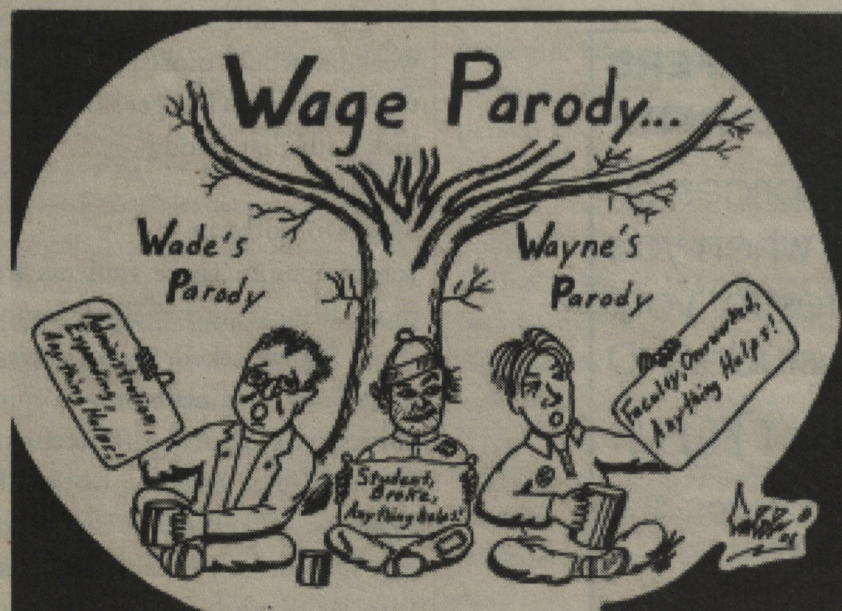
UPEI's four-member team from the Department of Engineering has won this year's Canadian Engineering Competition, beating out eight other teams from across the country. Daniel Palmer, Hannah Sutherland, Caleb Curtis, and Gabriel Landry took first place in the junior team design category of this national competition held in Montreal March 9 to 12.

The teams had to construct a machine that would move sand a distance of eight feet, and accurately deposit that sand into a bucket, in two timed trials of three minutes each. The design had to include hydraulics and the machine had to fit into a photocopy paper box. It had to be completely stand-alone, with no physical handling from any team member.

The students were also required to present a 15-minute explanation and demonstration of their design, an aspect of the competition that was worth 40 per cent of their mark. It was this demonstration that won UPEI's team additional honours. Palmer, Sutherland, Curtis, and Landry were also presented with the Environmental Awareness award by the Canadian Council of Professional Engineers for considering environmental concerns in their design.

For more information, contact:

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Public Forum, "Questions and Answers around the Prophet Muhammad", March 30

The Muslim Society of Prince Edward Island, in cooperation with the University of Prince Edward Island, invites the general public to the following event to take place in the Duffy Lecture Theatre on March 30, 2006 at 7:00 pm:

Public Forum, "Questions and Answers around the Prophet Muhammad." The guest speaker is Dr. Jamal Badawi. Dr. Jamal Badawi is a Professor Emeritus from Saint Mary's University where he was a cross-appointed faculty member in the Departments of Religious Studies and Management. He has authored several books and articles on Islam. He also researched, designed and presented a 352-segment television series on Islam, shown on many local TV stations in Canada, the US, and in other countries.

Some titles of his published works are: Selected Prayers, Gender Equity in Islam, Muhammad in the Bible, Status of Women in Islam, Polygamy in Islamic Law, The Earth and Humanity: An Islamic Perspective, Islam: A Brief Look, Muslim Woman's Dress According to the Qur'an and the Sunnah, and Islamic Ethics. In addition to his participation in lectures, seminars and interfaith dialogues in North America, Dr. Badawi is regularly invited as a guest speaker in various functions throughout the world.

Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome. For more information call 892-2396 or email mspei@hotmail.com.

Volunteers Needed for International L.M. Montgomery Conference

The L.M. Montgomery Institute is looking for volunteers to assist with its upcoming international conference, "Storm and Dissonance: L.M. Montgomery and Conflict", set to run from June 21 to June 25, 2006. If you are interested in helping out with this conference, please contact the LMML. Email: lmminst@upei.ca Phone: 628-4346