

CAMPUS

The MAPUS Connection

for mature and part-time students

Good news. Mapus, the student group representing mature and part-time students on campus, is working to make the organization work better. For starters, the annual general meeting is scheduled for this week for Wednesday October 21 at 4:30 p.m.. Everyone 24 years and older and all part-time students are invited to attend.

If you haven't visited the Mapus Lounge as of yet, this would be an ideal time to drop in. The annual meeting is an exciting opportunity to meet other students, find out what information and resources are available and to find answers to questions about university life.

Items of importance include nominations for the Mapus student council position and a short orientation session to provide Mapus members with an insightful glimpse of how the organization can help you succeed at UPEI.

One initiative, implemented at other Canadian universities, is a tutorial type computer program that leads to improved study skills and less stress on exams. These are specifically designed to meet the needs and requirements of mature and part-time students. Maybe we could use a similar program here. What do you think?

Ample opportunity is planned to discuss your ideas and suggestions so bring them along too. Invite a friend. And don't forget, if you are one of the first thirty people through the door, the pizza and soft drink refreshments are free. See you there!

On a different note, we really do have something to smile about. We do not have to compete with 45,000 other applicants for a university space. This is the estimated number of high school graduates Ontario will have in 2003: the year the province eliminates the grade 13 program. That is good news.

Finally, the thought this week is credited to Franklin P. Jones. He says "middle age is when you don't have to have fun to enjoy yourself." My sentiments exactly.

The MAPUS column is dedicated to promoting the ideas, suggestions and concerns of mature and part-time students. For submissions, please contact Janice Muir at JMuir@upe.ca or (902) 853-4042.

Waste Watch

The \$200,000 Binder Blunder

The Department of Agriculture spent \$200,000 on an information kit for MP's called "At Work in Rural Communities," a colourful binder filled with computer disks, an audio cassette, a fridge magnet and would you believe it, some information.

If it takes \$200,000 to print binders for 301 MP's, how much will the government spend to bring more than 800,000 of our farmers up to speed? Remember, the \$200,000 was spent before the farmers received a nickel.

PEI isn't Heaven to me

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By CAROLYN HORTIE

I am a newcomer to PEI. Since arriving here in the early summer months I have heard an expression repeated much too often to be ignored; "Are you an Islander?" or a variation of this, "You aren't an Islander!" Now I ask you fellow students, "What is an Islander?"

I am a Canadian and I presume Islanders are Canadians therefore perhaps I am an Islander and simply not aware of the fact. But I believe the definition has deeper roots. I have observed the Islanders are not too proud of their status. The status quo among the young people is to obtain their education as quickly as they can and leave the Island for the glittering sophistication of the "big-city." Yet the Islander seems to have

a planted suspicion of the "newcomers" and "outsiders," an emotion I find difficult to comprehend. They seem to take pride in pointing out the "back-country" ways and the lack of challenge offered to the graduate students here. The undergraduates are not sure what they're going to do with their diplomas or how they're going to use them but whatever it is, it's going to be away from PEI.

I am being led to believe that Islanders have an inferiority complex. If there has been lack of challenge in the past for the trained and skilled young people this is no reason for it to continue. Why can't PEI become a province that will attract the young, progressive Canadians?

But I think it is up to each of us to take the initiative to explore the possibilities of

PEI; to understand what they are and how they can be developed. I, personally, do not think PEI should be reduced to a tourist resort. Nor do I like to see the apathy by which the Islanders stand by and let Canada Packers pollute the air and water.

If my observations represent the definition of an Islander then it is time for our generation to break the shackles of lethargy and raise the morale to that level of other Canadians.

Ed note: Student journalists did an exhaustive study on alleged air and water pollution by the company mentioned above (along with other suspected city firms) the findings of this study were published by "The College Times," Nov' 66 issue.

In January 1999, the Cadre will be celebrating its 30th anniversary. To commemorate the way we were, the 1998-1999 Cadre has decided to publish stories from the archives. Read and remember.



Access continues to be improved upon at UPEI's main entrance.

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If you have any questions or comments about this week's comic, we would love to hear from you.

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