

Editorial

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I don't know if you've noticed or not, but there seems to be more and more visible minorities attending this university these days. This is good. It's getting so that I don't stand out like a martian from outer space any more. In fact, I ALMOST feel like I'm blending in with the crowd. (My WASP boyfriend says we orientals all look the same.) Note that I used the term "visible minorities", not "foreign students", because we're not all foreign.

However, there seems to be a good number of foreign students coming to UPEI as well. At our last story-brainstorming session for this publication, almost everyone attending the meeting had at least one foreign student in one of their classes. This is great, but I'm also very curious about these students. Where did they come from? Why did they come to PEI? How on earth did they hear of UPEI?

A few years ago, I lived in the United Kingdom, which isn't that far away from PEI, and you'd be surprised how little some people know of Canada. Most of the people I talked to heard of Toronto, maybe Montreal, a FEW knew about Newfoundland (they called it NewFOUND-land), so the best I could do in terms of describing the location of PEI was to say it was on the same coast as Newfoundland. None of the people I talked to knew that Canada was bigger than the U.S. (Some actually thought we were part of the U.S.; I thought only Americans believed that.)

Actually, this isn't that surprising, I mean, this is a pretty small island. So how did these students dig us out? One of our reporters, Kheng-Wee Wah, approached some of these students and heard their story, and we've printed it this week for you. Maybe one of these people, or another foreign student, is

in your class. We hope this article will answer some of your questions.

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