

to specialize. If the core course is not successful, then demand at the M.A. level is likely to go down. The document claims: "Minimum enrollment in any given year would be five students" (p 72). This factual claim has no basis in the real world, and is not defended or supported by any data. It is an "educated guess," presented as a fact, and not to be questioned as they just don't know what the minimum would be, but must make up a number to shrug off the criticism that this programme has not demonstrated sufficient demand.

Lack of data is not an obstacle to this fantasy discipline. It confesses: "However, because the proposed M.A. in Island Studies would be unique in the world, it is difficult to quantify anticipated student numbers or to cite precedent." If it is unique, it is impossible to cite precedents and this should add further caution to those worried

about UPEI racking up huge losses in this niche market. "Wide consultation" from scholars who are inclined to support the idea because they also have an interest in the field is not the same as trying to justify this programme among those not inclined to suspend disbelief.

11) If the Minor programme had its first (and only?) graduate in May 2001, then it may be worthwhile taking a closer look at it (academic review). Why are the numbers of minors currently registered in this Island Studies programme not revealed in the report at all? Is it not because it would be a great embarrassment to a fantasy programme that the only students really interested in it are fantasy students?

-Written by a group of concerned UPEI professors.

QUESTIONS and ANSWERS Regarding the M.A. Proposed in Island Studies at UPEI

1) The establishment of an Island Studies M.A. will interfere with the introduction of my own equally deserving and relevant pet project, the Really Tall People Studies M.A. Like the Island Studies program, Really Tall People Studies will be cross disciplinary in focus; all arts faculties will work on as yet unidentified sorts of projects that would involve, at least tangentially, really tall people. All the professors will be working together, smiling and happy. And I think when everyone gets to the end of all that research, they'll have some really interesting bits of trivia about really tall people.

2) Tasmania has just gone to war with Iceland! What do we do? Who do we call?!

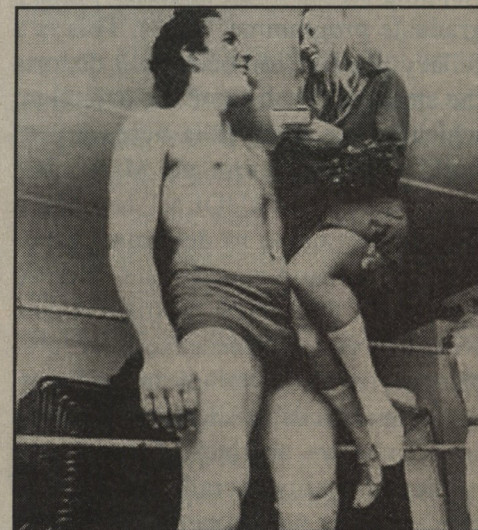
3) The University cannot run a deficit. The Island Studies program is projected to run a deficit of over 200,000 dollars in the first three years. This money will be taken from the existing

Arts budget. Why should so much money be gambled on an untested program?

4) How many islands could there be in the world? Lets just study them all.

5) *The Cadre* welcomes all questions and answers regarding the proposed Island Studies M.A.

-Ed.



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Everything You Wanted to Ask About Sex and Then Some!

Women's Network PEI is hosting a Symposium on Sexual Health for Youth, and we want YOU to come!

Location: MacLaughlan's Best Western, Charlottetown

Date: Saturday, October 27th

Time: 8:30AM to 8:00 PM (approximately)

For: Women and Men, aged 16-25

Why would you want to come?

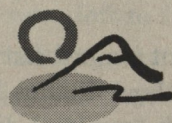
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- talk about issues of sexual health you think really matter
- help us figure out how to meet your sexual health needs
 - make your voice count!
 - take home some complimentary gifts
 - Decadent chocolate break!

All meals will be provided on site.

Transportation and childcare costs are also available to participants.

For more information, please contact Melissa Doucette at Women's Network PEI. Call at 368-5040, or email at health@isn.net. Please respond no later than October 18th.



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