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A Dialogue with Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs

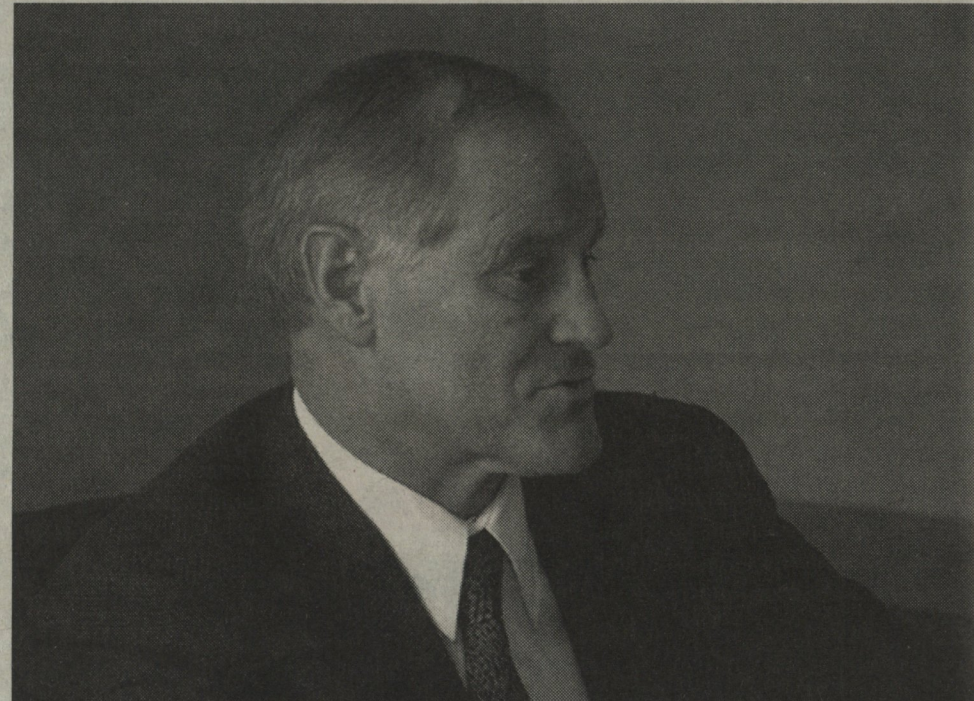
By Matt STEWART

On Tuesday, March 4th, The *Cadre* was thrilled and honoured to be given an opportunity to speak with Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bill Graham. UPEI Dean of Arts, Richard Kurial was instrumental in securing the interview for the campus paper. All other local media was denied direct access to the Minister.

Upon being introduced to Graham, I was immediately impressed with his charismatic and intelligent manner. With only a few minutes available for the interview, and with members of his entourage pushing for Graham to provide me with little more than a handshake, I dove directly into my questions.

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I asked Graham about his "Dialogue on Foreign Policy" project, which resulted in his visit to UPEI. Along with public meetings where individuals are able to voice their concerns, Graham explained that a government website exists which allows Canadians directly to learn about – and comment on – Canada's for-



eign policy (www.foreign-policy-dialogue.ca). He was quick to point out the success of the project: "The website is certainly proving to be a valuable tool to get feedback... And it's growing – the number of people that are logging onto it and reading the document itself. It's interactive so that's kind of exciting."

On the website it is explained that Canada's foreign policy is separated into three sections, or "pillars." Graham commented on the system and was quick to point out that all three pillars are of great importance to Canadians: "Basically, we have separated our foreign policy into three pillars: Security, Prosperity, and

Cultures and Values. The fact of the matter is they are all linked. The security pillar depends a lot on creating prosperity in poor countries where terrorism and desperation is bred by poverty and disease. They are all connected. Everything gets mixed up together but it's helpful to analyse them separately."

I believe very strongly in a democracy. You don't go to war unless you've got the support of your population — unless you can make a case to your population that this is something — a use of force — that is absolutely a last resort. And the population has to be committed to say yes we recognize the need for it.

With Graham being the first to bring up the topic of "terrorism," I decided to question him about the changing state of the World in recent years. He had this to say: "The fact of the matter is that since September 11 the security end is different. Asymmetric threats posed by terrorism are different from the type of Cold War problems that our military had to face in the past. Similarly there are changes in the prosperity end of things. We are becoming a country more of the Americas, we are

Fun & Games

Identify the songs these lyrics come from:

1) "How could you leave me standing alone in a world that's so cold?"

2) "You don't have to turn on the red light"

Movie Quotes (identify the film):

1) "Yesterday you were normal, today you're like the Chinese guy from the Karate Kid. What's with you today?"

2) "The things you own end up owning you."

Trivia:

1) What anniversary is the Oscars

(Academy Awards) celebrating this year?
2) At what University did the geeks and jocks square off in "Revenge of the Nerds?"

Answers from the last issue:

Lyrics:

- 1) Mary Jane's Last Dance by Tom Petty
- 2) Instant Pleasure by Rufus Wainright

Movie Quotes:

- 1) 10 Things I Hate About About You
- 2) The Matrix

Trivia:

- 1) The Fraggles: Boober, Mokey, Wembley, Red and Gobo
- 2) The Pope's hat is called a mitre.