

In September of 1980 two hundred and sixty-nine of Charlottetown Rural's alumni were registered at the University of Prince Edward Island. This means that out of all the schools on the Island, Charlottetown Rural has the greatest majority of former students going to the island university. Of the number of students, thirty-eight are seniors (fourth year students), fifty are juniors (third year students), fifty-eight are sophomores (second year students) and one hundred and twenty-eight are freshmen. Ninety-eight students are enrolled in the Business Program, sixty-five in the Arts Program, sixty-one in the Science Program, eight are in the Pre-Nursing Program and twenty-six former Rural students are in Pre-Engineering. The Education Program has twelve Rural people enrolled in it. Included in these numbers are the friends and relatives of the students now attending C.R.H.S. It is a good idea to get these people's advice. Why they themselves came to U.P.E.I. What are the University's good and bad points? It is a good idea to ask for help in making up a class schedule, picking courses and professors. Also ask about their old books because it's a lot cheaper to buy second hand books than brand new ones.

The people that know you will know what you want, if you'll be happy with a certain course or prof, so ask around. Most people are glad to give their advice because they themselves were once in the same situation



what does the future hold for you?



CORINNE HARDY

After graduating in 1978, I decided to work on a Bachelor of Science in Biology. In my second year of this program I began to wonder if it was really what I wanted. That summer I got a job through the University Chaplain working with patients at Hillsboro Hospital. During this time I decided that I would go into Nursing. However, before I could be accepted into nursing, I had to get my Grade Twelve Math and a University course in Sociology. So this fall found me back at the Rural taking Algebra and Geometry. I also took a night course in Sociology here at U.P.E.I. In January I finished my Math but continued with the Soc. class. I found I had a lot of time on my hands. It was quite an adjustment for me from being a full-time to a part-time student (a full-time student takes three or more courses). With so much time I felt a part-time job would fill some hours. This might be a good idea for those who want to see if University is really for them because along with a full or part-time job a person could also take some night courses. It wasn't as hard as it would first seem and with good organization and effort such a system can work out.

DIANNE KNOX

I graduated from Charlottetown Rural High School in the spring of 1979. I had applied and been accepted to begin courses at U.P.E.I. in September. However, at this time I was still very uncertain about the path I should follow in furthering my education. I felt a change from the routine of learning in a classroom situation might be a positive step in coming to a decision. Instead of registering for classes in September, 1979, I went to British Columbia where I travelled and worked for a year. I spent four months in Europe as well before returning to P.E.I. During this time I realized that I was ready to return to the Island and decided to begin classes at U.P.E.I. this semester. I feel it was important for me to have a goal in mind; not necessarily a chosen vocation, but the goal to want to learn as much as possible about all aspects of life. In this way one can really benefit from his or her university education and become a better person because of it.

KEVIN JENKINS

Kevin is a Senior Business Administration student. He graduated from the Rural in 1977. Coming to University was a big change from the Rural for Kevin. He feels that the University subjects seem much easier if you get involved in organizations. Because of this idea, Kevin became a class representative for the Business Society during his Sophomore and Junior years. Kevin also stated that the Student Union and Radio CIMN are also good ways to get involved in campus life.

Kevin's advice is, "Get involved, work hard but have fun as well (it can be done), don't give up if things seem tough at first, get to know your profs because they can help you immensely."

HEATHER MacLEOD

Hello, I am a second year student in the Arts program and I'm majoring in History.

I went to the Rural for four years and really enjoyed the time I spent there. In Grade Twelve I didn't intend to go to U.P.E.I. I thought I would go to another University, perhaps Dalhousie. I had lived away from home before so that part was no problem and I could always get a Student Loan. I started asking around. I went to Dal. for a weekend and I saw residence life as it really was. The more I thought about leaving to go somewhere else, more reasons came up as to why I should stay. There was the cost. If I stayed on the Island, I could live at home and cut costs way down. By studying here I'll be supporting the community.

When I talked to Miss Power, the Guidance Counsellor, she advised going to U.P.E.I. She said that getting used to the work load at University would be hard enough let alone having the added pressures of finance and homesickness to deal with. Taking all this into consideration, I chose to go to U.P.E.I.

I really thought University would be hard and if I passed with fifties I would be happy. However I found classes not as hard as I expected and my marks generally improved from High School. This happened because I could pin-point in on my interests and because of the preparation I got for University at the Rural. In fact, I found some of the subjects there harder than here at University. A lot of people think there are so-called "bird" courses at U.P.E.I. and it is easier than other places but it's not so, it's just that one course may come more natural to someone but be more difficult to another.

When I came to U.P.E.I., I became involved in different organizations. This is a good idea because it helps you meet lots of people. I found most people very friendly and willing to help or give advice to me. It's hard sometimes to get involved in things when you don't live at the University but with some effort it's not too hard and becoming involved can be very rewarding as it adds to your life at University so when you graduate you don't feel that all you did was study. All in all, I never regretted my choice in coming to U.P.E.I. for it's a homey, friendly place where you always seem to meet someone with a ready smile.

