

# Prof protests "how-to course"

By Carolyn Ryan

After another skirmish in the liberal arts-practical application war, a course entitled "Personal Finance" has been added to the Business Administration program at UPEI.

J. Joseph Revell, Director of the School of Business Administration, proposed the course to Senate in its January 13 meeting, saying that students need guidance in investment choice and matters of personal budgeting.

Pointing out that the course will be open to third and fourth year students within and outside the Business program, Revell called it "an interest course rather than a discipline course."

The proposal raised some concern by History professor David Weale, who questioned the worth, implications, and academic justifications of giving such a course, and wondered if it could lead to the university "giving a course in 'Personal Grooming'."

Revell was "disturbed by this comment", stating as proof of the course's academic quality that it would demand term papers, oral presentations, and analyses.

He discounted Weale's classification of "Personal Finance" as a "how-to course" by noting that one can get a PhD at the University of Toronto by studying "how to invest", for it is not a simple topic.

Revell was supported by Ian MacDonald of the Extension Department, who said, "'Personal' doesn't mean it's a cookbook course."

Also, Jean MacKay of Home Economics stated that

the university, which must educate students about themselves and their relationship to society, should "not ignore the economic aspect of that relationship."

The situation was further complicated when Senate learned from MacKay that the Home Economics Department now offers a course in "Family Finance" which

may overlap with the proposed courses.

In fact, the textbook would be the same for the two courses.

After much discussion on "different focusses, content, and emphases", Revell and MacKay agreed that "students who have taken one course will not be permitted to take the other."

Senate did nothing to implement this suggestion, but proceeded to a vote passing the motion approving "Personal Finance" for the 1984-86 Calendar.

After the meeting, Weale, who had registered his doubts by voting against the motion said, "Sure, I'd like to take a course like that, but at a university?"

## Crosbie SWAPS stories

# The chance of a lifetime: working abroad

By Leah Parker and Carolyn Ryan

"There's no better way to see a foreign country. SWAP can cut your travel costs and give you that unique work-abroad experience."

About 60 students were present Monday night when Heather Crosbie of Canadian University Travel Service (CUTS-Halifax) spoke at UPEI about the Student Work Abroad Program, SWAP.

SWAP is a ten-year old program which has helped several thousand Canadian students to have working holidays in Britain, Ireland, Belgium, and New Zealand. Administered by the services branch of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), SWAP works through government bilateral agreements to place students in a working exchange system.

According to Crosbie, SWAP is meant to be "experiential" in that it lets

you stay longer in a foreign country at a lower cost. Students finance their stays by working in hotels, bars, offices, restaurants, or on farms.

Crosbie emphasizes that students should not expect to save money for tuition fees on SWAP trips, for the jobs are low-paid and cost of living in a foreign country can be high. As well, applicants must pay their own travel costs to and from the chosen country.

If you are between the ages of 18 and 25, with a yen to see London SWAP can arrange it. The registration fee is \$125, return air fares start at \$618, and support funds of \$500 are required (as in all SWAP packages, to enable you to live until your first paycheck arrives). Workterms can be from eight weeks to six months, and wages go from \$125 to \$160 a week.

SWAP Britain is a popular choice, says Crosbie, for it's a flexible working situation, SWAP arranges several social gatherings, and it's "less of a culture shock" and less expensive than the other countries. Housing is expensive, though; even living with other SWAP participants. You may pay \$40 a week to live with four to eight people in a small flat in central London.

To work in Ireland, you must be between the ages of 18 and 30. Working opportunities are more flexible, as you look for your own job with the help of the local SWAP rep. Registration is \$60, air fare is to London with an extra return cost of \$60 for surface transportation to Dublin, and the maximum work term is four months.

Applicants with a working knowledge of French should

consider SWAMP Belgium, where specific jobs and accommodation are pre-arranged. You should be warned, however, that the Belgian work ethic is strong — you could be in for a major culture shock. Also, because of an agreement with the Belgian government, work is only available during May and June.

Screening will be intense for this program, as there are only 25 positions available to Canadian students.

Registration is \$125, and travel starts at \$650 from Montreal. The deadline for applicants to Belgium is March 1, so applicants are encouraged to apply soon, says Crosbie.

New Zealand is one of the most exciting choices, though it's more expensive than the others offered through SWAP. Return air fare from Halifax is about \$1800, and the registration fee, due March 1, is \$125.

The Atlantic region is allowed 6 of the 75 positions, and participants may find themselves tending bar in the capital city of Auckland or shearing sheep in a rural region. Students find their own jobs with local assistance but the cost of living and accommodation are relatively low.

Another advantage is that the New Zealand university students are in class during the specified six months, and jobs are plentiful.

Tempted? Get an application form from Howard Beattie at the Student Union office, send it, your resume, passport, three letters of personal reference and a cheque for the registration fee to Heather Crosbie, CUTS-Halifax, c/o Dalhousie University in Halifax.

Et bon voyage!

# CAMPUS COMMUNITY

## Jaycees Week nears

By David Doiron

Being a university student, you probably have the goal of becoming a successful leader in tomorrow's society. Going to university is a good first step, but one needs all the help one can get.

There is an organization that endeavors to help young people from the ages of 18 to 39 become confident leaders. It's called the Canada Jaycees.

Jaycees is leadership training through community involvement in an atmosphere of fellowship. In other words, Jaycees is something you should be involved in.

January 30 to February 4 is Jaycee Week in Canada. To kick things off, there will be an information night on Monday, January 30, at the Chamber of Commerce board room at 7:30 p.m. The general public is encouraged to attend.

Jaycees is your chance to do something great.

## Folk musicians solicited

The Mount Allison Gesner Geological Society welcomes entry applications to the 16th annual Intercollegiate Folk Festival. The festival will be held February 5 at Mount Allison University, and prizes of \$150.00, \$50.00 and \$25.00 will be offered.

Anyone interested should apply for further information to the Student Union Office in the Barn.

## Job deadlines approach

The Canada Employment Centre on Campus reminds students that the deadline for most summer employment applications with Federal Government departments is the end of January (for example, RCMP Supernumerary Constable, Student Placement Officer, Surfguard, Park Warden, Park Labourer, Historic Park Guide, and Green Gables Guide). The deadline for Visitor Services Attendant is Friday, January 20.

A booklet, "Summer Prospects", describing the various positions, application forms for the above positions, and COSEP (Career-oriented summer employment program) application forms are available at the Centre's office in Main Building.

The Centre also processes casual job orders for part-time work, and gives individual assistance with interview preparation, letters of application, resumes, and other aspects of the job search.

As well, a computer terminal (CHOICES) is available to help students in the process of identifying job and career options.

## Learn to newswrite

Want to break into journalism?

The Netted Gem is hosting a newswriting seminar on January 25 at 6:00 p.m. in its office on the fourth floor of Main Building.

The guest speaker is Don Keough of Holland College's School of Journalism, and the workshop will be open to the public.

The seminar will be followed by a pizza and beer party for all participants.

## Ad manager sought

The UPEI Student Union has opened applications for the position of advertising manager for 1984-85.

The successful applicant will be in charge of advertising for next year's yearbook, the student newspaper, and the campus radio station.

The position will start in mid-February to give the person chosen an opportunity to meet clients and be shown the ropes by the current ad manager.

Applications can be picked up at the Barn and will not be accepted after 5:00 p.m. on January 27, 1984.



"You know, Sid, I really like bananas... I mean, I know that's not profound or nothin'... Heck! We ALL do... But for me, I think it goes much more beyond that."