

UPEI Students on the March



Jim Lai

Jim LAI (1988 UPEI graduate) has enrolled in the Master's programme in Computer Science at the University of Waterloo.

To finance his first year of graduate studies, he applied for, and won, a NSERC scholarship for \$13,300; also a fellowship for \$3000, and a Teaching Assistantship for \$4,500, for a total of \$21,000. To finance his second

year, he will get a similar amount. Tony LAI (1986 UPEI graduate) has already completed his Master's in Computer Science at the University of Waterloo.

To finance his first year of graduate studies, he applied for, and won, and NSERC scholarship and a fellowship. He got as much for his second year, for a grand total of \$35,000 (thirty-five thousand).

He has now begun his Ph.D, same field, same university. To finance his first year of Ph.D. studies, he applied for, and won, another NSERC scholarship for \$15,000; also a fellowship for \$4,000. Next year, no doubt, the good lord again will provide.

Jim and Tony are brothers. In Waterloo they are sharing a two bedroom apartment. They should have no difficulty paying the rent.

It is a well known fact that hard-working young scholars can be so preoccupied with their studies that, sometimes, they forget their stomach. To avert

such a calamity, mother Lai have moved to Waterloo, and has taken command of the kitchen.

Bon Appetit! Tony and Jim. We are very proud of you and wish you well.

Colleen MacQuarrie (see Mayhew) UPEI 1987 graduate, enrolled in the Master's programme in psychology at Carleton University. She has already defended her thesis; it was accepted "without revisions".

To finance her graduate studies, she applied for, and won, the P.D. MacCormack Memorial Graduation Scholarship, whose value is \$18,000.

She says that, at Carleton, she enjoyed "especially the warm camaraderie among students". The work-load was "reasonable"; the programme "less difficult than the final year at UPEI".

She has not been studying non-stop since leaving UPEI. Last summer, she took three months off to get married and to honeymoon.

She is now a sessional lecturer

in psychology at UPEI. She is also a member of the PEI's Steering Committee for a National Study into Alzheimer's Disease. She plans to remain on the Island. "Definitely".

She also plans to start a Ph.D.; but not yet.

At present, her thoughts are directed towards something more pressing: she is expecting; and her doctor has informed her that it will be twins!

Congratulations Colleen!

The NSERC scholarships are prestigious. They are awarded only to very well-qualified students. Normally, UPEI students are awarded two or three every year. This year seven UPEI students won it.

For those students who are less well qualified, there are smaller scholarships and assistantships. There is a huge number of them. One Canadian university alone offers, each year, 1,000 (one thousand) assistantships, each worth from \$6,000 to \$10,000.



Colleen MacQuarrie

It is a well known fact that almost anyone who is accepted into graduate studies can get financial assistance of one type or another. But, of course, it is necessary to apply on time, and to prepare the application very well.

Arts students are reminded that the Dean of Arts has appointed thirteen awards officers, one in each Arts department, to advise him about graduate studies and to assist them in preparing the application for money.

Students Win Scholarships

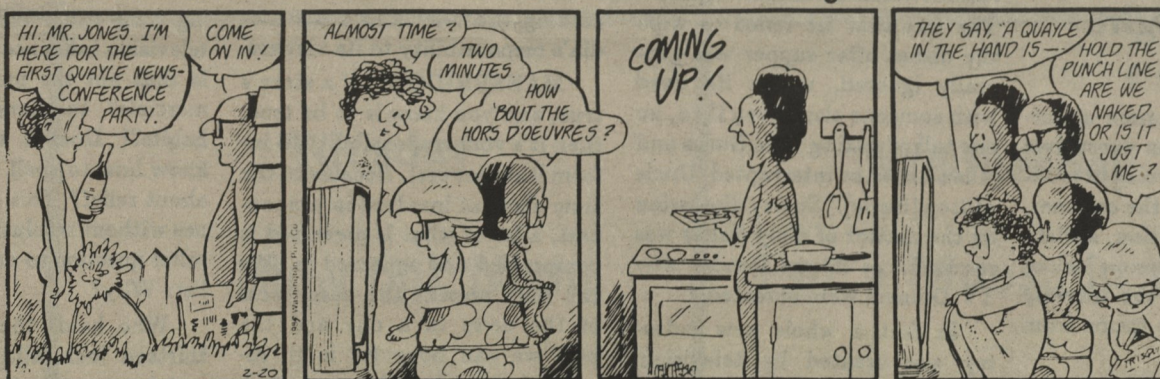
Ten freshmen science students at the University of Prince Edward Island have been participating in the prestigious national Canada Scholarship program under the auspices of the Ministry of State for Science and Technology. Aimed at recognizing gifted students and encouraging them to pursue undergraduate studies in natural science, engineering, and related disciplines, the Scholarships are valued at \$2000.00.

Scholarship recipients studying at UPEI are:

- Erik Baker, Morell, PEI;
- Andrew Frost, Kensington, PEI
- Nancy Green, Cronwall, PEI
- Catherine Lymburner, Marys-town, Newfoundland
- Ian MacPhee, Charlottetown, PEI
- Kathy Morrison, Charlottetown, PEI
- Janice Ployer, Cardigan, PEI
- James Richards, Murray Harbour, PEI
- Jamei Sampson, Charlottetown, PEI
- Jennifer Wightman, Alberton, PEI.

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Minds at first, then one by one, began disparaging Johnson and her ideas, much as had happened to Johnson in the women's movement nationally when she lost her bid for the presidency of the National Organization for Women.

Similarly, many women I know here on the Island have read *Going Out of Our Minds* with much enthusiasm, unable to put it down until it was finished. We each seemed to be up lifted by it for weeks, then slowly come back to earth with all our doubts and fears and yea, even put downs. Yet, to a woman, we can hardly wait to see and hear Sonia Johnson in person, to make up our minds, or maybe even to go out of them.

All of us who are parents can certainly relate to Johnson's de-

scription of how her adolescent children brought her to the humbling realization that "I could not change anyone but myself."

"The minute I felt different about myself, everything changed. My teenagers were no longer manipulating me. That changed the way I felt about myself. Then everything changed. Because I changed, I was no longer able to be oppressed." Up until then she had been protesting her third adolescent's bad behaviour and low marks which only made things worse.

Johnson drew a parallel with the protests by the women's movement. The more we protest against the system the stronger it gets. "I finally understood that patriarchy couldn't exist without our believing that the men have

the power and that we have to get them to make concessions to us."

Her experiences in doing all the "right things - lobbying, protesting, politicking - led her to believe that she was doing the wrong things if she wanted to change society. She tells the story of a profound, if misguided biology experiment. There are two cans of water and two frogs. One frog is placed in a can of water which is gradually heated to the boiling point. The other frog is placed in a can of boiling water and it jumps to safety.

The message Sonia sees in this is that we can either keep adjusting to continued violence, a deteriorating environment and quality of life, or we can make the harder choice and leap out of this

pattern into a frightening new world of possibilities of our own making.

As a radical feminist, Johnson advocates replacing the male dominated system - stressing power, control and competition - with a feminist system.

"Feminism is a way of seeing the world as a place where everybody wins, where there is plenty for everyone," Johnson says. "It's the only alternative to the one that men have made prominent: a system where the chief value is to be seen as the biggest, the best, as the strongest and the most in control."

Her goal is nothing short of worldwide revolution - a revolution she believes is beginning as women refuse to rely on men to change their lives.