

# Editorial

University, who needs it? You do, everyone does. If it is nothing else but an experience, it has accomplished a great deal. Besides the obvious benefits of a university degree in pursuing a career, there are more subtle benefits that are equally important. University life gives a person a great opportunity to interact with all types of people and this is an enjoyable learning experience. If you take the time and the little trouble it takes to get involved in your university, you can learn politics and the workings of a government through the Student Union or Senate; theatre, music and entertainment in the various social committees, and discipline and mental exercising of the mind with the wide variety of courses offered.

Athletics can help whip one into shape, get into team spirit and competition and quite often provide a means of visiting other universities.

While you do all this you can really have a

You might think "sure university is great, but why go to U.P.E.I.?" Some of the more common arguments against going to U.P.E.I. are: it's too close to home; it doesn't have a good reputation; it's too small; and it's on P.E.I. so there's nothing to do. But these arguments are all from people who don't know. People who go to U.P.E.I. don't usually agree.

Sure, it's close to home, but you don't ever have to go home. You can stay away all year if you wish. Really, the closeness to home is a convenience: you don't have to bring one big trunk of supplies in September- you can go home in November for your parka, and in December for your skis; you can borrow your brother's car for a week and then bring it back home; your mom can send down home-made cookies. Some people, instead of investing money in a place to live, live at home and buy a car to drive back and forth.

U.P.E.I. may not be large, but its' smallness allows the advantage of small classes. You get to know people well - in some classes the students become quite close. Professors feel close to their classes; they actually know most people's names (you'd never find that at a large university).

Most of the professors really care - they give extra help classes, give you special attention if you need it, and generally do what they can for the students. Not only do our professors care, but many of them are

good time. University parties are lots of fun too don't forget.

U.P.E.I. can offer all this to you and I'd like to get even more specific and say that the U.P.E.I. campus newspaper, The Sun, can offer all these things as well.

If you are interested in a career in journalism, reporting or photography, The Sun is the place for you. If you like to write or help inform the campus (informing yourself at the same time), join the Sun staff. If you have radical tendencies let them loose in the newspaper or if you just have something to say, the newspaper is your vehical of expression. Experience is not a necessity, just a willingness to learn.

In closing, I'd like to say think about it, think long and hard and then send in your university application and see you on the Sun!

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very good - which helps.

This university doesn't have a great reputation - it's not renowned the world over. But it doesn't have a bad reputation either. It takes time (a century or more) for a university to become great. U.P.E.I. is eleven years old. Even so, it's getting some recognition. People with a pre-engineering diploma from U.P.E.I. often lead their classes at N.S. Tech. U.P.E.I. is also becoming "known for an excellant Business Department."

Just because U.P.E.I. is on P.E.I. doesn't mean there's nothing to do... You don't have to go to Acadia to party every night; you can do just as well in Blanchard Hall. Charlottetown may not be Montreal, but there are some good clubs, restaurants, stores, and movie theatres around. There are activities at the Barn which, like everything else, are fun because everybody makes them fun.

U.P.E.I. has excellent facilities, especially when compared with many high schools! It's so good to do a science lab exactly the way the manual directs. There's no lack of proper equipment and materials, so you no longer have to improvise due to lack of money.

The library is a beautifully organized complex. It has most books you'd ever require, and a simple system to find them. The library has also copies of government documents; a media centre (microfilms, records, tapes); a magazine and newspaper area. There are private studying rooms, private study carrells

(some can be reserved); larger study areas with large tables; a "sun room" with more study carrells, and bean bag chairs; smoking and non-smoking areas; lounges; washrooms; classrooms; lecture theatres; an audio-visual centre; and a computer centre. There is also a large lounge with a few tables, a coffee machine, and carpet covered seating areas. Here people congregate to study, smoke, rap, sleep, drink coffee, skip class, eat lunch...

There are other lounges and computer terminals in various buildings. Above the cafeteria are music practice rooms and dozens of pianos. Each professor has an office where you can talk to him or drop-off assignments.

The bookstore sells supplies and every textbook needed. It also stocks magazines, junk food, records, tooth-paste and other necessities, sports clothing, and Nike sneakers.

Academic and residence fees for U.P.E.I. are more reasonable than most other universities. Sometimes prices only are high in other universities because of an old established reputation and name, and because there are more expenses to be covered.

To make costs even lower for students, there are various scholarships (athletic and academic), awards, bursaries, and loans available. Many of these are of substantial amounts, and are something to treasure if an individual acquires one.

U.P.E.I. is a respectable university for anyone desiring to further their education.