

Rita Goes Right to the Top INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT ASSUMES DUTIES

"To make Allied Youth a national thing through



Canada and the U.S.", was the principle platform and now the aim of the recently elected International 18-year-old AY President, Rita Pendergast, from Kensington, P.E.I.

Rita was newly elected during the annual International AY Conference held in Washington D.C. this November.

She has been actively involved in P.E.I. Allied Youth for the last four years serving as Provincial Secretary, Provincial President, and the representative for P.E.I. to

run for the position of International President in this year's conference.

In Washington, Rita was supported by a very strong delegation of Islanders. 130 AY'ers attended the conference and with the total attendance being 240, people certainly knew the Islanders and Rita were there!

She was elected by a voting delegation consisting of 2 delegates from each of the six regions represented at the conference plus the Old Cabinet which is the group of 6 regional International reps of last year's conference thus providing equal representation for all regions.

Campaigning for this election consisted of 20 picture posters by U.P.E.I.'s Lee Donnelly, 200 leaflets from the Dept. of Education and 150 home-made posters done by Rita's Island supporters. Says Rita, "posters were all over the place and they were really a great help."

Actual campaigning consisted of speeches and questioning from all attending delegates in the assembly. The six candidates were then put on "the hot-seat" and questioned further by only the voting party. Rita said, "This was tough" but obviously the voters thought she was great.

When asked what her responsibilities were as International AY President, Rita explained, "A principle responsibility is to plan the next International Conference along with my cabinet. I also attend all the regional conferences to help out where I can and to pass around the good word." Rita added that she would also like to study the AY Constitution which she says is rather "worn out."

The International Organization of Allied Youth is composed of six regions. They are N.S., Nfld., & P.E.I. being the 3 Canadian posts. with the three U.S. counter parts being Texas, South and North Carolina (South East AY), and VT., New York, and Penn. (North Eastern AY).

Each of the six regions have their own program and Rita said "P.E.I. is the best." Island AY is subsidized by the gov't, therefore they have a lot

of money to work with. They also have two full-time workers, Alan Andrews and Andy Hutchinson in the Dept. of Education. "We are under the division of Youth, Fitness and Recreation, AY being the Youth." The gov't sponsors us as their youth group and its fantastic."

AY is very active on P.E.I. with forty two Island "posts" or clubs. "The Island is lucky in that besides community posts there are so many Jr. High and Sr. High clubs."

AY programming here consists of 6 main points. They are 1) social fitness, outdoor living, peer education; 2) environmental education; 3) community aid; 4) leadership training; 5) working with the handicapped; and 6) working with Sr. citizens.

Social fitness provides youth with much up to date info. on such topics as marijuana, drugs, V.D., etc. Sessions are conducted with AY and the leadership institute for all new leaders and members.

Peer Education has increased sharply with the success of the Peer Alcohol Education Program carried out by Sr. High School students in the Jr. High levels. This was a program started in Texas and brought to the Island 3 years ago. Texas and P.E.I. are two regions with an excellent working relationship.

This will be Miss Pendergast's last year working in the AY organization, as she has gone as far as she can go. For the next three years she'll be completing her B.A., B.Ed. program at UPEI.

Rita describes AY as "A learning experience and serving group all in one which teaches a lot about others and yourself."

Rita is certainly going to have a full year travelling through Canada and the States "spreading more love and unity between the six regions" and helping as she goes. She has a lot of ideas she wants to see done this year and as she says, "I know they're big propositions but I'd love to start them."

Considering all that Rita has accomplished for AY locally and provincially she should have no problem internationally. Best of luck Rita!



Anyone walking through Main Building or Robertson Library these days might see one of these toy boxes! These boxes have been placed on campus by the A.C.T. committee. They need blocks, books and good used toys of all kinds to be used as Christmas presents for the needy.

STATS ARE RELEASED

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Unofficial figures show that 1425 full-time and 79 part-time students are enrolled at the University, those figures reflect a decrease in full-time enrolment of 138 students over last year's figures, but an increase in part-time enrolment of 27 students.

A breakdown by years shows there are 476 freshmen, 374 Sophomores, 37 Juniors and 288 seniors.

A breakdown by faculties shows 984 arts students (363 of whom are in business administration), 44 science students and

97 education students. Of the 1425 total, residents of Prince Edward Island number 1172 opposed to 1250 in last academic year, and 200 from other provinces. There are 13 students from the U.S.A., and 40 students from other continents. Nineteen mature full-time students are attending UPEI, and 113 full-time students under the age of 18.

Part-time enrolment shows 504 students in the arts faculty, 43 in science and 102 in education.

Official figures will be available December 1, 1978.

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