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## Toward 2000... The Future is Ours

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Last Thursday, Orientation Week activities wrapped up with a pizza party for the top team at the Wanda Wyatt dining hall. Team Uranus, one of the eight planet teams, and the organizers of this year's activities reflected upon and re-enacted some of the week's events as they crunched the crust and slurped the cheese off their pizza.

All of the new students seemed to have enjoyed their first week at UPEI. Patricia Cole, 18, a first year business student from Kensington summed the week up for the members of her team. "It was fun. I met people. We won the pizza."

The week was chock full of informative and entertaining activities designed to welcome New Students to the UPEI campus. Activities began with registration on August 31 and included sessions on time, stress and money management, and issues related to sex drugs and alcohol, as well as games to help New Students meet each other and evening entertainment.

Students seemed to have few complaints about how the week was run. Bruce Henry, 21, a first year education student from Bathurst, New Brunswick did have a suggestion for future students about certain unplanned activities that

occurred during the week. "Put a requirement in that you bring a water gun." "...and a rain suit." added Cole.

New Students were not the only ones who enjoyed participating in this year's orientation activities. Jennifer Boswell of

Frenchfort and Matt McQuaid of Keppoch were two of over forty leaders who had a great time running the activities.

"I had more fun this year than I had as a Frosh," said McQuaid.

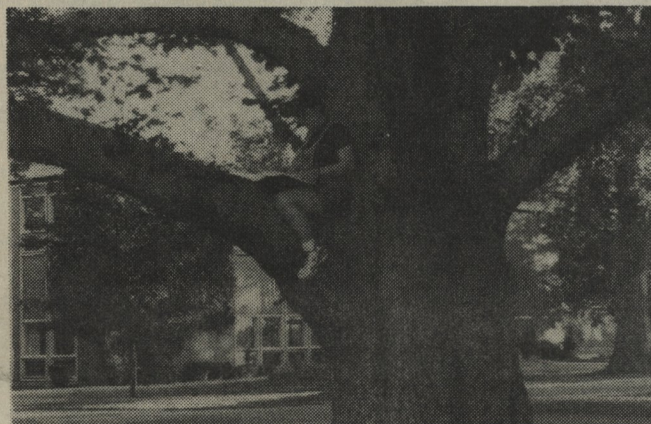
The reason for this was explained by Boswell. "This

year the students seemed to have a lot more energy." Hours of wild dancing and singing at the karaoke night, Monday, September 2 were evidence of this.

Attendance at Orientation activities was down substantially this year. Only 220 people registered for Orientation '96, a decrease from 300 in 1995 and 350 in 1994.

Erin McCrady, the chair of this year's activities did not let the decrease upset her. "It didn't put a damper on the spirit of the week. The whole point is to have a good time, not to worry about how many people were there. The low, no [ I mean]

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### Teaching Excellence Recognized at UPEI

The University of Prince Edward Island presented awards for 'Excellence in Teaching' for the 1995-96 academic year during the annual Faculty Recognition Night. Two recipients of this award were Professor J. Paul Boudreau, Department of Psychology, and Dr. Amreek Singh, Department of Anatomy and Physiology.

Professor Boudreau was recognized for his ability to "combine in his classroom his demand for very high

standards with an extraordinary degree of sensitivity toward individual differences . . . He is not just interested in conveying knowledge but in stimulating intellectual growth."

Professor Boudreau studied at Tufts University and taught several courses there as well as at the University of Massachusetts before coming to UPEI two years ago. He recently established an Infant Studies Laboratory at UPEI for the scientific study of intellectual

growth and development during infancy.

Before coming to teach at UPEI, Dr. Singh taught at the Ontario Veterinary College, University of Geneva in Switzerland and at two veterinary schools in India. Dr. Singh's main teaching interests are in microscopic anatomy. Dr. Singh has provided research training to 15 undergraduates during the last 12 years with the support of the Natural

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### Robb Among Distinguished Educators

Professor Andy Robb of the University of Prince Edward Island will be among the region's top educators to be honoured by the Association of Atlantic Universities (AAU). At the Association's September meeting in Fredericton, Robb will receive the AAU Instructional Leadership Award for "demonstrating a commitment to the improvement of university teaching within his own institution and beyond".

He is recognized as an outstanding teacher who has

had an enormous influence on transforming the culture of teaching, both within and outside the University of Prince Edward Island. AAU also stated that he is one of the most highly respected members of faculty, and one of the most outstanding contributors to teaching and curriculum development at the University, Robb's influence on curriculum and instruction has been consistently important for a quarter

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