

STUDENT DISSENT

Upon entering the University of Prince Edward Island the students are assured that they made a wise choice by coming to a small university because of the better personalized and individualized services, that they are about to receive. Yet, beginning with Pre-Registration and transcripts or applications for residence most students will agree with me that it is quite the contrary.

UPEI has a student body of less than 2000, yet, the administration at this university seems to be having very severe problems efficiently managing such a small number of students through very routine matters. How many times has the Registrars office neglected to follow up on your requests your applications? How many times has the Business office managed to missbill you? How many of you students were affected by the foul up of the residence applications, although you had your application and deposit in on time?

What needs to be emphasized is that these services are directly responsible for serving the students, not intimidating them! In reality we students are the employers of these individuals, therefore, they are merely servants of our institution. Under any other business circumstances these individuals would not hold their positions for any period of time.

The Registrars Office, the Business Office, and the Student Services (Resident Management) tend to show a high rate of impotence. In the next few weeks I plan to disclose many detailed, unpleasant, occurrences that students at UPEI have experienced. This is getting worse and we the students must ACT NOW!

I welcome any suggestions, comments, and any of your own confrontations that you might like to reveal

In conclusion, I want to reinforce that the purpose of this article is not to condemn these Administrative Departments but merely to put forth suggestions and reveal problems that might assist in improving these wellintended services.

Sharmini Peries

What SPEAK EASY Has Done for Me

Speak Easy should be a compulsory course when attending the University of Prince Edward Island. Everyone needs some help when it comes to speaking in public. The majority of students who attend U.P.E.I. are purposely avoiding subjects which require a seminar presentation.

They encounter a feeling of nervousness and fear that they would make a fool of themselves in front of their peer group.

People often judge others by the way they express themselves such as, eye contact, gestures, posture, and your voice inflection. They are more concerned by the way you look on the outside rather than what you have to say. Imagine what it would be like to be perfect in all of these categories and then the audience would concentrate on what you have to say. When you have completed your speech you often hear people say, "Did you see what she had on?" "I felt like tying her hands behind her back," or "What was she talking about anyway"? You realize that your speech was boring or you were not able to attract their attention.

In order to involve oneself in today's society one has to be able to make others understand their point of view. Concerning all of the careers that are offered in today's society, one has to be confident that their material and the way they are going to present it will convince others that there is no other possible answer. Many students need a course to help themselves improve their speaking ability.

Dear Reader:

The above is a speech given by Bertha Roberts at the closing of the Speak Easy Program. Maybe you, the reader, would find this program a worthwhile experience. If so, I invite you to:

Before a person can improve the way they express themselves they first have to realize that they have a problem and find help. Once that person realizes their problem, they have to be willing to continue, no matter what is asked of them. Over a period of time that person will benefit.

Speak Easy is the answer which helps students develop confidence, skills, and fun over a six week period. Students are given the chance to do something about their problem right here on campus. The program is not as easy as one might think at first, but eventually becomes rewarding.

I feel Speak Easy should be compulsory because each one of us has learned different methods of communicating with others, whether in a large or small group of people. The importance of arranging and delivering a speech,

We have learned as an audience, to encourage others, not to judge others hastily, to listen to what others have to say, that everyone has something to say, and most important, to tell the honest truth.

Each one of us realizes that we have something important, interesting, and humorous to say, just like everyone else.

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SPEAK EASY (rescheduled)

Beginning Thursday,
Oct. 14th

Time 2:30 - 4 p.m.

Where A.V. Studio
(Robertson Library)

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