

## Most Don't Make It, Says Prof

CALGARY (CUP) - If you're starting your post-secondary education or entering a certificate program, chances are you won't graduate, according to a Mount Royal College Business Administration professor.

Tom Diamond estimates of the approximate 320,000 students that returned to community colleges last fall, only 30 per cent will graduate. Diamond used Statistics Canada reports from 1983 to 1985 to find that less than 50 per cent of all students who enroll in community colleges are destined to drop out of their programs.

Diamond's report, however, does not consider those who return to finish their programs at a later date, or students who transfer to other programs or institutions.

"This report isn't a real accurate report," says Diamond. "I just wanted to show people getting involved with education what a problem it can be."

Diamond sees a need to examine the issue more thoroughly, and suggests mandatory first-year courses on time man-

agement, study skills, budgeting, and handling interpersonal relationships. He also proposes co-operative work programs, which combine school and hands-on experiences as solutions to the drop-out problem.

At the university of Prince Edward Island, the registrar's

office reports that 51 students dropped out between when fall registration was completed on Oct. 1st, and Dec. 1 1986, just slightly over 1% of the total full-time population. However,

this number does not take into account students switching to part-time studies, and is not seen as significant.

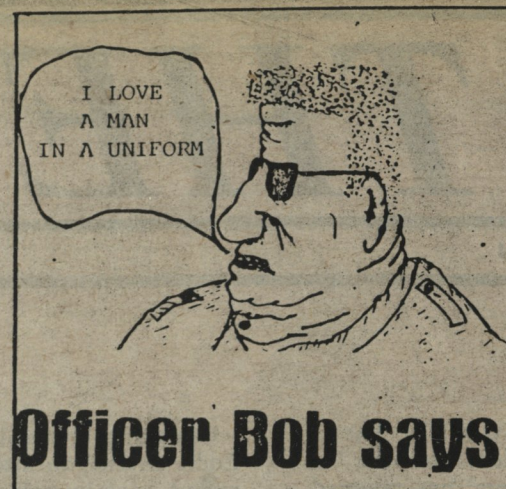
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English department, and in History, a grant was awarded for a study of PEI's rural society during the first half of the century.

And the list goes on. Over 44 separate research and development projects have been awarded funding at UPEI in the past year, a good total for a university as small as UPEI. However, the university may see increased difficulties in funding more projects. The federal government is the principle source of grants for R&D at UPEI and general policy has been slowly turning away from funding the smaller universities to concentrating on

larger research centres. The government's attitude towards the importance of research overall was demonstrated lately with the cutbacks the National Research Council in Ottawa received. If the agency closest to the government can be subjected to such cutbacks, a university such as UPEI could possibly suffer more.

The Gem will feature a series of articles focusing on some of the research at UPEI in the next few issues, plus a look at a computer network the university recently joined linking us with research centres all over North America and Europe.



## Officer Bob says MUN Recognizes Gays & Lesbians

ST. JOHN'S (CUP) - An association for gay and lesbian students, faculty and staff of Memorial University has been unanimously ratified by student council.

Association president Ron Knowling welcomed the unanimous decision, saying "It shows (council) is concerned about the issues and problems of gay students."

The Memorial University association was ratified on the condition that a non-student

executive member must be replaced by a student. New council by-laws require all executives to be students to be eligible for council funding.

Knowling said the association, which has about 25 members, has a primary goal of education. "We're trying to discourage ignorance about gays and lesbians," he said.

He said university officials are among those needing to be informed of gay and lesbian needs.



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