

## The conquest of happiness in Spring

By Jim W. Lai

The human mind reverberates from the shock of its emergence, from nature into human society. The terrors of the jungle still stalk our dreams and shape our interpersonal relations. Yet, the vibrations still persist of that dark night in the rainforest when instinct perceived, as if in a mirror its own shadowy reflection. In that moment, by some mysterious alchemy, the mind became aware of an enormous gulf separating its newfound solitariness from the external environment that surrounded it. It must have been a dreadful moment of silence, for it was filled with the recognition that it was the beginning of spring the time calling for the renewal of life and the communion of all living things.

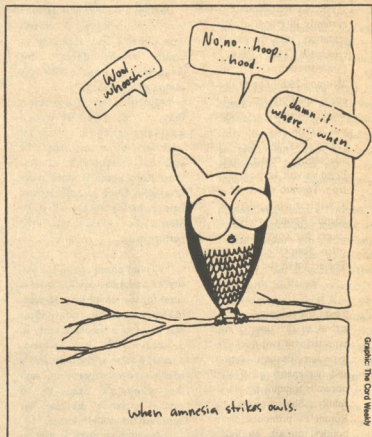
Unfortunately, the heralding of spring also brings with it the guant spectre of final examinations, the

beginning of an often desperate search for student employment, and their attendant tortures. Even more depressing is the dread possibility of being totally unable to see valued friends until the distant September has once again returned. Thus, spring brings upon us an intolerable melancholia and an unendurable senses of loneliness.

So, is happiness still possible for students at UPEI in this sorrowful spring season? As calculus professors have taught us, unhappiness depends upon some type of disintegration, or lack of integration: there is a lack of ability to integrate within oneself and between oneself and society. As physics professors have taught us, an unhappy student comes to feel like a hard, separate entity like a billiard ball, which can have no relation with other such entities except that of

collision.

Despite these formidable obstacles to happiness, it is not impossible nor unreasonable to expect to achieve happiness, particularly in the springtime. Traditionally, spring has been a season of new beginnings and flowering hopes. If somehow one is able to wade through the quagmire of final examinations successfully and find a tolerable job for the summer, then there is hope for happiness. Above all, the most important source of happiness is friendship. The person who receives affection is the person who gives it. But it is futile to attempt to give it as a calculation, for it is not genuine and will not be felt to be so by the recipient. With this in mind, I hope that everyone will be able to embark upon her or his individual conquest of happiness — before spring is gone.



## Letter(s):

### Canada Employment Centre on Campus

#### Dear Students:

This is to advise that the Canada Employment Centre on Campus office will be officially closed from May 17-August 17, 1986. Staff will be relocating to the main Canada Employment Centre at 85 Fitzroy Street and will be available to assist those graduates still seeking permanent employment. The Canada Employment Centre for Students will be opening on April 14th from this same address on the third floor for students who are seeking summer employment.

I will be leaving my on-campus position here at UPEI at the same time. My replacement will be Mrs. Connie Egan. I will regret leaving the university since I enjoyed working at the university and the many friendships I have made here. Since returning in the fall of 1983, I have come to realize only too fully how competitive the labour market has become, even for university students! It was in-

deed a challenge and an opportunity to help students find jobs and identify the career options available to them.

From my experience, many students find the job hunt terribly frightening and all too often more of a "hit and miss" affairs rather than a "hit and win" one. Many do not realize that obtaining a degree is not a guarantee to job success without some career planning with it. As Richard Bolles has so aptly put it: "There is a lot riding one's job hunt. Not just making money, nor using one's talents, nor one's self-esteem. But the greater question of who you are, and why you are here, and what you have to contribute to making this world a better place." You are really only doing it for yourself.

I wish you all success in the future. I hope to be seeing and working with many of you again in the future.

Sincerely,  
David Dickie

### Public Service Announcement

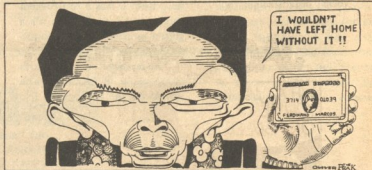
The PEI Science Fair will be held at the University of Prince Edward Island Gymnasium on Friday, April 4th from 9 o'clock in the morning until 5 in the afternoon. Everyone is welcome to come and view 130 projects submitted by school students throughout the Island.

### Re: Community of West Royalty Dr. Peter Meincke Award

This award of \$200 is available to a student graduating this year "who has excelled in the areas of community service". Examples of this type of service might be:

- Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- PEI Literacy Council
- Minor sports
- 4-H
- Church Groups
- Political parties

Application forms are available at the Registrar's Office and must be submitted no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, 18 April 1986.



Next week will be the last issue of **The Gem** for the 1985/86 academic year. People who wish to make submissions for the newspaper should do so no later than 3:00 p.m., this Monday.

### NOTICE TO SENATE RE: Cancellation Of 4 April Meeting

At this point there are no agenda items for the 4 April Senate meeting so it is cancelled.

The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, 29 April primarily to deal with degree and diploma candidates but also to discuss other items of business. Should a special meeting be necessary in the meantime, you will be notified.

### SUMMER COURSES

Attention students interested in taking second year calculus (251 and 252), a minimum enrolment of 12 students is needed before these courses will be offered. If you are interested, a potential class list will be posted in the Memorial math lab (terminal room). Interested persons are pleased asked to sign before April 18th. Thank you.