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David Suzuki illustration courtesy of Amanda Woodward, from Edmonton, Alberta

## Global warming threatens the survival of our species: David Suzuki

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Global warming and the environment have taken centre-stage in the minds of Canadians in the past six months, just as David Suzuki did last weekend at UPEI.

Suzuki, who CBC called Canada's best known environmentalist, is traveling the country on a 30-day, 40-city tour to hear the concerns of ordinary Canadians and what they would do if they were prime minister.

Suzuki spoke to more than 300 people in the Student Union building at UPEI on Feb. 3 - a sold out event. He didn't have all the answers Islanders are looking for, but he did have the means for them to have a discussion.

As they are surrounded by water "Islanders understand immediately that there are limits," he said.

Climate change also threatens Canada's national identity. Already polar bears are disappearing and in Bramford, Ont., where Wayne Gretzky learned to play hockey on a backyard rink, there are no rinks, as the weather has been too warm, he said.

"What is Canada without polar bears or hockey?"

At one point, a young girl came to the microphone, explaining she was doing a project on global warming for her school's science fair. Her question was simple: "How will global warming change life as we know it?"

This is a question every Canadian wants answered, although Suzuki could only say it would be a very different place.

Throughout the crowd, many had suggestions on how to take steps toward fixing the environment. Chera-Lee Hickox, a fourth-year biology student, said she would make recycling

programs mandatory.

UPEI's president Wade MacLachlan said he would encourage all Canadians to live within their means and try to leave less man-made marks on the planet.

The day before, on Groundhog Day, Suzuki's tour bus arrived in Charlottetown at 7:30 p.m., and he walked into the Inns of Great George wearing a light jacket. Groundhogs across the country didn't see their shadow that day, and rightly so, as spring weather is more common than snow these days.

Within 10 minutes he had already sat down to speak with local media about his tour and the future of Canada.

Since the environment took a prominent role in 1988 very little has been done in Canada, and around the world. Now we're seeing a preview of the future that is very alarming, he said.

"Mother nature has been kicking our pants and saying 'you better pay attention.' Extreme-weather has arrived."

## Unique approaches to the day of love

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For many women this time of year is filled with extreme - and sometimes unrealistic - expectations, while for men it can be a time of dread and last-minute planning.

Valentine's Day is fast approaching, which means red and pink decorations fill shop windows and hearts, chocolates and teddy bears line store shelves. It's also a time when men and women can be seen collectively banging their heads off the wall.

To help stop future injuries, here's a list of unique and fun things to do this Valentine's day to make your sweetie swoon

1. If you have the benefit of sleeping over at your sweetheart's, or can borrow a key from a roommate, you can plan a Heart Attack. All you need to do is cut out various hearts, write little love notes on them, and stick them throughout the house.

2. Hanging out with family on V-day? Then make a dessert everyone will enjoy. Combining red jell-o and cinnamon hearts is a quick hit sure to please. After supper, everyone can take part in a scavenger hunt of candy and Valentine's cards (the children's variety).

3. If the first-date jitters have passed you by, then relive them

by re-creating your first date. This move will show you're thoughtful and can remember small, yet important details.

4. Single? Then plan an Anti-Valentine's party. Hang out with friends to watch unromantic movies or head out for a night on the town.

5. Do something new and exciting such as snowboarding or skiing. If both parties don't know how to do it, all the better. It's an excellent reason to get close and show them the ropes. But remember, be patient, or the date might not end as expected.

6. Show your honey you care buy cooking them breakfast in bed. The meal doesn't have to be extravagant as the gesture is more important. Couldn't cook to save your life? Then a simple cup of coffee and chocolate Hugs and Kisses convey the same meaning.

7. Feel like kicking back solo for the night? Then fill the tub, make some hot chocolate, and watch your favourite movie. Also, call someone from your family who you love and haven't heard from in a long time. These calls can brighten your spirits - and theirs.

(sources: [www.my-valentine.info](http://www.my-valentine.info), [www.lifehacker.com](http://www.lifehacker.com), and various comments from individuals on and off Cadre staff)



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