

UPEI to Open Campus in China

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"Many students in China don't care about the education. They just need the diploma to get a job. Currently the mindset is that it doesn't matter if you have twenty years of experience. They don't care. If someone gets a diploma, they get your job."

"Also, there are many problems with a student's VISA," said Zee. "They really give you a hard time when going from a lower economic country to a higher one."

Overall, Zee had positive comments on the program.

However, our university isn't the only project on the go with China. Timmons explains "...another interesting thing is that the Department of Education is working with ten Chinese high schools. We'd be sending teachers over there."

This would consist of the ten schools sharing a curriculum with the island high schools, thus allowing students the opportunity to study in Canada upon their graduation.

In the first year the new program hopes to attract 60 students. If successful, UPEI could receive up to 100 students within several years in addition to their current exchange students. Ultimately, this adds to UPEI's growing diversity and academic excellence in the long run, as it opens doors for future possible ventures.

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Provincial Exams No Longer Required For Entrance To University Prince Edward Island

"Atlantic Board" exams, bugaboo of every grade 12 student, are no longer required for entrance to the University of Prince Edward Island.

The death knell of the Board examinations, regarded by many educators to be an anachronism, was sounded at the University Senate

meeting held on Tuesday, Oct. 14, at Montgomery Hall.

Students who have already taken these examinations will still be allowed admission if they have the required average of 60% in six subjects, including English and Mathematics.

The Senate has, however,

passed a motion that special entrance examinations, to be set up by the University or under systems used by other universities, will be used in place of the APEB exams.

It is felt that this step will be a great improvement over the old system of examinations which were set by the

Department of Education rather than by the university.

It is felt by some individuals that the Board examinations should be completely abolished in the Atlantic Region, as they feel they are redundant, poorly coordinated with school curricula, and have the effect of downgrading the high-school diploma to second-class status.

It is also said that Provincial Board examinations are poorly coordinated with educational systems of other provinces, and that students transferring to other provinces sometimes have trouble getting their credit accepted by educational institutions.

Some feel that Board exams are ridiculous, in that Provincial Education departments go to considerable trouble and expense to set up curricula, certify qualified teachers, employ special supervisors to ensure that Provincial standards are being adhered to by different high schools, and require that teachers undertake certain measures to ensure that standards will be maintained, and

then, after all this double-checking, set up a special standards check in the form of a special examination.

Students have stated that "Provincials" have often led to lower scores simply because it was extremely boring and fatiguing to study the same thing over again just after completing a barrage of exams for their high-school diploma. Many have said that they would like only one set examinations for matriculation purposes, either given at the school or a set of examinations set by the government without prior grade 12 school examinations.

It is felt that the old system of examinations may be harmful to many students in an academic sense, as it implies the downgrading of the high school diploma and implies that they have not been successful in grade 12, even if their marks have been high. Students have been pointed out that have achieved grade 12 standing who are still full-time students in that grade and who must again qualify and write Board exams over again.

All The News That's Print To Fit

Slow Motion Strobe Light?

An anonymous report, (which remains unconfirmed as we go to press) states that the traffic light at the corner of Grafton and Weymouth changed 2,883 times Saturday, October 18.

Probability experts and others are still seeking to determine whether or not this occurrence has a negative effect upon activities at the Downtown Campus.

BACH TO BACH

A poll taken at 8:33 p.m. last Sunday night revealed that "Switched-On Bach" was the overwhelming favorite (by a 2 to 1 majority) of the records played on the old HP at The CADRE office, 285 Kent St.

Runners-up this week were "Blind Faith" and Johnny Winters' "Progressive Blues Experiment."

AMUSING TRIVIA

Rumor has it that President R. J. Baker often eats toast and coffee for breakfast.

President Baker was not available for comment, and so could neither confirm nor deny this allegation.

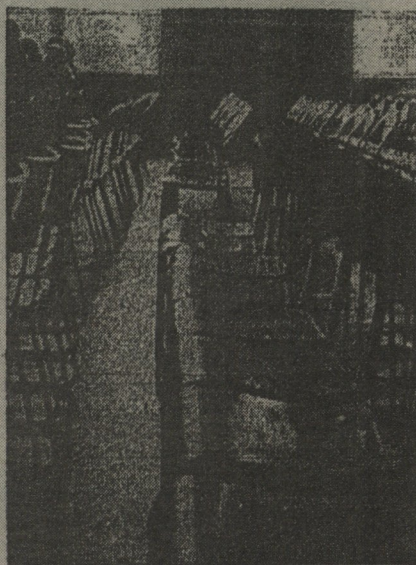
Progress Is Our Most Important Product

NEW YORK (LNS) — Some 2.6 million 500-lb. bombs have been dropped on the territory of South Vietnam, each leaving a crater about 40 feet wide and 35 feet deep. That's one crater for every six people in the country.

The observation was made by Dr. Egbert W. Pfeiffer, professor of oology at the University of Montana, who went to Vietnam to study defoliation.

Pfeiffer, who defended the use of defoliants on military grounds, noted that the chemicals are devastating the country. In a 65-mile river-boat trip from Saigon to the sea, Pfeiffer saw "scarcely... a living plant" and he said that only fish-eating birds survive.

The unexamined life is not worth living — Socrates.



Last week's apathy meeting was greeted with a full turnout: none. The student organizers on the left side of the picture can be seen congratulating themselves on its success.

STUDENT SENATORS

WIN OPEN SENATE MEETINGS

The first formal meeting of the University of Prince Edward Island Senate was held October 14 at Montgomery Hall. President R. J. Baker presided.

Shortly after the meeting opened at 7:00 p.m., student senators Reg Phalen and Richard Montigny made their first motions as new student senators to have all Senate meetings open to anyone who wished to attend.

The motion was carried, but not until after an amendment by Terence Ross which stated "Subject to the condi-

tion that Senate can resolve itself into a committee on a two-thirds majority vote of members present", was incorporated into the main motion.

It was also decided that the Senate should meet twice-monthly, and that Professor John Smith and Dr. Roy Campbell would be the two Senate members on the University Board of Governors. Student nominee Dennis MacKay lost the nomination for Senate representative on the Board of Governors on the first ballot.