

ISEP exchange program lacks participants

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Unless your average is below sixty, you can spend next winter in sunny Carolina. Student Services Director Jim Griffith involved UPEI in the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) in 1980, making UPEI the first Canadian university in the program.

ISEP is based on balanced one-to-one exchanges between universities in the United States and those in other countries, like Canada. UPEI recently accepted a student from the University of South Carolina; now that university is bound to accept a UPEI student for a year. Similar openings are available at three other universities: the University of Scranton in Pennsylvania, St. Peter's College in New Jersey, and Howard University in Washington, D.C.

There are sixty universities in the United States offering exchanges through ISEP. Any student who wishes to go to one of these universities can apply and will probably be admitted. Then UPEI will owe that University a placement. Students are encouraged to select three institutions they would like to attend. If, for any reason, the first choice cannot take a student this year, the second or third choices almost assuredly will.

In the last three years, UPEI has sent seven students to U.S. universities and has had six U.S. students enrolled here for a year. Griffith would like to see the number of exchanges reach five or six each year. The reason more have not been taking place? Lack of applicants.

There are so few applicants that no one who met the basic requirements has ever been turned down. These basic requirements are: a minimum average of 60%, sophomore or junior standing as a full-time student in the year you wish to be exchanged, and an intention to return to UPEI to graduate.

Most exchanges are for a full year, but some one-semester exchanges can be arranged.

The cost for the program is little more than the cost of attending UPEI. Tuition, room and board, and student fees are paid to UPEI, as if the student were attending here. This will cover the cost of the exchange student who will come to UPEI from the U.S. university, either in the same year or another. The UPEI student's fees at the U.S. university are paid by the local student who comes here for a year. Thus, there

are no foreign student fees or out-of-state tuition rates. The university fees will be UPEI fees.

Extra costs will include travel expenses, a probable \$50.00 placement fee, and participation in ISEP's health insurance program, which costs \$15.50 in U.S. funds per month. This health insurance is required due to the high cost of hospitalization in the U.S. One broken arm could cost the student \$2000.00 unless he is insured.

The cost of the ISEP program qualifies for Canada

Student Loans.

All courses to be taken at the U.S. university must be selected and approved by the Registrar before enrolment. They will then be credited toward a degree at UPEI. Especially interesting courses are available in the sciences, art history, and music. Courses are offered in all disciplines. The calendar of each university is on microfilm in the Student Services department and can be studied at any time.

Other than obtaining approval and confirmation of

the placement from the Registrar, there are few formalities. A student visa must be obtained from the Department of Manpower and Immigration. The next step is enrolment as a "non-degree" student at the university chosen. This is followed by a year of study and pleasure in a very different setting from UPEI.

The deadline for applications is February 29, 1984. Further information and application forms are available from Jim Griffith at the Student Services office.

Exchange student enjoys life at UPEI

By Sharon Leighton

Steve Simbeck has been attending UPEI this semester as an exchange student through the ISEP program.

He likes UPEI. "There is much more partying here and much better parties than at Eastern," he says.

"Eastern" is Eastern New Mexico University, where he is enrolled as a degree student in Business. His major is Marketing. The reason he can only stay at UPEI for one semester, when most ISEP exchanges last a year, is the shortage of Marketing courses available at UPEI. "The courses at Eastern are more specific than they are here," he says. "The Business courses here are general overviews of the entire field, while the courses I'll take when I get back are concentrated on things like Advertising, Retailing, and Finance."

Steve strongly recommends the ISEP student exchanges. "They're a great chance to travel," he says. "Although you're still at university it feels like a break. You're not here to strive for high grades, but to see the university and the Island. You're still learning, but it's not just textbook knowledge."

"Travel is a great experience," he says. "When you travel some place you've never been, you don't know what to expect. You're meeting new people who don't have the same background as yourself."

He quotes a common saying that 90% of a college education is outside the classroom. Such experiences as living with a roommate, setting your own schedule, having to depend on yourself to get out of bed and keep your clothes clean are all

elements of growth.

"And then there's crib," he says. "I learned how to play crib here!"

Steve has used his own exchange program to do as much travelling as possible. He drove up, seeing a lot of the United States on the way. Early in the semester, he toured the Island on weekends. He went with the fans to Montreal to see the soccer game.

He says that there are more similarities than differences between UPEI and Eastern. Both are small institutions, although UPEI is smaller than Eastern (Eastern has 3500 students). The residences are much the same, although there is a freer atmosphere at UPEI than at Eastern where male visitors in female residences have to sign in and leave their IDs at the reception desk. The academic environment and course structure are similar here and at Eastern.

One notable difference is the pub at UPEI. There is no pub on campus at Eastern and it was only last year that the regulation barring alcohol from the campus was dropped. The Student Union does run a coffee shop, where Steve hopes to start a pub.

New Mexico is an agricultural area and Eastern is situated in a town smaller than Charlottetown. Steve thinks that UPEI students who chose to go to Eastern on the exchange program would feel at home. "It's a good school," he says, "and its location is good for travelling." Mexico is close enough for weekend trips, as are the cattle towns of Texas and the ski resorts of Colorado and northern New Mexico. He warns against expecting mountains at the

university: "That area is really flat." He thinks the best time to go would be the second semester of the sophomore year, because at Eastern majors are chosen in the third year, and because "you want a break about then".

Steve has only one complaint about his exchange semester at UPEI: "You don't have any keg beer."

Blanchard roof added

What exactly are they doing to Blanchard Hall? Well now that they are probably finished you are going to find out the details. According to Mike Read they are putting the finishing touches on a new flat roof. The original plan was for an A frame roof but the cost was too high. Read said the new roof was badly needed because of the "heavy leakage, poor insulation, and the loss of heat." It consists of insulated foam, tar, and metal flashing.

Read said, "The total cost of the project should reach \$125,000 by the time it is done. It has taken about two months because of the bad weather."

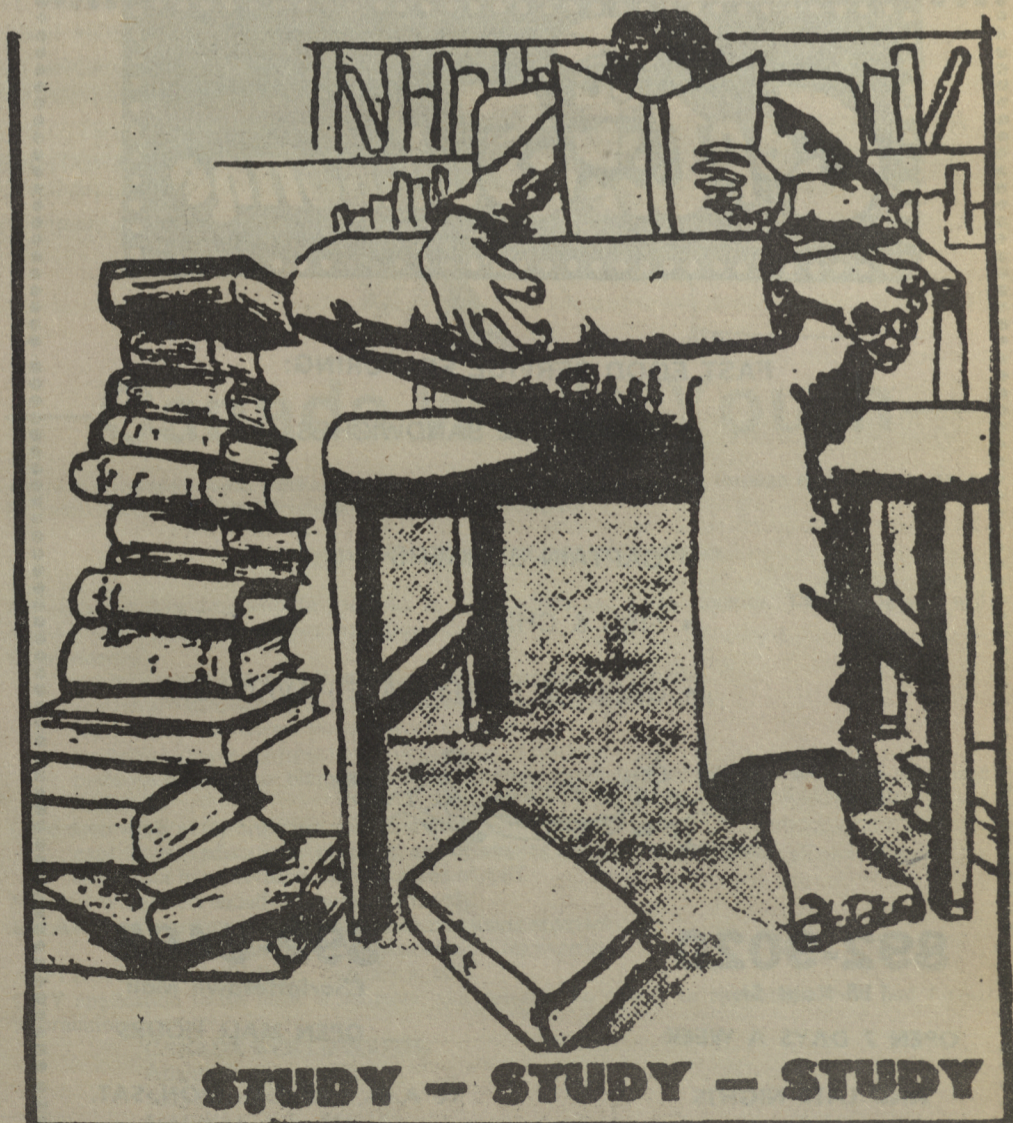
Beware before Christmas

Before leaving for the Christmas holidays, students are urged to ensure that they do not owe money at the Business Office nor have Library books in their possession. Marks will be withheld in either case and, since the University will be closed Christmas and New Year's, there will be no way to check and get cleared until 3 January. Be sure ahead of time and avoid disappointment.

Also make sure that the Registrar's Office has your correct mailing address.

Grad Proofs in

The graduating class of 1984 picture proofs have arrived. They can be picked up during regular business hours in the Alumni Office, downstairs in the Kelley Building, starting Friday, December 2.



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