

# This is your educational neighbourhood

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**Poverty.** If you have a student loan, you probably know all about this condition. A single student with the maximum amount allowed for a student loan lives at 70 percent of the poverty line. In other words, students have another 30 percent to go before they reach the poverty line.

**Kraft Dinner, Mr. Noodles, and Rice.** The staple food for students living at home. Why? Well, first and foremost, they're EL CHEAPO. Did you know that some stores sell Mr. Noodles for \$1 for four packages? Oh, and the KD also has a childhood nostalgic bonus.

**Campus Caring Cupboard (CCC).** Accepts food donations from November 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup>. Helps needy UPEI students make it through the semester.

**Oxford English Dictionary (OED).** Perhaps the most prestigious dictionary in the English language, it comes in seven LARGE volumes. The OED is also available on-line at UPEI, and can be accessed at any computer on campus through the Library entries. Looking up dirty words at four in the morning (when you are supposed to be studying, writing papers, etc.) is a hysterical experience. Picture some very, very proper Brit being forced to come up with a sanitized description of all your favourite obscenities. Did I mention the numerous contextual examples given of each word? Believe me, when you're so tired you can see air, dirty words on the OED are funny. You'll feel like you were in grade five again.

**Canadian University Press (CUP).** An organization of approximately 50 university newspapers. All pa-

pers benefit from the resources of being united in a larger body, while still retaining their uniqueness and originality. *The Cadre* is a member of CUP.

**World University Service of Canada (WUSC).** A social justice group that is concerned with the international community, as well as home. Every year, WUSC sends students to another country to learn about other cultures and the significant obstacles they face. In past years, the P.E.I. chapter of WUSC has sent students to Peru, where they brought much needed text books.

**Best Buddies.** A program that allows special needs individuals to take one or two credit courses. Each person is paired with a UPEI student — their buddy.

**MAPUS.** Mature and Part-time University Students. This association helps to provide the substantial university population of MAPUS students with a voice. From what I've heard, the MAPUS lounge in the Library is exxxcellent.

**CIMN.** UPEI's campus radio station, heard at 700 AM. They're great for requests, and the fact that they don't play Hanson or the Backstreet Boys demonstrates the existence of a higher power.

**Sub-organizations (suborgs).** Suborgs of the Student Union include *The Cadre*, CIMN, and Nexus (the yearbook), and provide students with important services. But since I'm writing for one of the suborgs, you may not want to take my word on it.

**Honourary Degrees.** Given to members of the community in recognition of their positive contributions to society. Students at Memorial University in Newfoundland threatened to revolt when rumors hinted that Jean Chretien would be given an honorary degree. They may have been a little upset that

Chretien's government has cut \$7 billion from post-secondary education alone.

**Federal Minister of Education:** Oh, I forgot. There isn't one!

**Libby Davis.** An NDP Member of Parliament for Vancouver, BC. She recently introduced a private member's bill to reverse the changes in bankruptcy legislation that prohibit students from declaring bankruptcy for ten years.

**Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).** A conglomeration of nations, including Germany, Canada, France, the United States, Great Britain, and 24 others. 17 of the 29 countries have zero tuition, and 27 of the 29 have a national system of grants for students. For the latter, only Japan and Canada are countries without this benefit.

**APEC 98.** The yearly summit of Asian leaders. If you recall, students who didn't like APEC 97 were pepper sprayed (they had a problem with Suharto, among others). Chretien is attending APEC

98, but he isn't as jocular this time around. You see, the Malaysian government jailed one of their ministers, and it made Johnny sad. Apparently, it's *not* okay to imprison politicians, but it is okay to murder citizens. Not to be confused with the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council.

**East Timor.** Formally a self-governing state, in the 70's it was invaded by Indonesia, under the leadership of then President Suharto. It is estimated that hundreds of thousands of East Timorese have been murdered since the takeover, including students. On one occasion a few years ago, students were peacefully protesting the occupation of their home when over 200 were gunned down. Many were imprisoned and tortured (some had sulphuric acid injected into their bodies). Just this year, at least six students were killed during a memorial for their murdered friends.

**Jakarta, Indonesia.** Site of a massive student protest against Suharto's rule. The strength of their combined voices was the catalyst for Suharto's recent resignation.

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