

IN SEARCH OF THE GREEN

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Welcome back! I truly hope everyone managed to have terrific summers with exciting workplaces. My job was certainly fun this year working with Sherri Egan giving campus tours to incoming first year students. I'd like to say hello to those students now and to wish them a great year of university life.

An important part of university life is of course finances and the Student Services Center provides assistance to students in the ar-

eas of scholarships, bursaries, and loans by providing avenues of information. I have had one year as your Financial Aid Advisor and in that period of time have noticed several specific areas of concern:

A. There are bursaries and scholarships available to UPEI students on the basis of a combination of various things like need, academic performance, community involvement, religious affiliation, gender, and field of study that simple require application from students;

B. The Federal/Provincial Loan and Bursary Programs for Canadian students are not neces-

sarily simple or easy to understand if applying for the first time and advisement is recommended;

C. Appeal your temporary assessment of your loan application if you are not happy with it;

D. University is in itself a full-time job; therefore, please try to keep any part-time job down to 10 hours a week if you can; and

E. UPEI students who are studying toward a bachelor's degree or diploma are categorized as undergraduate students. Graduate students are those who go on to a Masters or Doctorate level of study in a particular field. If students are ac-

cepted into a graduate program, then they can usually receive funds in the form of teaching assistants, scholarships, or bursaries. Student loans are also available through the Department of Education Student Aid Program.

OK, I think that's enough of the world of financial aid for this first issue of the GEM. Speaking of the GEM, I would like to welcome our two new co-editors Dawnne Chappelle and Cora-Lee Desroches to the newspaper staff. They replace our past editor Derrick Webber who did an outstanding job last year and all indications point to our new



editors of being equally successful. Oh yes, before finishing this first article I should tell you that I've changed my name back to Murphy from Reeves and I hope that it doesn't cause and confusion.

Until next week, remember that the search for the green begins with you!

VP Finance



Hello everyone!!

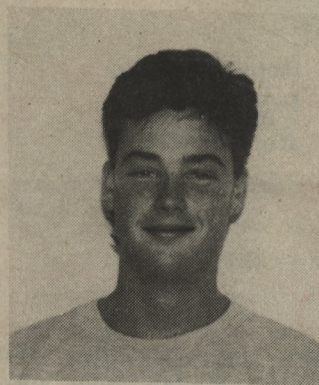
I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome all returning students back to the grind and to welcome all first year students to UPEI. My name is Joan Master-son and I am your Vice-President Finance on the Student Union Executive for

the coming year. It is my hope that my fellow executive members (Dean, Paul, Mary Anne, and Lisa) and myself can work with you for you to make the 1988-89 academic year as rewarding a year as possible.

As VP Finance, I am responsible for the financial administration of the UPEI Student Union which includes such duties as preparing financial statements, reports and budgets; maintaining clear and accurate account of all financial transactions of the Student Union; approving pay-rolls; and overseeing the duties of the General Manager. I am also one of the student representatives on the Board of Governors.

The VP Finance has traditionally been a rather low key figure on campus. I plan to change that image this year. I think that its important to be involved in various activities on campus and to be accessible by all students wishing to voice a concern or who simply want to have a chat. I am very approachable so don't hesitate to stop me and say Hi! or drop by my office in the Barn if you want to share any ideas that will make the upcoming year a great one. The entire executive is very keen and eager to do all we can for the students at UPEI. GOOD LUCK THIS YEAR AND REMEMBER, GET OUT AND GET INVOLVED!

VP Communications



dent Union and life on campus.

By the way, my name is Paul Griffith and hold the newest position on the SUC, Vice-president of Communications. This position was created to better the communications and awareness on campus, between the Student Union and the university community. Since this is a new position, I am looking for suggestions, ideas, and opinions on what you think the duties of the VPC should entail as well as any new areas this position should get involved in. So please stop by the desk or anywhere else you might see me and we can have a chat. Have a good one!

Sincerely
Paul Griffith

Well, another summer has come and gone, and this one seemed to scoot by faster than the previous summer. Since we cannot do much about the past, accept reflect, lets make sure the future entails everything we want and hope for. A sure way of achieving this is by getting involved in the Stu-

OMBUDSMAN

Hi! My name is Sean MacIntosh and I am the UPEI Ombudsman. For those of you who don't know what an Ombudsman is, don't worry, you're not alone!! The Ombudsman is the person on campus who the students can turn to if they are having problems with the Student Union or the University. I sit on the Student Union Council and can bring cases before the Senate and the Board

of Governors. The students' rights must be protected and that's what I'm here to do.

If you have any problems, feel free to bring them to me. I am here to serve you, and I will do so to the best of my ability. At present I don't have an office but that will change soon (so I'm told). If you need to get a hold of me for any reason, you can use the VAX-account name OMBUDSMAN- or you can

contact me through the Student Union Office. I'm almost always on campus and quite easily found. The office thing should be fixed up by mid September.

Good luck in your studies and have a great year.

Yours,
Sean MacIntosh
UPEI Student Ombudsman

