

Introduction

After twelve years of grade school - twelve years of classes every-day from nine to three, twelve years of developing a way of life suited to this planned program the high school graduate student is suddenly faced with the idea of choosing a path for the future and all of a sudden grade school seems miles away - as does the security that went with it. In our society it is almost a foregone conclusion that the high school graduate is going to go on to prepare him/herself for some station in life and depending on what the individual wants to do there are many options open - the least not of which to be given some thought is University.

Islanders have an advantage over many others because there is a university located within everyone's reach and city kids, or Towny's, as they are sometimes called by residence students, have the distinct advantage of being able to live at home

and commute daily by foot, thumb, or car to classes and social events. They have the best of both worlds, so to speak; because they don't have to cope with high residence and food costs and transportation problems and they are free to participate in as much or as little of the campus social scene as they wish. The problem however, with many commuting students is that they don't make the effort to get involved. It is up to the individual to do it- to take the first step - there are all kinds of directions to take. There is the campus student union, the campus newspaper, countless numbers of student clubs and organizations, not to mention the carnival, the Octoberfest, the "Pigs" the pubs, the intramural programs, and interscholastic programs etc. etc.

There is something for everyone's tastes and time-

tables. And, as freshman are quick to discover, the university timetable is not nearly as rigid as the one in highschool. University students have a lot of "free time" in that they don't go to classes nearly as much as grade school students but perhaps the hardest thing to do is to budget that time wisely. There is a lot of free time because there is a lot more work and if it's wasted all you end up with is a lot of work and no time. Budget carefully and studying and socializing both have a place.

The thing to get straight from day one is your purpose for going to university: is it strictly for a good time or for a good education too. Whatever you decide is going to determine what you get out of it so if you are willing to invest your valuable time and money make sure you take advantage of all it has to offer - you may never get another chance like it again.

Words of Wisdom

-Life at UPEI is what you make of it, so get busy, get involved, and have a good time.

-You don't have to buy those costly brand new textbooks...there are plenty of places to get perfectly good ones second hand .. check the various bulletin boards and ask around.

-Professors say that good reading and writing skills are essential whatever your field...so work at them.

-Find out how to use the library properly...it's a valuable resource.

-Properly budget your spare time.. it's all in your own hands so don't waste it.

-Get advice on planning your courses..you shouldn't have more than 3 consecutive classes because you will tend to lose your concentration at this point.

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Student Services

The Department of Student Services is that segment of the University which is primarily concerned on a day to day basis with student life and learning opportunities outside the classroom.

Student Services is located on the first floor of Main Building. You may call or drop in for the following reasons:

- Career planning
- Course selection
- Study habits development
- Personal problem assistance
- University orientation
- Career information
- Scholarship and financial aid information
- Reading training
- Placement service
- Health services
- Off-campus housing
- On-campus housing
- Residence supervision
- Testing
- Over-seas students organizations
- Services of worship
- Ecumenical programs
- UPEI Day Care Center
- Writing lab
- Public speaking course

-The Student Services Department can help you more than you know.

-Get to know your professors..they really do care and are willing to help.

-Pass your assignments in on time...final exams are bad enough without having a couple of papers hanging over your head.

-The library has a computer that doesn't forget about your overdue books.. so get them back on time.