

Vet gives tips to pre-vets

By Brian MacLeod

"To keep yourself going keep telling yourself what a good practitioner you will be," is some essential advice on how to gain a veterinarian's education.

Last Wednesday evening Jane MacMillan Bond, a vet with the Southport Animal Hospital, offered such information to nine potential animal doctors of the Pre-Vet Club at UPEI.

Other suggestions include: familiarizing yourself with the job by working with a professional to see if it meets your expectations, getting to know distinctions in large and small animal practice, being well prepared for the admittance interview, having alternate plans in case you are refused entrance the first year of application, and readying yourself for a lot of hard work in case you are admitted.

Although veterinary medicine may seem appealing at first, it takes persistence and hard work to get into and through veterinarian school. Work, once the license is obtained, involves frustration failure and monotony as well as challenge, success, and reward.

Being a vet means having to venture out to answer late night calls. It is *not* for everyone. If this is realized early, valuable time and energy can be saved.

"After filling out applications and writing the required

essay on a topic such as "How I Would Benefit Society as a Veterinarian," you chose your words carefully for the interview, "Dr. Bond cautioned.

"Opinions on relevant issues such as animal use in research are discussed, so previous thought on such topics can be beneficial."

Bond said that any type of experience, with or without pay, such as working on a livestock farm, in a pathology lab, or as an artificial insemination technician, improves the likelihood of admittance to veterinarian school.

If the candidate exaggerates his or her knowledge, follow-up questions can prove to be embarrassing. If for instance, one expresses an expertise of pigs he or she should know classifications other than black, white, and pink.

Once admitted to veterinarian school the vet-in-progress must maintain a set average (which will be 80% for the P.E.I. Vet College).

Courses are pure theory until second year. During fourth year the students begin to perform surgery and all the studying begins to show its relevance.

"Because there is so much to learn you continue to gain knowledge through working with other vets and reading current research," the young vet explained.

If the candidate graduates from vet school there are possible employment opportunities at a number of clinics on P.E.I. Locations

include O'Leary, Kensington, Summerside, Brudenell, Montague, Southport, Winsloe (specializing in horse care), and Charlottetown.

Although endurance and ambition are required to get into and through veterinarian college, Dr. Bond assured the group the rewards and satis-

factions of the job are worth it.

To get where she is today, she would gladly do it all over again, she said.

Lounge to open in summer?

By Carolyn Ryan

When the hot sun weighs you down next summer, you may have the Panther Lounge to escape to.

At its meeting Sunday night, the UPEI Student Union Council approved in principle a suggestion to use the Lounge during the summer, if the action proves feasible.

The bar would employ only full-time students, says Howard Beattie VP Internal, though numbers and terms are still to be decided.

The proposal is possible only because a motion to use the Barn as a lobster supper outlet during the summer months was defeated last week by the Board of Governors, who felt the operation would be competing with local business, and thus conflicting with the goals of a university.

Beattie says opening the lounge would be made easier if Council accepts another proposal, to hire a full-time non-student Entertainment Director, who would be in charge of hiring bands, handling cash floats for the Lounge, and other duties as yet to be decided.

General Manager Heather Love made that proposal in order "to free the executive and myself for other areas where we can help students more directly."

"Right now we're all tied to housekeeping," she said.

Last year the Panther Lounge had sales of \$150,000 and Love sees increases in the future as well, as enrolment continues to rise and the Lounge "provides a better service to students." (Beattie's words).

"We'd make no more profit by opening in the summer," said Love, but added that a summer operation would mean the Entertainment Director's salary would not take as large a chunk out of the Capital Expenditures Fund, budgeted at \$15,000 next year.

The new employee of the SU will make, with benefits, \$15,000. \$4000 of that will come from an increase in total student fees due to a projected enrolment increase of 50 students next year, and \$11,000 is tentatively allocated from the Capital Expenditures Fund, which has in the past been used to replace equipment and furniture, and to buy new equipment for the lounge,

CIMN, or the newspaper.

"We now have a staff of 60," said Love. "We're growing, and we have to spend our budget wisely."

The creation of a new position would require neither a change in the SU constitution nor the elimination of any executive positions, said Love, though the position of Promotions Director for the Panther Lounge, created last year, will be redundant.

The executive members will

still be ultimately responsible for any major decision making and for channelling of information to Council.

Depending on how quickly a job description is approved, the Student Union may have a new employee by this summer, says Beattie.

Meanwhile, verbal permission to retain the Lounge's liquor license in the summer has been received from the provincial government, and the executive is looking further into the

question of hiring employees.

"Our chances of getting a summer grant don't look good unless we hire handicapped or special needs persons," says Love, so the hiring will have to be done through the Hiring and Selection Board. Beattie would like to see the same employees hired for both the summer and the academic year.

Nothing has been finalized yet; it is probable that the matter will be brought up again in a month or so.

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summer employment program.

After some pressure in the House from NDP members about failing to meet with student representatives, however, officials from the minister's office phoned the CFS national office Jan. 29 to arrange a meeting. Olley, who was in Newfoundland for a founding conference of a provincial student organization there, was not available to arrange a time.

MacDonald's press secretary Justin de Beaucamp said the minister wants to meet with CFS representatives soon but refused to say whether the meeting would take place before or after the program's impending announcement.

"An attempt on our part is being made to meet with them."

Olley, contacted in St. John's, said she is happy the minister has finally agreed to meet with the federation but skeptical of the Tories' commitment to student job creation. She said CFS wants at least as many jobs to be created as last year, if not more.

Olley predicted student unemployment would reach last year's levels, which peaked in July when 180,000 students planning to return to school were without work. The rate was 14.9 per cent. The youth unemployment rate in December of for those between the ages of 15 and 24 hovered around 17 per cent.

"It's unfortunate the minister did not plan to meet with us sooner. CFS has a valuable input to give because we know what the concerns of students are."

Along with opposition MPs, Olley is worried that the Tories' delay in announcing the program will create problems for students trying to make plans to finance their education and community groups wanting to hire students for the summer.

Olley joined McCurdy in criticizing the employment and immigration minister for failing to release the program's details earlier, saying many potential employers will not participate in the program now because they do not have the time or the money to prepare an applica-



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