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## Letters...



### On "Alone Amongst the Crowd"

Editor:

After reading the poem in the Gem last week written by K.M. about being "alone amongst the crowd" I wanted to speak to her; to tell her I could sympathize and was there once myself. And you know, I don't think there is a single human being on this earth who has never felt the pain of loneliness. You are not alone in your feelings.

As I read your poem, K.M., I remembered the feelings I had in my freshman year: knowing no one, having to sit alone for lunch when I was so used to being with friends as it was in high school. It hurt and I will never forget that feeling. But things did change. Now I have many close friends but it took a long time because I am a shy person as well although I do enjoy people.

The loneliness you feel will leave someday as you begin to make friends. But in order to do you must be willing to get involved and say a word or two once in a while. People will not see anything in you if you don't let them. But don't forget you are worth something. God does not create junk and He would not die for someone who meant nothing. You are special and there is lots to love in every single person if only we would. Someday soon a person will reach out and see your worth.

I often see people who are sitting alone in the cafeteria and I wonder if I should sit with them. Unfortunately, it is much easier to sit with those you know. Don't be harsh with the people who cluster. They are scared of loneliness too. Perhaps I will make more of an effort.

I don't know why I wrote this. Perhaps it was just to tell you wait and be patient. The friends will come. Or maybe you will go to them, for if you love someone they can do nothing but love you back. And who knows, perhaps they are lonelier than you.

(Signed)

A. I.

### Thanks for the Challenge

To all UPEI Students:

We would like to thank all the 'Societies' that participated in "The Red Rock Challenge", Friday, October 30. All the teams and their supporters demonstrated a keen spirit to be part of The BARN and the activities offered to you, the students. We sincerely hope this keen spirit, to be part of The BARN, continues and we will try our best to offer you more; but remember it takes YOU to make things at The BARN a success.

The winning Society on Friday night was CIMN - so congratulations to Rhonda and all her helpers. There will be a list posted at the Panther Lounge of all the participating groups and

their scores, so come down and see where your group placed.

Everyone who took part deserves a thank you and special thanks goes out to the History Society (they definitely had the SPIRIT) and the Education Society (the costumes were great). We hope to be able to make this a semester competition. We would appreciate your comments and help in making future events successful.

Thank you,

Heather Hickey

(UPEISU VP Operations)

Judy Meyer

(Panther Lounge Manager)

Dear Editor: I hope you will print the following. This is a rebuttal to Kirsten Lund's "YOU PEOPLE PISS ME OFF" which appeared on page 6 of your October 22 issue.

To begin with, I fail to understand why Ms. Lund expresses such vehement (not to mention profane) dissatisfaction with the student body of the university, based solely on the grounds that what she considers to be a sufficient number from the student body failed to attend a pep rally organized for October 14. I hardly consider that non-attendance of this nature constitutes grounds for reproach. If anything it might stand as a symbol of popular consensus.

Speaking for myself and many other of my friends, we are absolutely fed up with the degree to which sports dominate the recreational side of this institution. Furthermore, if the members of the hockey team and their entourage of puck-bunnies appeared more socially accessible, rather than maintaining the cliquish, segregated nature for which they are renowned on this campus, perhaps then their sincerity might be able to supercede the general perception of them being shallow, elitist, and prejudicial. And if in fact attendance is any reflection of consensus, perhaps the views I express here and are not restricted to a minority of students but rather reflect a far greater cross-section of opinion.

(letter unsigned)

Dear Editor,

The fast acting management and staff of the UPEI Cafeteria should be commended for their efforts. We

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-- Kinsley Amis

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