

Ask The Doctor

What's Up Doc?... Wouldn't You Like To Know!
I hope that all of the students of U.P.E.I. have had a wonderful "study" week; that you will have all recovered and be ready to finish this term by NEXT week. I had a great break, but I kept asking myself the same annoying question: "Why did Geraldo Rivera get liposuction on his butt and then use that fat for collagen projections on his face?" I think that there is a thesis paper in this somewhere, but we will have to wait and see, won't we?

Dear Doctor,
I have an insignificant little question that I was hoping you might be able to answer in a few lines for me: Is there life after death or are we all heading towards a big long sleep with worms and maggots who are thirsty for our rotting flesh?
Signed, Just Curious

Dear Curious,
What a silly question! I would like to say that I believe that there is a nice big white place called "Heaven" where everybody runs around in kinky togas, sips cocktails and listens to Elvis (Stoiko, of course) sing love songs, but I can't. In fact, I think that life after death is a much more ethereal experience, where human souls intertwine in peace and harmony. This is, to me, a much more attractive alternative to flying around dressed like Julius Caesar and having illicit sex when you know God is REALLY watching you. But then again, the idea of a big long sleep where worms and maggots are salivating over my rotting flesh, kind of turns me on too!
The Doctor

Dear "Doctor",
I would just like to write you a letter to tell you how much your Valentine's Day column (February 14-1992, Signed Mary) offended me. I don't really think that it was very appropriate for the X-Press to print such filth. I especially did not like the comments about sex being a big part of the social atmosphere here at the university. This is a place of learning, not a brothel.
Signed, An Offended Womyn

Dear Annoying Person,
Get a life, PLEASSSE! While I will admit that my column was a wee bit risque that week, it was still in good fun and I don't see how you could be offended by it. The idea of the university as a place of learn-

ing is an amusing one, but for the sake of this argument, we will assume that it is a plausible one. Does this mean that physical stimulation concurring between two or more living or non-living objects which leads to an exchange of bodily fluids and intense relaxation (sex, for those who are lost) does not have a place in this "place of learning" too? Well, I should certainly hope so. If you have not noticed by now, sex and other parts of relationship building are an important part of the human experience. I would just like to add that I would rather be described as one who has offended and provoked a response than one who sits around complaining and spelling "woman" wrong. Where did this stupid idea of spelling "woman" as "womyn" come from anyway? Get a dictionary, Casper! I prescribe an ounce of laughter and two ounces of cyanide to cure this offence to the English language. The Doctor

Dear Doctor,
I am a fourth year student who will be graduating this year. Even though I have an idea of what I would like to do when I do finish my degree I am concerned that it will be difficult to get employment. I would really like to work here on P.E.I., but there is not much call for forest rangers on such a small island as P.E.I.. What should I do?
Signed, Smokey the Bear

Dear Smokey,
You are quite correct in your assumption that there is little employment in the area of ranging forests on P.E.I.! If you are really serious about becoming a forest ranger, I would suggest going to somewhere where they actually have some trees. Colorado, Vermont and British Columbia are some options, but I think that even if you move it will be difficult to find employment. There is this humorous problem with unemployment that will leave most students looking for jobs in areas which they were not even considering as career starting points (MacDonald's, Zeller's and Bargain Harold's if you have a B.A., if you have a B.Sc... good luck). My advice to those graduating is to go to graduate school, because Mulroney has been messing with the Canada Student Loan again and it makes much more sense to stay in school until this depressing recession blows over (or there is an assassination). As for you Smokey, I would try to find something more realistic, like a job with the National Parks. Of course Japanese would be an asset, because our Japanese tourist percentage might rise thirty to forty (people) this year. Hey, Mulroney will pay a few extra dollars for this "necessary" service. Yeah right! The Doctor