

Stark Raving Sane: On Stature

by Catherine SWEET

Why do strangers regularly comment about my height? It's a strange social phenomenon, if you ask me. Really, do these same people approach total strangers and say, "My, you have curly hair!" It's the same comment, if you ask me. The curly-haired person can do nothing about the texture of his or her hair, nor can I change my height. Well, I suppose that people can perm their hair, but there's really nothing one can do about height. I have a feeling the medieval rack could come back in style if it was proven to safely add inches (only to height, you sick, sick, sickos).

Maybe I'm just hyper-sensitive about it. I guess you don't see a lot of six-foot-tall women. I'd bet there's not even a dozen of us on campus. I don't know them all—it's not like we have an underground secret sorority or something. If there was a sorority, though, we'd trade secrets about buying jeans that are long enough.

There was never a growth spurt, if you want to know. I never had to go through that—I was always tall. In grade six (age 11-12) I was five-foot-nine. Kids thought I was a teacher. Being the new kid *and* freakishly tall surprisingly didn't screw me up too bad. I was called "Big Bird" in Junior High, which was really delightful. I truly wish I was low enough to

print the names of the jerks that made fun of me, but no, I have scruples (come talk to me in person, then it's not immoral). Besides, I'm fairly sure all those idiots now have lucrative careers pumping gas or are on the lam in Mexico.

Back to the strangers attacking me—I suppose they think they're complimenting me. Really, if they were appalled by my height, I strongly doubt they'd talk to me about it. You wouldn't walk up to someone and start up a conversation with "Damn, you're butt-ugly! I mean, really, were you hit by a bus or what?" Most of the people that comment are more diminutive, so they're probably paying me a compliment. Still, I don't approach those people and say "Hey! You can walk under that sign without ducking! That must be wonderful!"

All in all, the height is great. I can reach things that other people can't and get offered shotgun a lot when taking car trips. Unfortunately, it *is* out of the ordinary for a woman to be over five-foot-ten, so I suppose I'm forever going to have to endure people thinking my parents are basketball players. It's probably the same for guys who are over six-foot-four, but I'm just writing from my experience. If someone asked me if tomorrow if I'd rather be five-foot-nine, I'd say no. I'd change my hair, if they offered, though.

CADRE POETRY ISSUE

The *Cadre* poetry issue will be appearing! Soon! All UPEI students, professors and staff are heavily encouraged/threatened to send in their poetry. Deadline for poems is March 29th. Experience is not necessary, nor is rhyming or especially good grammar, though we do not frown on these things. Poems can be dropped off at the *Cadre* office (Main 06) or by emailing them to mdorrell@upe.ca. Deadline for poems is March 29th. Poems must have a title, an author, and we would really like to have them on disc because we are atrocious typists. Deadline for poems is March 29th.

The Sports is Over

by Adam GAUTHIER

Well sports fans another year of UPEI winter sports has come to an end. The men's basketball team was defeated in the quarter-finals last Friday in Halifax as they fell to Memorial 67-64. I can't give you any highlights of this great basketball game because I wasn't there but I'm sure it was exciting and that the men's team gave a gallant effort against their foes from Newfoundland and Labrador. The men finished the season with a 8-12 win/loss record for second place in the Nelson Division.

The women's basketball team failed to make the playoffs this year,

finishing with a record of 5 wins and 15 losses for last place in the Nelson Division. The women's volleyball team also failed to make the playoffs and finished their season with a 4 and 14 win/loss record for a second-last place finish in the AUS standings.

Finally the men's hockey team, who finished fifth in the overall standings with a 12-11-3-2 record, was defeated in the quarter-final series with UNB 2 games to 0 to end their best season in a few years.

I'll have a review of the season in an upcoming issue which will include all-stars, All-Canadians and other award winners.

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