

More survey results

By Michael Zinck

Calculating the totals of your survey answers is no easy matter.

It's just a few questions, you say?

Not so!

I counted 150 replies with 13 questions each; that is a basic 1950 answers. However you must realize that a number of questions allow for more than one reply.

Two good examples of this are question 7 and 10. In question 7, "Do you read the following?" there are ten sections requiring *yes* or *no* answer. Question 10, which reads; "Do you do business with the following?" is followed by a list of eight businesses, and many of you circled at least four of the eight.

So, as you can tell, it is not just a simple one question one answer routine. In addition to your answers, I also recorded a DNA (did not answer) for all questions you did not answer or answered incorrectly.

In all, it is a long slow job, but here are a few of the highlights.

The majority of our readers so far are from Prince Edward Island and are concentrated in the Arts and

Business faculty.

A strong 55% of you always read us, compared to the 25% of you who read us only usually.

Sports is the first section read with 32%, followed closely by News at 27% and the Student Union news at 18%.

On the question of giving space to clubs and societies, you were evenly divided on the issue of whether to impose limits on what they wrote. However you did agree that they should be given space.

Will View from the Top return? That remains to be seen.

As to where you spend some of your hard earned dollars, the Panther Lounge ranked a close first, followed by GJ's, the Tradewinds and Mr. K's.

And finally, to the question of what you would like to see more of, a clear 50% said humour, while 35% wanted more feature articles and 30% hoped for more news stories.

So that is it to date, over the March Break I hope to get many more, or all, of the survey results recorded. And we will let you know what we find. Till, then, I wish you all a great break — and people, don't work too hard!

Year of the Ox Here Comes Again ...



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LETTERS

Praise

Dear Editor,

Allow me to compliment you on your recent editorial about secrecy within the Student Union administration.

It seems that once elected, councillors lose all feeling of responsibility to their constituents.

That fact that decisions are often made under conditions of secrecy, and usually without any gauging of students' opinions, suggest to me that you are not incorrect in using such terms as 'paranoia' and 'exclusivity'.

Moreover, the secrecy which surrounds the allocation of money within the S.U. (to which all students are required to contribute) is scandalous and an affront to democratic principles.

Furthermore, the council's preoccupation with petty matters of missed meetings and impeachment procedures moves me to apply the term 'amateurish' to their methods.

I am expecting that, after the publishing of this letter,

one or more councillors will take it upon themselves to make a defensive reply.

I would suggest to them, that instead of indulging in pointless rhetoric, they should publish the financial documents of the Student Union in the open forum of the *Netted Gem*.

Sincerely,
Nils R. Connor

Gripe

Bob Stanley

An Angry Volunteer

Dear Editor: I feel that since the re-quired constitutional interval is only two weeks maximum after advertisement, we, the hardworking volunteers, should split the 160 big bucks the student union saved in not hiring someone over the four-week period.

Dear Editor: I feel that the hiring board is exploiting volunteer workers at the *Netted Gem* by not having hired a PRODUCTION EDITOR, for at least six weeks into this semester.

Woes of an Islander abroad

Dear Editor

Being in the big city of Ottawa going to Carleton University and being a former student of UPEI, I often get questions like — "Is there really a university in PEI?", "Do you guys have TV there yet?", or "Can you skate around the Island in the winter time?"

In all seriousness, a lot of people really don't know too much about the land of the good red mud.

Anyway, there are always comments flying around me about lobsters, potatoes,

fishings, etc.

One day after class two guys handed me an envelope, claiming that a lobster they had met downstairs had given it to them to give to me.

They said the lobster had "crawled" all the way from Ch'town just to bring me some news from home and that he was near death's door.

He was tired and cold and his poor little lobster "paws" were really sore!!!

So I proceeded to open the envelope, and this is what was inside:

* PEI Top 10 Countdown *

- 1) Like a Lobster (Boiled for the very 1st time) — Madonna
- 2) Who ya gonna call? Potato-Busters! — Ray Parker Tr.
- 3) The Red Lobster — Rush
- 4) Wild Lobsters — Duran Duran
- 5) The Potato Song — Culture Club
- 6) Potato after Potato — Cindy Lauper
- 7) I Wear my Hip-Waders at Sea — Corey Heart
- 8) Born in the PEI — Bruce Springstein
- 9) If I had a Fishing Boat — Bruce Cockburn
- 10) Michael Jackson's Dedication to the Baby Seals — Beat it!

* PEI Top 10 Movie Countdown *

- 1) PEI Hills Potatoes
- 2) Potato Wars
- 3) The Lobster Fights Back
- 4) The Return of the Lobster
- 5) High Road to PEI
- 6) Lobster Dangerously
- 7) Sudden Lobster
- 8) Lobsters of the Lost Ark
- 9) Potato Shack
- 10) Potato III

This was all meant in fun. I thought it might be worth' sharing with UPEI, from Carleton.

Yours truly,
An abused Islander

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