

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

This is in response to the numerous letters that have appeared in the Cadre RE: "The Centennial Scholar Program". MAPUS has met with the VP-Academic Development Dr. Vianne Timmons and Dr. Clive Keene coordinator of The Centre for Life Long Learning regarding this matter, in order to satisfy the concerns of Centennial Scholars and other interested parties. While the University plans on changing the name of the program from the current Centennial Scholarship to a Seniors Bursary Program, the concept of encouraging seniors to continue with their education remains. Centennial Scholars currently working toward a degree will be enabled to complete their degree in a timely manner. Seniors currently auditing courses or those taking courses for interest will now fall under the new "Seniors Bursary" guidelines. These students will be entitled to one "Tuition Free Undergraduate Credit Course" per year, but may apply for additional courses through the Seniors Bursary Program. We have been advised that the Bursary Applications for Seniors will be made available through the Registrar's Office and will be relatively simple, straightforward and based on financial need.

At this, time MAPUS would like to thank all of those who have supported our efforts to retain our "Centennial Scholars" who have proved to be valuable and contributing members of the Campus family. In particular we extend our thanks to Dr. Wayne Peters and members of the Faculty Association, Leo Cheverie and members of CUPE Local 1870, Irene Larkin & Winnie MacKay of the P.E.I. Seniors Federation, Bert Tersteeg and members of the UPEI Retired Faculty Association and all those who wrote letters in supporting our efforts.

With grateful thanks to all,
Members of the MAPUS Executive

Dear Editor,

I am a UPEI student, and I swim the UPEI swim every time that my schedule permits. At first, the fact that only 6 hours a week were available to UPEI students upset me, but I grew to accept it. I went swimming an hour and a half last semester every week (as all my classes conflicted with the pool schedule), and now I go Wednesday's, Friday's and Saturday's.

However, as the year progressed, the swim time became less and less enjoyable. First the rope was no longer allowed down. This was not a huge disappointment, seeing as there were more people wishing to swim lanes.

There were also times that little children were learning how to swim during the UPEI swim. I do not see how it is fair that someone can use the UPEI swim time to teach a child how to swim when there are designated times for swimming lessons for this purpose.

Saturday, February 26th was the day that inspired me to write this letter. Half the pool is obviously restricted, because the UPEI swim team used 3 lanes of the pool. This time of the day is designated for UPEI students. Yes, the swim team members are UPEI students, and they do need a time to swim. However, I do not think it is fair that they use OUR time to swim. There are plenty of hours in the day. I could see it if they weren't paying to use the pool, but it has recently come to my attention that each swimmer pays a fee of \$175 to cover the cost to rent the pool time, and registration costs. If they are renting the pool, why can't they swim at a different hour?

Also, on Saturdays I like to swim laps, as well as relax and dive off the diving board, go down the slide, or play a harmless game of volleyball. However, my friend and I were lounging in the corner of the pool by the diving board, talking, but we had full intention

of using the board, and we were asked to move away from this area. The reason was because the board was going to be in use, because an instructor was giving lessons. Again, why can't a different time be used for this purpose? Why the UPEI student swim time?

So, because of this, my friend and I migrated to the children's pool with a ball to play volleyball. This was one of the most nerve wracking games that I have ever played because, even though we do not throw the ball hard, it doesn't take much to harm a new born child. There was a family with a new born baby in the mini pool off of the children's pool. Again, I do not see how this is fair, since UPEI students are only offered a limited amount of time to go swimming, and we cannot use our UPEI ID cards to swim at any other time, yet other people are permitted to make use of our time.

I apologize if this sounds crude, for this is not my purpose. I just wanted to raise this topic, in hopes that something can be done. I thank you for your time.

Danielle Cull

Dear Editor,

I am writing in regards to your paper. To tell you the truth I think your paper sucks. At one point the Cadre would provide the laughs I needed to get through a hectic school year. Now I open it up and have to read crap that if you polled the student body no one reads. I certainly know that none of my friends read it. Don't get me wrong there are some funny articles such as Ryan Gallant's Rants and *Mr. Advice* is a real good laugh. I know in past there has been some controversy about the articles but those people don't have to read the Cadre, do they. Just don't pick it up. In my opinion if you want to read up on current news events every store in Charlottetown sells the Guardian or

Journal Pioneer go pick one up. Bring back fact and opinion that was the best thing the Cadre ever had going for it. Thanks for hearing my concerns.

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