

Letters to the Editor

The Right to Clean Air

Editor,
I couldn't resist responding to the "smoker's view" published in the March 5 *Panther Prints*. Last time I checked, I had more of a right to clean air than any smoker had to a cigarette. My patience for smokers has long since worn out. Why do smokers assume that I want to share in their bad air? At the Blue Rodeo concert recently held in Charlottetown, my friends and I inhaled an estimated 2000 cigarettes during the course of the evening, even though the concert had been promoted as smoke-free. Should we have had to leave? I have had to leave a restaurant when my friend's lungs began to congest. This is absolute craziness! If smokers want to risk their health, increase their wrinkles, yellow their teeth, and stink up their clothes that is their choice. The minute I have to inhale their second hand smoke their "right to smoke" takes a distant second to my right to clean air. I won't get into my spiel on smoking as it relates

to child abuse -- that's enough for another letter.
So, if you are unhappy with the situation here at UPEI feel free to go somewhere else. Vancouver has recently announced that every restaurant in the city will be smoke free. It is just a matter of time before non-smoking Islanders succeed in driving smokers outdoors in every public building in the province. So, be thankful that you can still smoke anywhere on this campus. I encourage UPEI security to strictly enforce the no smoking policy. The many asthmatic students and others simply intolerant, like myself, will fully support the policy. Security should also be watching where you toss your butts -- littering is also an offence.

PS: I may be wrong, but the last time I checked, colds are caused by viruses, not fresh air.

-- Rosie MacFarlane

Denmark Not So Rotten?

Dear Editor:

I am writing a letter regarding the article by Cut Throat who offered an opinion about things being said about the Theatre Society. I have a number of points I wish to make. The first thing (and by far the most damaging in my opinion) is the fact that the basis for the article appears to have been obtained by fraudulent means. The basis was a letter -- a personal, private letter written and stored on my e-mail and not meant for public eyes. As a result of all this, I have found it necessary to change my e-mail password, and file a complaint with Computer Services.

The quote used by Cut Throat about the director who attended the first Society meeting was incorrect and taken out of context. At that meeting, Craig Blair (a former director for the Theatre Society) was asked if he would consider directing one of the Fall plays. Craig answered that he was not a student here at that time but would consider directing "if nobody else comes forward from within the Theatre Society." Cut Throat asks what kind of devotion that is. I personally think Mr. Blair showed a

great deal of devotion to the Society by attempting to encourage STUDENTS to volunteer their directing services. Also at that meeting, no student offered any suggestions for directors or plays for the Fall production. However, all three directors were in place within ten days. Obviously Mr. Blair's words regarding student participation had the desired effect.

Cut Throat also appears upset about any criticisms leveled at the three one-act plays. Criticism is a fact of life in theatre. From the smallest to the largest production, the one constant is criticism. To Cut Throat, I give you your own words -- "Get over it". If the criticism bothers you, either get out of the business or develop thicker skin.

Now, for the crux of the matter. Cut Throat, if you truly have the courage in your convictions, why do you feel it necessary to hide behind a pseudonym? Could it be that you know how unethical you were to steal someone else's private mail? Anonymity is the shield of the weak, and you certainly are.

-- Donna F. Martin

UPEI PARKING SURVEY

The UPEI Parking Committee is evaluating the merits of establishing reserved parking lots. This form could serve the dual purpose of being a survey and an enrolment plan. Please complete this form and return it to UPEI Security, by 29th March, 1996. This survey is directed to those who currently park on campus or those who plan to do so.

- Do you support the concept of reserved parking lots for an annual fee of \$150.00? (current fees \$50.00 students, \$78.00 faculty/staff would remain in effect for non-reserved parking)
YES NO
- If available, would you choose to purchase a permit for reserved parking?
YES NO
- If yes, please rank your top 3 choices of lots for reserved parking. (1 = first; 2 = second, etc.) Please see map on reverse side.

<input type="checkbox"/>	B3
<input type="checkbox"/>	B1 or B2
<input type="checkbox"/>	B4
<input type="checkbox"/>	C
<input type="checkbox"/>	E
<input type="checkbox"/>	North sides of Rink and Steel
- If the option was available, I would purchase the following type of permit:

<input type="checkbox"/>	single car
<input type="checkbox"/>	multiple car (one on campus at any one time)

Name _____
 Employee/Student Number _____
 Current Parking Permit Number _____

