

# Football never an issue

## Eliot questions viability of sports

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HAVING HAD THE PLEASURE TO TALK to Dr. Eliot a couple of weeks ago about the idea of reinstating football here at U.P.E.I., I soon began to feel that we here at the X-Press have been giving the story more of our time than it deserves.

This became apparent when Dr. Eliot stated that he has not once been approached by the group supposedly pushing to reinstate football

### ...university can ill afford the luxuries of the past

here at U.P.E.I.. Though the number of football letters we have received at the X-Press has proven there is support for the idea, it seems their support stops there.

After my talk with Doctor Eliot about the issue of football at U.P.E.I., many things became clear to me: the first was that the university can ill afford the luxuries of the past, let alone the added burden of supporting a university football team; the second was that even if sufficient money were available, it would most likely be better spent providing relevant educational services to the university's students.

While Dr. Eliot's football commentary was not shocking, I was disappointed to hear him say he can only imagine that things will be getting worse for our athletics department. He stated that justifying the university's hockey, basketball and other athletic programs has been getting more difficult every year. With the possibility that university funding may soon decrease from its present levels, we students should be more concerned about keeping what we've got instead of stretching the system for more.

We here at U.P.E.I. should consider ourselves lucky. In a recent senate meeting at the University of Alberta, it was recommended that all funding for interscholastic sports be reduced until 1996, when it would be completely eliminated. It would seem foolish for U.P.E.I. to increase athletic funding while other universities in Canada are contemplating the complete removal of such funds.

No one denies that the reinstatement of football here at U.P.E.I. would do nothing but enhance the image and reputation of our university, but there can be no doubt that it is just not practical. How can this institution, created to educate, sacrifice that goal for the sake of entertainment? In my opinion, it can't.

## imaginations

Is the pain worth the wait?  
What do you feel,  
mounting familiar stairs  
to the door of  
a torture chamber  
known for its  
lack of finality  
and too much light?

Do you imagine  
you will find occult proofs of  
your manly nature  
your human spirit  
your vulnerable flesh  
God's death?  
where chastity  
feasts on anticipation.

Waiting for  
yesterday's verdict  
delivered in this hall  
which has no mirror to

bear witness, confirm signs  
is the memory  
of racking constraint  
ghostly or freshly licked?

Worn stairs are  
best taken two at a time.  
Above stands your door,  
its phantom numbers  
proof caked in paint that  
secret in this pace  
you scream but  
do not tell the truth.

—Glenn Saunders

### HAQUEXDAZVBARG

The slot machines are melting,  
are melting,  
are melting,  
the slot machines are melting  
and the building blocks  
have risen against  
the oppressors  
and the air is filled  
with the sizzle of dying Duracells  
and Barbie heads on Tinker Toy shafts.  
It is year one of the Cabbage Patch Republic.  
God help us all.

—Blikkatello

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Leslie Coates, who in 1993 completed her Master's degree in Landscape Archite-

ture at the University of Guelph, was one of 25 winners in the 1992 competition. She says, "Winning a CMHC scholarship allowed me to expand the scope of what I could do. It gives you a tremendous sense of confidence." The extra time to make contacts in the housing industry afforded by the CMHC scholarship has paid off for Leslie. Her thesis received positive comments in a *Globe and Mail* column and spawned a lengthier recent article in a widely read journal published by the Canadian Urban Institute.

Ms. Coates was "very impressed" with the aims of the CMHC Scholarship Program. "It's Canada's primary source of financial support for the training of professionals in housing and community planning. It's definitely needed."

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