

Winter Closures Con't.

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The bottom line is that if the weather really is too poor for a student to get to school, then he or she shouldn't come. If the school is still open and you miss class, the professors will not banish you or dock you marks if it was unreasonable for you to try and get to school. This brings me to my own issue with UPEI closure decisions. I can accept that UPEI does not close easily, and I appreciate that I know relatively early that school will be open. If classes are going ahead, the decision is usually posted by 7:00. If they close at lunch, the information makes the rounds pretty quick via e-mail, phone message, website or radio. It is even acceptable for a faculty member to cancel class if they are unable to get in. The problem I DO have is

with professors who wait until 30 minutes or less before class to call in and cancel -- especially when that class begins after lunch.

In the end, each student has to decide if the weather is too bad for him or her to travel. The university assumes that if you are old enough to decide what courses you want, you can tell if it is too cold or snowy for you to be safe. So the next time we have a major storm, and if the university is open, please feel free to contact Mr. Bradshaw, but remember, you do not have to come to school if you do not want to.

Editor's note: If you want to voice your concerns as part of a larger voice, check out the letter mailing campaign through MAPUS or check your UPEI e-mail for a copy.

Pearl Jam Opens The Vaults With Lost Dogs (Disc One)

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Pearl Jam are renowned as the preeminent alt-rock band of the nineteen-nineties.

Emerging from ashes of the band Mother Love Bone in 1991, the Seattle, Washington band comprised of Eddie Vedder, Jeff Ament, Stone Gossard, Mike McCready and Matt Cameron, came out with their guns blazing with such albums as Ten (1991) Vs.

(1993) and Vitalogy (1994). Songs such as 'Even Flow,' 'Alive,' 'Jeremy,' 'Corduroy,' 'Satan's Bed,' 'Betterman' and 'Last Kiss' were all over mainstream rock radio in the mid to late nineties. Other albums would follow including No Code (1996), Yield (1998), Binaural (2000), and 2002's Riot Act. Not all albums have sold as well as the first few, but one thing is for the sure: the boys in Pearl Jam have always made the music they've wanted to, without compromise. But after ten plus years of making music, there were a lot of unheard tracks in the can that had never seen the light of day. Thus, fans now have Lost Dogs, a 2 CD compilation spanning the band's entire career. Before I began listening to Disc One, the thought

entered my mind that maybe the band released this as an easy way to cash in on past successes--this is not the case. The verdict is still out on Disc Two, but Lost Dogs Disc One is an up-tempo and upbeat disc showcasing the band's energetic and more playful side. The album begins off on the right foot with the ballsy

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rocker 'All Night,' and keeps the ball rolling with 'Undone,' 'Hitchhiker,'

'Alone,' and 'U.' The eerie and melodic 'Sad' is another highlight, and so is 'Gimme No Lip,' a song which will have you tapping your foot by the chorus. The album ends with a great ballad, 'Yellow Ledbetter,' but the biggest surprise on the CD, however, is 'Gremmie Out Of Control,' a Beach Boys-esque surfer tune which is catchy and funny (Is that Vedder screaming "cow-abunga" in the middle of the song?).

Lost Dogs Disc One is a pleasant surprise; clocking in at fifty-three minutes, the majority of the songs are short and sweet, but still rock. More importantly, the band is at their most accessible and least angst-ridden. It is definitely worth a listen for long-time and casual fans alike.

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