

## Lucky to be a Student at UPEI!?

My friends tell me that I complain a lot, and so, this being very true, I've decided to expand my complaints to a wider field, therefore, I'm sending them to The Gem.

Before I start, I should mention that I have been attending UPEI for four and one half years now. During that time I have had classes in just about every building (except Dalton), participated in several activities (pubs, clubs, orientation week, CIMN and The Gem). I have lived on campus and off. During all of this I have noticed one very significant thing about UPEI....It's been going, in my opinion, down hill (as far as students are concerned anyway).

This weeks complaint will focus on the cafeteria. I have been eating in the cafeteria full time now for about a year. I will start by saying that the food has improved since last year. Now on to it's flaws:

The first one has got to be segregation. Only resident students and those willing to give up a couple of very vital limbs may eat in the cafeteria. Sure it's all you can eat, but how many students can afford to pay for a large lunch,

and then actually have time to eat it. This means that students who live in residence cannot eat lunch with their non-resident friends unless they buy lunch in the pit or at the vet. college. Problem with this is that the pit is full of smoke and the AVC cafeteria is over-crowded.

Secondly, where is the control in the place. Things are not yet as bad as they were last semester, but who knows whats ahead. Last semester it was not unusual to have to dive flying crumpled napkins while carrying one's tray to a table. The guys from Marion Hall were allowed to do pretty much as they pleased, even if it meant disturbing other cafeteria attenders. What's wrong, is the management afraid of them?

Third, there's liquid....well, sometimes there is. Often the staff have to be informed by students that the juice and/or milk machines have run dry. This is very unconvient when one is already trying to squeeze through a crowd of other people with trays, without losing your own tray (yes, someone actually walked off with mine once thinking that it was his).

Fourth: butter, cheese, juice, jams, etc....shouldn't these be kept on ice? The answer is yes! Are they? The answer is no! It's disgusting enough to have to dig into a bucket of butter that several other people have already stuck their knives into, but to add to that it is not kept cold. Senario: Person with Staph. aureus infection sneezes and wipes his nose. He then picks up his knife, puts it in the butter and leaves it there (as several kind souls do). The butter is not kept cold, therefore the Staphs (bacteria) are allowed to multiple (faster than bunny rabbits). Next few, several, people use the butter....Food Poisoning! Of course, you musn't be fooled by this scenario, because although it is 'gross' this butter is very popular. I know, because it's container too is often....empty.

Fifth we have a pretty sad situation, the washrooms! I've never myself been in the men's washroom, but the situation in the woman's washroom is even more disgusting than the senario above. As I said previously, I've been here 41/2 yrs, well guess what, the washroom still

looks the same. The walls are cracked and scummy (a coat of paint would do wonders), the stall doors don't work (the locks are broken), the floor is in rough shape, and the place, as a whole, is a hole. I can hear the excuses now....'they (beats me who they are) are going to build a new cafeteria so why put money into the old ones?'....Well, these washrooms have been like this for at least five years now, and who knows when there will be a new cafeteria, if ever!

Sixth, hair in food. Hair nets were invented a long time ago people, let's use em' eh?

Well, that's all I can think of this for this week. Besides, it's now time to go for supper. What's on tonight I wonder, maybe some pink chicken and fatty roast beef with a side order of greasy fries and undercooked vegetables. All topped off with some contaminated butter and an empty glass. What should I have for desert? Well, the deserts are what makes it worth going to the cafeteria some days.

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## Correction

An article by Stephen Brunt at the Globe and Mail was reprinted last week in The Gem. The article as originally written left the impression that UPEI had the lowest admission standards in the country, a 60 percent average. This has been found to be in error. The error was brought to our attention by Gerry Birt, UPEI's Public Relations Officer, who informed us that "UPEI is only one of a number of universities in Canada with the same entrance standard." We were not informed by the Globe and Mail of this mistake, but we sincerely apologize.

-The Gem Staff

## Contest!

The Senior Class needs your help and artistic talent in designing a LOGO for Senior week 1990. Submissions can be dropped off at the SU office between 9 - 4 from Mon-Friday.

Great Prizes will be offered to the winning submission. So get your pencils out and turn your creativity on.

Thanks again for your help and support.

Ghislaine O'Haley  
S.C. President

## CFS National Week of Action

The week of January 22 - 26, 1990 marks the National Week of Action for the Canadian Federation of Students. During this week campuses across Canada will be organizing activities to help raise the awareness of students about issues which affect them. Such issues include:

**Bill C-33: Cut Backs** introduced by the government will result in losses of billions of dollars for post-secondary education by 1995 if this bill is passed.

**3% Administration Fee:** the government has just announced that an administration fee of 3% will be levied on all student loans, effective in 1991.

**VIA Rail Cut Backs:** Student Union across the country continue to fight these cuts to an essential form of transportation, used extensively by students.

**Women in Academia:** This issue has recently come into the spotlight, forcing people to examine the lack of female role models in the university, inadequate day-care facilities, insufficient student

aid, as well as a safe campus environment.

The week is highlighted on the UPEI campus by such events as:

**Monday:** meeting with Catherine Callbeck to present petitions signed by students, protesting VIA cutbacks and Bill C-33.

**Wednesday:** panel discussion in "the Pit" on the subject of women in academia, featuring speakers representing faculty, students, government, as well as community groups.

**Thursday:** President Eliot addresses students in "the Pit" on educational issues. A pub in the barn Thursday night will feature Mike O'Connor, with a special "Farewell to VIA" theme.

**Saturday:** huge wrap-up Wet/Dry pub in the barn featuring the Sattellites. Student Saver specials.

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