



LETTERS

A vision of Bunker UPEI

To the Editor:

I think a bunker is just what U.P.E.I. needs to give focus to its philosophy. Alternative living Island-style. The ultimate in artificial environments built underneath the most natural culmination of land and sea and red cliffs ever to be seen.

I've heard rumours that our University President is

interested in alternative technology; because the Island is the epitome of nature, the University must break new ground and house the worst that technology can design.

Because the Vet College is to be a centre for practical studies aimed at high-quality life for our Island animals, surely the bunker would include stables, stalls, feed, and an excrement re-cycler for our prime Island stock. Surely each vet student will be well-versed in methods of herding panicking animals

into this underground crypt.

Since all Islanders have a dream of eventually giving up living in our garden of paradise, for the wonders of urban wealth, the bunker is well adapted to the aims of Island citizens. Our own local amusement charade, and one would still have to travel for miles — straight down — after the expected struggle to give up the ties to loved ones and families.

And, imagine the impact of Bunker Studies on the U.P.E.I. curriculum! Instead of listening to the music of

fiddle, tin horn, and drum in Canadian Studies 202, we might become innovators: the first University students in the world to record the underground sounds of screaming machinery.

Bunker Studies I: The study of obedience.

Bunker Studies II: The study of non-breathing techniques.

Bunker Studies III: The study of non-recognition of pain.

Perhaps, too, the bunker would affect our Political Studies Department. Could

we hope that U.P.E.I. students might live through the effects of the "might of right" policy?

Visualize the imagery of 1,500 U.P.E.I. students gathered at the up-coming May 4 sod-turning ceremony in the centre of the soccer field refusing to accept this symbolic ostrich burying its head in our red sand.

Or, perhaps a political alliance of Students and Shovels, ready to help dig our own graves.

Who needs books, philosophy, ideology, human relationships, or conversational growth of knowledge?

We do. We are each committed to giving four years of our lives — to discover that our University most cherishes its dreams of an underground cess-pool.

Karen S. McLenithan

Prince Edward Island very much. I would like to know more about your Island and people, especially about my age.

I am college student in Japan. The other day, I found there is University Prince Edward Island in your island. It appeared in Japanese magazine *Nonno*. This magazine introduced you for me to have penpal. I am very eager to have a penpal in your island — university student if possible.

I would appreciate deeply if you could kindly introduce me to a youth who is about my age.

Here are a few details concerning myself:

Name: Chiaki Wada

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Thank you for reading this letter. I shall keep my fingers crossed and pray that you will answer this letter of mine.

Sincerely yours,

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Staff

Winding down ... that's us. We're a sorry bunch of tired news-people. But are we sorry we joined this glorious venture? You bet your sweet potato we're not!

We are Melanie, Ruth, John, John, and Jon, Howard, Parker, Carolyn, Gus, Karen, Leah, LoriAnne, Ed et al (no we don't really know anyone named Al. Do you?)

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Y'all come back and read us now, y'hear?

Chiaki seeks friends

Dear Editor:

You will probably be very surprised to receive this letter from a complete stranger.

Lucy Maud Montgomery is my favorite author. I like