

## GSA Walks Out...

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constitution. Elliot alleges that the constitution states that there must be an agreement between both graduate and undergraduate students in regards to SU fees. Since there was not an agreement on fees, Elliot feels that the GSA has been wronged, and the SU had failed to acknowledge or follow their own constitution.

A meeting was scheduled between the GSA and the SU, however, Elliot and associates cancelled the meeting last minute. "We're kind of confused," said Henderson. "and shocked that they cancelled the meeting the Friday prior to the Sunday walkout".

In addition to the squabble over remittance fees, events over the summer contributed to the deterioration of relations between the GSA and SU. "On the 18<sup>th</sup> of June 2004, Clare Henderson brought a motion forward to the board of governors which recognizes the SU as the official representative of the Students," claimed Elliot. "Clare said we would agree to the motion, but she did not consult with the GSA nor bring it up in council." After some prying Elliot admitted that her association did not plan to repeal the motion. "We wouldn't mind the motion if it was brought to us first, or if it was brought to council first." Elliot would like an amendment to the effect that SU, GSA and MAPUS are equal representatives of the Students.

Henderson, again, was confused. "I couldn't foresee any of the difficulties. The motion in question deals with our ability to deal with full-time students. It referred to UPEISU as student representative. The motion passed, but it doesn't change the relationship between us and the GSA."

Clare also noted that the Student Union fees are only collected from full time students, which translates into approximately 74 graduate students.

On 30 January, the Graduate

Students withdrew their seat on council. "The GSA voted to withdraw our seat until the SU respects the GSA and until they uphold their own constitution. We've been ignored and repressed for 15 years. They're treating us like we're the biology society or something. They're trying to railroad our autonomy. They've forced us to resign our seat in council."

So, Elliot gave a speech that Sunday in council calling the union down for board members and all to see. She then proceeded to leave the arena and sit on the outside of the doors where she heard questions arise toward the SU's position on the GSA.

Henderson denied the embellished claims above, and refused to comment on many of the issues at hand.

It seems as though there is more to this situation than just student politics at its worst. As many of you may know, Joy Elliot is not only the VP Exec of GSA but is also the CFS National Executive Rep for PEI. For the last two years the Student Union has been attempting to permanently sever its ties with the CFS. Now that Joy is leading these two important movements (succeeding or otherwise) it seems to the common student that there may be a more than politics between these two women. My immediate reaction after conducting interviews with both Elliot and Henderson is that these are two very similar women, of seemingly equal strengths and intellects. And although both may disagree, I believe this comparison to be fair in regards to student politics.

It's clear that these garbage politics is resulting in a mess of campus initiatives. It's taking up time, slowing down the bureaucracy and it's all too secretive. It's a classic President versus Anti-President scenario where one may triumph, but we, as students, will no doubt lose.

## Snappy Answers to Stupid Questions

Q: Did you catch that fish?

A: No, I talked him into giving himself up.

A: No, I was sitting here minding my own business when the crazy thing jumped into my pail.

A: No, it's a plastic model to get people like you to start fascinating conversations.

Q: So you haven't caught any fish yet, huh?

A: Sure, I've caught millions. They're just in the water playing tag!

A: What are talking about? I'm teaching my worm how to swim!

Q: (Student to teacher) Can I go to the bathroom?

A: I don't know. Can you?

A: Are you wearing a diaper?

Q: Is it raining outside?

A: Does it ever rain inside?

Q: (from the clerk at the store) Will there be anything else?

A: Not right now. I plan on coming back and buying the entire store one item at a time.

Q: Excuse me sir, is this the end of the line?

A: No, it's the front. We're all standing backward!

Q: (from a woman just pulled over by a police officer) Did I do something wrong, officer?

A: No, today we're giving tickets out for doing things right.

A: No, I'm giving a ticket to this crazy street because it's going the wrong way.

Q: (from a waiter to a husband and wife) Table for how many?

A: A hundred and twelve — we like to change seats every few minutes.

A: One — my wife will sit on my

shoulders.

A: I don't know — I can't count that high either.

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