

Dear Editor,

I have recieved a number of complaints because of the absence of VIEW FROM THE TOP in our Student Union Newspaper. The bottom line as to why the bi-weekly does not appear in our Student Union Newspaper is that we can't be bothered spending a lot of time preparing article that won't be printed. You see, half of the articles that are submitted are vetoed by the editor. She does not go by any set standard or code to base her opinions and it often looks like double standards to all of us. A certain word or phrase may be omitted in a joke and often ruins the whole joke. However they will still print the rest of the joke, thus making the writers look foolish. The next week we will see that same word or phrase in somebody else's article. We have documented proof of this. Also, even when she does say that something will be printed, we still cannot be sure it will reach print. Often it doesn't.

But she doesn't do it because she hates Engineers - she does it because she values her job. Apparently somebody in our Student Union feels they must protect us from ourselves. They told her to make sure our newspaper is kept pure and clean and neat. However, they left out two things that go along with this -- very boring and out of touch. Just about everybody knows and agree that this is true. But due to a few wimpish art-

sies and professors as well as over-protective outsiders, many articles that are humourous, interesting and never boring don't reach print! Why? Because somebody is afraid of someone or something. Well, all I can say is either grow up or go home wimp(s).

Many of us work hard at our studies and we feel that all this seriousness is enough for our life. I find that

reading our newspaper with the amusing jokes and articles relative to campus life is a refreshing change. Our Student Union promotes heavy drinking, carousing, and plenty debauchery. However they won't let us read a funny joke about it. I'm sure a joke or article on the subject is far less harmful than the actual act.

So, to people who should have nothing to do with our newspaper, such as the mother who recently wrote in, stay out of my life. I am paying damn good money, all of it my own, to go here and read our newspapers, so leave it to us. And to whoever is protecting us from ourselves, do as I said earlier. Besides, what better way than through our newspapers for us to prove to you that Engineers Rule the World!

Barry Friesen
3rd Year Engineer

Dear Editor,

I would like this opportunity to commend the students of UPEI for the outstanding voter turnout in the student elections held March 9. It seems that finally the students are taking an active role in student issues.

I would also like to commend the other presidential candidates for the good campaigns that were run and I am looking forward to their input in the upcoming year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Ronald Murphy and Cynthia King for the help and support they gave me in my entrance into student politics, I would also like to thank the students who supported me and assure all the students of UPEI good representation and an open Student Union in the upcoming year.

I am optimistic for the upcoming year after meeting with the other members of the executive. I hope the students share my optimism. I would once again like to

stress that all the executive is open for advice and comment and I hope the students take advantage of this.

Thanks once again,
Sincerely,
Jack Keefe

Dear Students,

First of all I would like to thank all of you who got out and voted in the Student Union elections. The amount of student involvement was inspiring with a 50% turnout which is well above the 37% turnout of last year and the national average of 5%. I hope that this spirit of participation continues and multiplies over the coming year.

During the course of my campaign I had a chance to talk with many of you about your ideas on how to improve the Barn and student relations with the University. I assure you that your ideas were listened to and will be seriously considered for the Fall semester.

I officially take office on May 1st and welcome any questions or suggestions about my position or any issue that affects you as students. My door is always open to you so please don't hesitate to come in.

In closing, I again would like to thank all of you for your support. I am honored and pleased to have been elected as Vice-President Internal and I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,
Jim Mutter
Vice-President Internal

Dear Editor,

I would like to express my appreciation to all students who participated in this year's Student Union elections. Elections consist not only of candidates, but also of supporters. This year, in my opinion, the quality of both were terrific. I was very

pleased with the turnout and the interest and I hope that the same interest and support is shown next year.

As V.P. External, I urge anyone with any concerns or ideas to come and talk to me. My door will always be open for new ideas. Thanks again to all those who got out and voted and also to my opposition who made the election both interesting and competitive. I look forward to working with and for you in the upcoming year.

Sincerely Yours,
Kim Gass
V.P. External

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all the students who voted in the Student Union elections. The percentage of students that turned out is a strong indication of the interest and enthusiasm on campus.

Thanks also to the opposing candidates for running excellent campaigns and making the elections both interesting and exciting.

After taking office on May 1st, I would like to encourage anyone with problems, concerns, or new ideas to stop in and make the executive aware of these. After all, we are there to represent the students and are more than willing to be of assistance.

Thank you very much,
Stephen Bishop
Treasurer

