



Editorial

At a time when students are starting to get bogged down by assignments, tests and papers another factor is starting to affect those students who will be graduating this year. Grad school applications.

Every year hundreds of students panic over writing their GED's, SAT's and PDQ's. (Ok, I made the last one up, but you get the point.) I myself am starting to get overwhelmed by the whole grad school application process.

Not only will it cost me hundreds of dollars to apply to the three or four schools that I am interested in, but I must write letters and essays on why these schools should take me. Plus, I must find professors who like me enough to write raving reference letters.

One school would like a 1000 word essay on why I want to go to their school, my life story, and what I want to do when I graduate from their esteemed school. I mean how can you fit all of that into 1000 words, unless you were to write the following:

"Dear People who will decide my future;

I want to go to your school, cause I hear it is pretty good. I was born, I grew up. When I graduate from your wonderful school I want to find a job that pays \$100,000+ a year so I can afford to pay off my student loan."

Reality has finally hit me, after months of procrastination application

deadline is only two months away and so far all I have filled out on the forms is my name. Don't they realize that I am busy. Between taking three courses and working about 40 hours a week I don't have much time left to write hundreds of words that won't sound like bull to the nice person who may let me into grad school.

Perhaps the university should hold a course or even seminars in how to apply to grad school, how to find the right school for you or even how to prepare yourself for taking that next step. UPEI actively recruits students to attend school here, but once you arrive that is it. You are thrown into the ring and are left to find your way out, four or five years down the road. I have tried numerous times to get information from Student Development about grad schools, but all I get is "The books are over there, and there's more in the library." Thanks!

In today's job market often a bachelors degree is not enough to start a

career with. Masters degree's and PhD's seem to be becoming very popular, but how do you go about getting one. Where should you apply? When is the deadline? Can I see my transcript before I send it off? How do you work out your marks to reflect other schools grade point averages?

It is time the University started to actively send off its students to other schools. If UPEI students were to apply to the top grad schools in Canada and get accepted, wouldn't that be a nice point to mention to new students who might be applying to UPEI?

If and when I ever finish my grad school applications, and if when I ever can afford the postage to send them off, I will let you know how I do. Actually you will probably hear me yelling, "I got in! I got in!" Congratulations to Mike Klenavic, he has already been accepted to at least one grad school in the states. (Maybe he could write my essays.)

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As of yet, there has been no response from our beloved leader Chris Grey of the Student Council. At first I thought it was because I wouldn't let him use a thesaurus, and then I assumed he was just busy filling out the paper's sex survey. However, I recently received an e-mail which may explain Mr. Grey's stoic silence. He hasn't shared his views with us because, well, Chris Grey is, umm, not our SU President. Kind of.

The first explanation that popped into my mind was obviously that Chris Grey and Chris Burns are actually the same person. (That would explain why they are never seen in public together.) Fortunately, there is an even weirder reason; and one that is actually true. According to Article 5, By-Elections, Section 4 of the Student Union's Constitution, if the position of President is vacated after January 1, the Speaker is to inform Council of their choice to call a By-Election or not. If a By-Election is not called, the Vice President Academic shall assume the duties of President and shall be called Acting President of the UPEI SU for the remainder of the relevant term of office.

Now here's the punch-line -- no one informed the Union. They just picked The Benevolent One as chief and left it at that. In technical political terms, this is called a no-no; and it means that a debate will most likely be held at the next meeting to determine if a By-Election to choose a new President for the remainder of the term will take place. I agree that removing Mr. Grey from office due to such a technicality is a little like nailing Al Capone for tax-evasion and that no one expects the SU to be familiar with its own constitution; but rules are rules.

Therefore, in the advent of an election, I would like to take this opportunity to unrealistically announce my candidacy for Student Council President. If elected, I promise to do absolutely nothing at all. I will endeavour to make big speeches with big words that actually mean little. During council meetings, I will amend motions to amend, pass gas and passionately defend the rights of tiger butterflies to mate in the wild when I am not doodling on my notepad. If caught doing something wrong, I will faithfully blame the people I represent; and I will spend your money to go to conferences in large cities with great nightclubs. When my term is finished, you will be no worse off than before I started because, in the end, you will not even have noticed that I was there. That's what it all comes down to, isn't it. Mr. Burns, Mr. Grey, Mr. Dress-up -- it doesn't really matter at the end of the day. It should; but it doesn't.

"A vote for Peter is a vote for oblivion!!" Catchy, but personally I'd vote for Mr. Dress-up.