

There are 700 chemicals added to cigarettes during production. Here are some of my favorites:

**FACT:** Ammonia is a poisonous gas used to clean toilets.

**OPINION:** Wouldn't you want to clean your lungs with a product powerful enough to keep toilets clean?

**FACT:** Cadmium is a highly toxic metal used in batteries.

**OPINION:** Everybody loves batteries. Without them, those singing fish would just be for decoration.

**FACT:** Arsenic is a poison found in ant killers.

**OPINION:** Arsenic is only poisonous if you put it in someone's food. Blowing it in someone's face is a sign of friendship in Sudbury.

**FACT:** Formaldehyde is used as an embalming fluid.

**OPINION:** Formaldehyde helps you leave a handsome corpse, but if you want to jiggle during your funeral, try Jell-O.

**FACT:** Acetone is found in nail polish remover.

**OPINION:** Avoid sticking your fingers in a smokers mouth when you are painting your nails.

Here is some tuition freeze propaganda care of SU President, BJ.

**FACT:** UPEI tuition has increased 89% since 1990 (from \$1,840).

**OPINION:** I bet if they could keep the cost of tuition down if they started charging the rats at Marion Hall for enrollment.

**FACT:** The provincial grant has decreased by 9.4% over the past 10 years.

**OPINION:** If the provincial government didn't decrease the grant, then they couldn't afford to run this province properly, build golf

courses, or go on wine tasting trips to California.

**FACT:** Average student debt upon graduation is \$25,000 nationally.

**OPINION:** With that much money, every student in Canada could book their very own, private Treble Charger and 54°40 concerts.

**FACT:** Many students in PEI are forced to take out bank loans and student lines of credit at high rates of interest because they are ineligible for provincial student loans or because they can't get a loan sufficient to cover living expenses.

**OPINION:** I'm ineligible for a provincial student loan because I once tried to sell Prince Edward Island to Mordecai Richler.

**FACT:** Austria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Mexico, Norway,

Sweden, the Netherlands, and Turkey have no user fees for post-secondary education (no tuition).

**OPINION:** Tuition would be worth paying, if a large order of fries and a Coke were included with the purchase.

**FACT:** In 1976 Canada signed an international covenant committing Canada to eliminate user fees for post-secondary education.

**OPINION:** The country got a little distracted from this goal for the next 25 years by the overwhelming success of Don Henley's career.

**FACT:** BC, Newfoundland, and Quebec all have government-legislated tuition freezes.

**OPINION:** Suck on that Manitoba!

**FACT:** A legislated funded fee freeze does not affect the quality of your education. Instead the govern-

ment commits to funding any increased costs of the university.

**OPINION:** If we get a fee freeze, maybe we could get the government to pay for a new aquarium on campus. There are not enough sea otters.

**FACT:** Last year UPEI students ate Kraft Dinner and got a tuition freeze.

**OPINION:** I eat Kraft Dinner all the time, but the only thing it gives me are tape worms.

**FACT:** Tuition is slated to increase by up to \$208.80 next year.

**OPINION:** A small percentage of this increase will be put in a special fund to buy the Student Union's VP Finance, Gordon Henley, a calculator.

**FACT:** Studies have proven that tuition increases are limiting accessibility to post-secondary education.

**OPINION:** The harder it is to get into university, UPEI's chances of being the first university to give a degree to a horse decrease.

**FACT:** Post-secondary education has become a basic requirement for full participation in our society, our economy, and our democracy.

**OPINION:** If you don't have university degree, then you might as well live in Scotland.

**FACT:** February 14 is Freeze Day.

**OPINION:** I hate to correct you, but it's actually Valentine's Day, BJ.

**FACT:** You can eat a free popsicle, sign the petition, send a special valentine to the minister of education, attend the rally and join the march.

**OPINION:** You could do that...or you could join *The Cadre* on their very first pub crawl at 5:00 Wednesday night.

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