

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor;

I am not the kind of person who makes PDAs (Public Displays of Anger), but I'm PISSED OFF! First it was the hike in tuition; well, we knew that was coming. But what really has got me pissed is this CARI monster that now inhabits our campus. I am pissed because we don't have enough access to the pool and arena as students of UPEI (I'll just renew my Spa membership); but the kicker is the whole parking issue. We have seen a HUGE hike in parking fees (did anyone else almost fall over when they found out?) Now after the fact, I bought my parking pass, didn't think there would be much of an issue, and POW! – we are suffering with parking problems on a grand scale. If they raised the bloody fee they should not have taken away so many parking spots. Parking lots are full at 8:30 in the morning. Driving in to class today, I was running late and I could tell that the parking between the Classroom Centre and AVC was packed; I had to quickly get parked (in the arena parking

lot) and run into class 10 minutes late. I was talking to some fellow students who were stuck in the same dilemma. Sure, I take some onus on the fact that I could have been ready to leave 10 minutes earlier, but traffic is not predictable at all times. What I really want to get across here is that the student body has grown significantly over the last few years and the parking situation does not reflect this growth at all. We need access to the CARI lot as well as the general parking lots; we should not have to choose. Plus, as I was waiting to meet up with someone, I noticed that after 4:30 the gates go up and the Hockey moms and dads don't have to shell out a cent to get there little ones off to practice. This whole thing is ridiculous; I noticed the other day that at about 1 pm in the middle of the week the CARI parking lot is over half empty. On top of this, you may now know that another 140 parking places are going to be gone in October to make way for construction of the NRC Research Building. We live in a city without public transit and almost everyone who attends UPEI needs to drive a

vehicle to get to class. I truly believe that the administration let us down on this subject (and I am sure everyone reading this has overheard others fed up) and a lot of the expense of paving throughout the campus would not have been needed if it was not for building the new CARI monster (which we have very little access to).

I do hope our student government is taking up this cause for all of us. I am just a student juggling all my classes and finances like the rest of you. This issue is not the end-all, be-all; but cheese whiz, I just want to scream—“WHY?”

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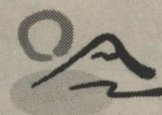
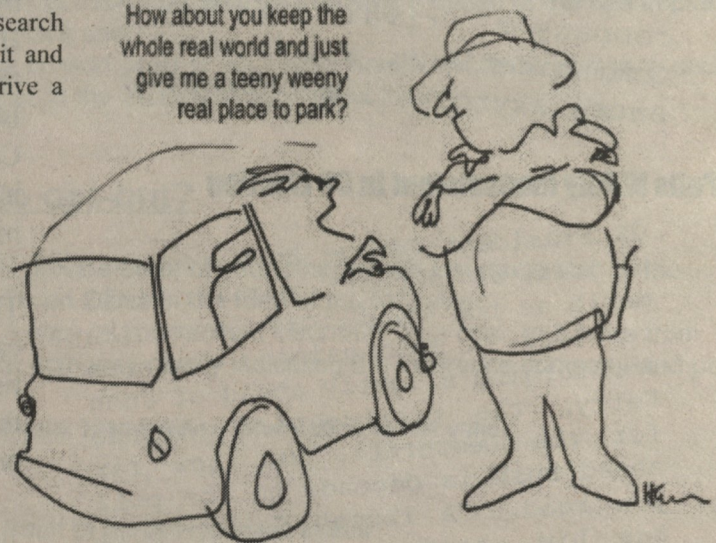
Lessons Learned At UPEI

By Kimberley Johnston, Contributor

Yeah, sure. Eventually I'm going to tap into those skills I need in the workforce such as critical thinking, sorting information, yada, yada. Let me tell you the things I've learned of life so far at UPEI.

1. Thou shalt not refuse free food. This is more of a commandment than a lesson in university life.
2. All my books on a scale weigh about as much as I do.
3. Photocopying at the Women's Centre is only five cents. Do I hear a stampede?
4. There is a strange phenomenon in the Student Centre Day Lounge that reunites almost all garbage put into the receptacles back to where it was originally placed. If I didn't know any better, I would think no one cleans up after themselves.
5. The Student Centre Day Lounge has a fireplace which, coincidentally, is where a lot of the garbage reunites.
6. Syllabi don't just take up room in binders. They're useful to read sometimes too.
7. Music students are more than myth, my friends. I talked to a girl who says she knows them and then we went to a magical place...
8. UPEI has an observatory at the top of Memorial Hall. Why it was placed there, I could not tell you. My interest in this only goes so far. Let's move on.
9. If you attend campus meetings and functions, you can find some pretty cool places to volunteer your time... and get free food. (See #1)
10. Most importantly, if you strategically collect them over your two or four-year term at UPEI, you may never have to buy another condom as long as you live. OK, that's all I got but don't depend on me for your information about the greatest small university, (it's a little biased). Feel free to be curious, explore and keep putting stuff on UPEI's weblog. The address is weblogs.upei.ca

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