

EDITORIAL!

An Apology

THE FIVE LINES free section of The Gem has been getting a series of messages directed to one student. Last week, one of these messages appeared in Five Lines that should not have been printed.

The five lines free section is primarily to be used as a classified ad section for the buying and selling of private items, but we also accept tasteful messages. Last week, a message in very poor taste indeed made it into print and I must accept responsibility for that happening. It goes against the editorial policy of this paper

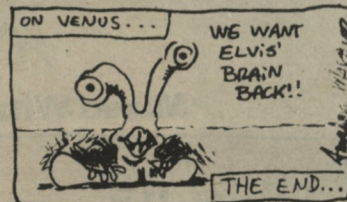
to print personally vindictive messages and on behalf of the Gem, I apologize to Carolyn MacLeod.

To the persons who submitted the offensive message, let me say that it was a particularly gutless attack, especially since it was done anonymously, and I am angered that this paper played a part in it.

Five Lines Free is a new feature provided as an alternative to the crowded bulletin boards on campus. It is not meant to be used as a medium of slander. I could introduce the policy that messages bearing full

names will not be printed, or that anonymous messages will be thrown out, but such policies would exclude messages of thanks and many other messages that should be printed. Instead, a much heavier hand will be applied to scrutinizing submissions, especially those marked to be printed anonymously.

I encourage students to submit messages to five lines free, especially if you want to buy something or have books or stuff to sell. Jokes are fine too, but have the sense to be responsible in what you write.



LETTERS Cont. from page 4

Wet/Dry Pubs: the President Speaks

Dear Editor,

On November 27, 1987, a letter was circulated around to various buildings on campus that addressed a number of concerns. I would like to take this opportunity to perhaps answer some of the questions that have arisen out of these concerns.

First of all, there was a question of why there was no General Meeting held on Nov. 24, 1987 so that the students of UPEI could express their concerns effectively. The reason this meeting had to be cancelled was that it had not been advertised adequately and according to the Constitution of the UPEISU, a meeting such as this has to be advertised correctly. So as to keep within the guidelines of the Constitution, the meeting had to be cancelled. The lack of advertising was an oversight on my part and I take full responsibility for the mistake.

Another concern that was brought to my attention by this letter was the lack of communication that seems to exist between the Student Union Council and the rest of the student body. This, as with past years, has been a continuing problem. However, as the letter suggests, there will be a better utilization of the Gem with articles that will contain such things as a summary of what happens at every council meeting. For the rest of the school year, we will try to better communicate with the students of UPEI. If anyone has any suggestions how this may be done more effectively, please feel free to contact me at any time.

In closing, I would like to thank the student or students for bringing these concerns to my attention as well as raising the consciousness of other students to these specific concerns. I would like to point out, however, to sign this type of letter anonymously for fear that anyone of the SU Council will be prejudiced against any student at UPEI is far from accurate. We were elected to serve you, the students of UPEI, and by raising these and other concerns will enable us to do our jobs more effectively. We encourage people to express these views and you may do so with a letter like such as this or simply attend a Council meeting where your voice will be heard more effectively.

Thank you for attention and if at any time someone has a concern which they wish to express, please feel free to contact me or any other Councillor that sits on the student council.

Sincerely,
Steven Wynne President UPEISU

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WE OFFER MORE 7 DAYS A WEEK

MONDAY

Happy Hour All Night

TUESDAY

Student Night half price night
Rock to the Hits of the past
9-10 9" pizza and all the beverage
on tap you can drink five dollars

WEDNESDAY

CARIBBEAN NIGHT
CHANCE TO WIN 8 DAYS IN
MONTEGO BAY JAMAICA
other giveaways and prizes

THURSDAY

Gong Show December 3
featuring PARTS DEPT.

FRIDAY

HAPPY HOUR 4-8
free food

SUNDAY

CHEM FREE dance to the top 40