

THE

GEM

"Get your facts first, and then you can distort them as you please."

— Samuel Clements

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We cherish typed and double spaced submissions and submissions on computer disk or through VAX mail. For legal reasons, all submissions must include the author's name and phone number. However, names will be withheld from publication on request.

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Letter From Our Student Union President

Hello UPEI, how are things going? I hope everyone is doing ok in there midterms. I guess it won't be long until our final exams begin. Best of luck preparing for them. I would like to tell you about a new service that I am trying to get rolling here at UPEI. I like to call it a "Believe and succeed campaign." For me to explain this I will give you a little background about myself.

When I left high school in 1984, I entered the waking world with no intention of coming to university. The fact is I didn't think I was cut out for academic life. I worked at a local service station and really didn't expect a whole lot to happen with

my life. Like anyone, I did have big dreams, but I didn't have the motivation to realize them. I was very lucky because that the service station had many customers that were well-to-do business men and women. These people always impressed me, and I wanted to be like those successful people. I happened to mention this to some of these customers. What I got in return was tremendous encouragement. One man suggested that I even try going to university. Well, after numerous conversations with these people, my thinking became much more positive. To make a long story short, I am now at university and enjoying just about every

moment of my life. I still have big dreams, but because of the inspiration that some of those people have me, those dreams seem more attainable than ever.

I don't know if I'll make it to be as successful as some of those I pumped gas for, but at least they made me see that a positive attitude is the first step to any success.

As you may know, the Student Union often sponsors speakers to come to the Robertson Library Pit to speak to students. This is becoming quite expensive and so we can't sponsor very many of these people. What I would like to do is in-

vite local people to come to the Pit. This way we could have a weekly speaker at no cost at all. Where the believe a succeed campaign comes in, is right here. What would these people talk about, well you've got it, themselves. They have been taught a good portion of life, and hopefully these people can offer you what similar people offered me a few years back, and that is inspiration.

A few of the possibilities of speakers may include, Cengus McLearn, former premier of PEI, Bern Hendraker, former pitcher with the Kenson City Royals, Jack Ready, mayor of Charlottetown. Or how about Joe Ghiz

telling you how he went from grocer, to lawyer, to premier.

This program probably won't get into regular swing until January. I hope it will make a difference for some of you if not all you.

Just before I go, please keep in mind that I am always open to your suggestions and complaints.

I would like to mention that the barn is still booming. We had a tremendous fall fest. The spirit is certainly hanging from the rafters at the good ole bar. See ya down there.

Dean MacMillan

A UPEI Graduate on the March

Angele Foley, UPEI 1988 Science graduate. She is one of the brilliant young scholars of the Island, excellent in several fields of study and in love with Mathematics.

When she applied for the NSERC and the MacKenzie King graduate scholarships, she had to compete against the very best students across Canada. She won them both.

Adding to those an entrance scholarship to the University of Waterloo, she has won a total of \$20,000 for her first year of graduate studies.

She is doing a Master's Degree in Mathematics.

She does miss the Island a little. It is the first time she has



been away from the family. But she likes Waterloo, and her studies are going very well.

Good Luck, Angele!

Letter to the Editors

Dear Editors:

"WHY IS EVERYBODY GOING TO UNIVERSITY ANYWAY? YOU ARE NEVER GOING TO MAKE IT." — quote taken from 5 Lines Free, October 27th.

This may seem a bit trivial, but is this supposed to be funny? If so, will someone please explain the humour in it to me, as it has gone completely over my head.

I realize that this comment was not necessarily submitted by anyone on the staff of the GEM and does not reflect the opinions of the staff of the GEM, but I believe that the editors of this paper operating on the \$15,000 or whatever it is student union dollars coming from us students have a responsibility for printing stuff a little more tasteful than that. I fail to understand why a student union organization would print such text, and I would very much appreciate it if the editors of this paper would take the time to explain to me either the hu-

mor in this statement or else justify WHY they allow such statements to be printed.

I am not a humorless person, and I'm not trying to be nitpicky, but I AM offended by this comment and I feel that statements such as these have no place in a student paper, and I hope that in the future SOMEONE will be a bit more responsible as to what is being printed.

Sincerely yours,

Kristine Suzuki

— Editor's reply: —

As are most of the Five Lines Free that are submitted, this particular one was intended for a certain person or group of people. We don't understand the humor behind many of the Five Lines Free submissions that come in, but we print them because we know that someone out there who reads the GEM does understand them.

Five Lines Free is a service that is available to all members of

the UPEI community and it is a valuable service. There are many people who use it as a source for advertising their books for sale, to place notices to the student and faculty, and to advertise to roommates. However, there are also a few people who use it as a personal column and that is fine with the staff of the GEM. Of course, there are times when we do edit some of the Five Lines Free submissions, especially when we feel that the submission was intentionally written to hurt a particular person's feelings. But this was not the case in this instance.

If you were offended by what we printed, please realize that it was written and printed only for fun, and also realize that you will most likely come across more articles like this which will also be humorous. Meanwhile, we thank you for your comments and hope that you keep reading our fine-quality paper, especially the Five-Lines Free section.