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Letter to the Editor

So you want some articles from UPEI students... Well, I'm a student of our prestigious little university and I'd like to say a few things about a topic which is felt but seldom discussed openly. Hopefully my opinions won't offend anyone, but perhaps they will stir up some discussion.

Here's the beef. As a UPEI student with friends at the Vet College I see two sides of a situation. The situation is animosity between UPEI students and vet students. Has anyone else noticed any tensions in this particular area? Have you maybe, noticed it from your professors.

I can provide examples of these feelings from both sides of the fence. On the one hand we have the vet students who may possess certain negative attitudes towards us. Why? Well here is one example that may start to explain it. As you may be aware some classes are held in the AVC lecture theatres for UPEI students. When this first began the lecture theatres were quite new, very clean and free of graffiti. Now if you go into these tops have been scribbled upon.

I know you are going to say "How do you know it wasn't a vet student?" If you are friends with anyone from the college you will know the answer to this for yourself. They are proud of their facility. Sometimes they feel we do not treat the College facilities with enough respect.

Now for another side to the story. What about how the UPEI students feel about the bet students. Once again, here is an example to demonstrate my point. Certain students at our university feel that the bet students think they are too good to be associated with us. This may be due to the fact that:

1) They do not want Atlantic Veterinary College to be considered part of UPEI.

2) They do not want to be part of the UPEI graduation services. They would prefer to have their own private graduation.

I realize that there are very valid reasons for both these things. I am not going to say what they are since I believe it would be best for someone from the college to try and explain this.

UPEI is in a unique position. It is a university that is comprised of mainly undergrad. Maybe the tension arises since we are not used to dealing with grad students or professional students.

What about UPEI student who are now members of the bet college? Did they notice any of this before or after going there?

I would really like to hear from any UPEI or vet students who have a reaction to what I have just said. I am not pointing fingers or making judgments. I am simply pointing out a situation I have noticed. So, lets hear some response!

It is my hope that by bringing this topic up for discussion we can hear both sides fairly and dispel any negative feelings between either side.

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Dear Editor,

This letter concerns a column you ran last week called Celebrity Corner. That was the best column in the Gem in years. The concept of profiling athletes is a very good one. Please keep this column going. Since there are so many athletes, why not profile two each week. Tell Winston Duncan to keep up the good work.

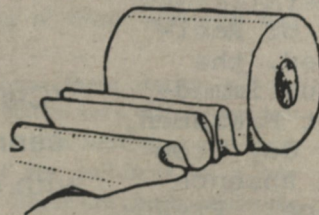
Signed Second Floor Bernardine.

Dear Editor,

In short reply to Ian Mollison.

The September issue of Harrowsmith has a good article on the plans for Nato low level training in Labrador - Quebec. Anyone interested should read this and decide for themselves what the facts are.

Tony Redds.



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