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Classified Ad Policy

For only 1 dollar per week you can print your ads or notices in The Gem's all new Classified Ads Section (applicable to UPEI students only. Others must contact our Advertising Manager). All ads must be typed or neatly handwritten and must be in by Monday at

3:00 PM. Late submissions will not be printed. Payment must accompany the ad. Classified ads may be up to and including 30 words. The editor reserves the right not to print those submissions which go against Gem policy. For more details contact the Editor.

Letters

Dear Editor;

In response to the "Letter to the Editor" printed in the October 26, 1989 edition of the Gem regarding the animosity between Veterinary students and the so called "UPEI" students, a few points need to be addressed.

Firstly, every communication that I have had with this university was addressed to the University of Prince Edward Island. My tuition is made payable to the University of Prince Edward Island, I buy my books from the university bookstore, I pay my student union fees to the Student Union that every other "UPEI" student makes their payments and finally my degree will have the words "University of Prince Edward Island" stamped across it. Does that not make me a "UPEI" student? I think the animosity might just be in "Loo's" imagination.

Having made that statement, I would like an opportunity to make a few other comments before hate mail starts arriving. I am a member of the Class of 1990, a class that has an average age of 30 years old. The majority of our class has completed at least a BSc; that's four years of education before we even entered UPEI. Of that majority, another population has completed a MSc degree, another 2-3 years of education. Now let's look at those students that are "UPEI" students but do not attend AVC. I'm sure the average age is nowhere near 30 and they have not al-

ready spent several years at a post-secondary institute.

In addition, most of us completed our initial education at institutes other than UPEI. Personally, I attended a university that had nearly 20,000 students, and as such was use to a university life that was much bigger than that here at UPEI. This included facilities such as a student center, that was actually the place where people went to meet and enjoy themselves (rather than the library), and a library that had the books that you needed. I'm not knocking the Robertson Library, as they have made great advances in their acquisition of books and journals etc in the last few years and should be commended for that effort. However, there is still room for improvement! Certainly UPEI takes some getting use to, and that may take some time! So I can see how some person who has met a vet student during that period of adjustment and formed their opinion on that first impression may have a sense of animosity. To these people, all I can say is to look again.

I would like to comment on the use of the facilities at AVC by other students. Personally, I have no objections, but as Loo pointed out, please respect the building. Lecture theatre A is used as the visiting dignitary and special event theatre. That happens to be the same room that is used for other classes besides veterinary courses. The state of the

chairs, ie: graffiti, is rather embarrassing to all students of UPEI. I'm sure that those visiting people leave with a bad impression of UPEI vet students if all they see is the state of that one theatre. I encourage President Eliot to make a visit to that room. One other point that I would like to make about the use of lecture theatre A, those students that use the room on Monday and Wednesday mornings (the 10:30 lecture) please allow us to exit the room before you stampede into the class. I now know how a salmon feels trying to swim upstream.

With regards to graduation, I would not want AVC students to graduate from UPEI with the regular graduation services. The reason is that I have spent a number of years obtaining my education, and for me, this is the end of my academic career. I do not want to walk across a hockey rink to pick up my degree. I think that it is highly insulting to all students to have to graduate in that manner. The Confederation Center is a much more appropriate facility for such an event; after all, as a graduate you earned the right to be treated that way. In addition, there are a number of foreign students in our class that have paid approximately \$28,000 tuition per year for 4 years. That is a great sum of money just for tuition and does not include living expenses etc. I think they deserve more than a trip across a rink! The major-

ity of our class are from other places besides PEI, some from as far away as California. Graduation from a professional school has traditionally been a very joyous family occasion. There is no reason why that should differ at UPEI. With that in mind, some parents are going to have to pay a great expense to attend the upcoming graduation ceremonies, to experience that brief moment of joy as they watch their offspring walk across the stage. Too bad that stage is in a hockey rink. In relation to the family experience of graduation, a number of classmates have expressed concern that the number of guests has been limited to two people per graduating student. Well, some people have spouses and children that they would like to have attend in addition to their parents. All of these people have played a great role in supporting the student while here at UPEI, and should have the privilege to attend. I think all of these problems could be solved if someone was to take the initiative to book the Confederation Center for one morning in May.

Thanks for your time,
R. Harding
Class of 1990

Gem Letters Policy

Letters must be typed, neatly handwritten, or sent through VAX mail to account GEM. They must be received by Monday at 3:00 PM, or they will not be printed. Letters must be no longer than 300 words. Letters will be printed according to how much space is available each week. Letters which are libelous, or attempt to incite violence or hatred toward a particular person or group, are racist or homophobic, will not be printed.

The Gem's Letters page is open to all members of the university community. The editor reserves the right to print letters from outside the university community.

Yesterday while spending a few minutes at the University Library I picked up a the latest copy of the Gem. There were some interesting and well-written articles. But I also found a totally useless page on the subject, How to Make Love to a Dead Skunk. What kind of person thinks this is worth writing, printing, or reading? Is this what the student's want? I hope that most of them have higher standards than this.