

OK - it's not really a restaurant, but it is an institution.

Shannon Younker:

The Pit - If you go to UPEI, you know the Pit. I personally got an A+ in Pit 101 and have been taking advanced courses for several semesters. The Pit serves soup, hot dogs, sandwiches, and assorted drinks and baked goods. For people who oversleep and don't eat breakfast or make a lunch, the Pit is a haven. I have a suggestion to make, though. Posting prices would be greatly appreciated. I know that a small coffee is 83 cents, but I don't have the



RESTAURANT RETROSPECTIVE

THIS WEEK...
THE PIT!

capacity to memorize the menu. Prices are on the high side but that hasn't stopped the student lounge from being immensely popular. The Pit is more a lounge than it is a restaurant,

so I can't rate service. There are times, though, when I wonder if the "Pit Ladies" couldn't be a little friendlier. Of course, some students could give them a little more respect. They have a job I certainly don't envy. The Pit rates three cookies, despite its flaws. To make a long story short, Marriott has a monopoly on food services at UPEI (except for the Dunkin' Donuts in the lobby of the Barn). Perhaps a little competition would make prices lower and more accessible. Anybody want to lobby for a Pizza Hut franchise?

Aldera Chisholm:

First off, I'll lobby with you Shannon, but it has to be for Pizza Delight. The Pit. I make cameos

at the Pit frequently. Pet Peeve number one: too much being smoked... and not just cigarettes. Other than that, the food at the Pit is generally good. I really like the soup and bun deal. The sandwiches are an exception: too crispy and not enough filling. PRICES. I think things are out of control-- a juice costs almost twice as much as it does in an already overpriced vending machine (Hint, hint, Gulf Vending). Most students are on a tight budget. Usually I will go hungry before I buy from the Pit. Also, is it too much to ask for the prices to be posted? Just a little sign would do, nothing fancy. My final suggestion would be a larger selection of chips. There are some of us who do not like barbecue and roast chicken. The Pit is great for getting that extra "fix" to get you through the day, and with some improvement, I might even grow to like the Pit. Still, the best I can give is one and a half cookies.

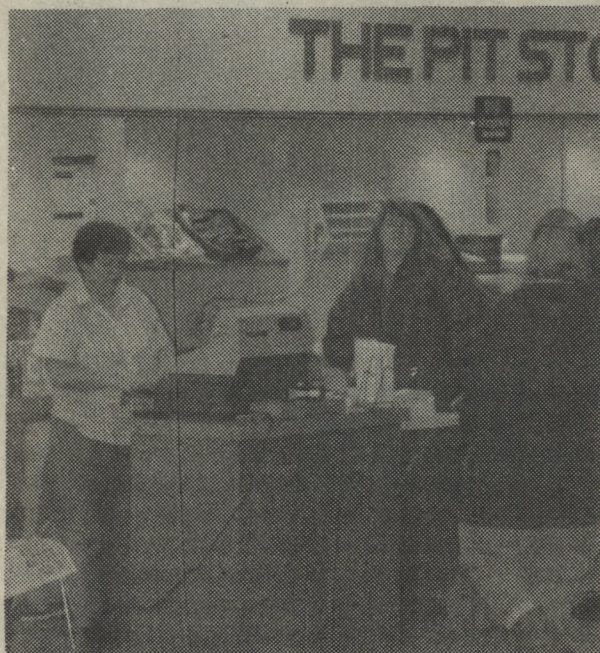
Jennifer Caseley:

Several months ago I was in the Pit trying to find something to munch on and I spied two men in suits looking around and discussing the Pit. Bold as brass I walked up and asked if they

were looking for suggestions on how to improve the Pit; they said they were, so I suggested. I suggested that they post prices, saying it may seem like a very simple thing but it would mean a lot to us as students. They thanked me for the suggestion and said they were hoping to do just that. Obviously they lied to me; it's been a few months, and every time I go I'm still guessing as to how much it will cost me this week for my muffin. I agree with AI, there is too much smoke in the Pit. In 1976, the buildings on campus went smoke free... how did we forget this particular area? Always look at the date on the carton when you buy milk there. I have a friend who has bought milk there a couple of times and found out that it was spoiled. On a more positive note, I do appreciate the hours the Pit is open, and it's a great place to stop for a fix of nourishment. I give the Pit one and a half cookies, only because of their hours.

Rating System

- 5 Cookies:** Better than Mom's home-cooking
- 4 Cookies:** Better than the cafeteria
- 3 Cookies:** Great if you're hungry and not fussy
- 2 Cookies:** Only if nothing else is open
- 1 Cookie:** Almost as good as Kraft Dinner



**E-mail Users:
Want to talk to us?**

We know you're out there. There are probably a lot of you out there who want to talk to the X-Press but just don't do it. You'd write letters, but you're too broke or lazy to buy envelopes, or you're afraid to drop something in our door slot because you don't want us to see you for some reason. You'd call our answering machine, but you hate those contraptions or think your voice sounds dopey on the phone. If these or other things have kept you from speaking your mind, never fear- there's now yet another way for you to talk to the X-Press: E-Mail!

Yes, we now have an E-Mail account. If you have a university account, you can send your messages to "xpress" (xpress@stu1.upei.ca if your account is off campus) from any terminal hooked to the university system- it's that easy! We will keep the names of all letter-writers confidential on request, but remember, if you want your letter or whatever to see print, you have to leave a name and phone number. It's easier than ever to talk to the X-Press, so drop us a line- after all, E-Mail's active twenty-four hours a day.

CAMPUS
COMMENT

Q. What do you think of Canada keeping troops in Bosnia?

Troy MacPhee

"I don't think that the soldiers should be there. It is an ethnic war and they should be left to work it out for themselves."

Jeff Zaat

"Internal Affairs of a country are best solved by themselves without outside interference, so the soldiers should leave."

Baxter Squarey

"I think that they should be taken out. I agree with action taken by Prime Minister Chretien."

Andrew Sprague

"I think the troops should be taken out. The government should spend their money on more useful things for our country."

Dear John
advice from a slightly different perspective

Dear John and Jane,

Can you tell me when a female can tell when a guy friend is more than a friend? If she likes this guy should she let him know?--Puzzled????

John and Jane: Has he made any passes at you like kissing you or holding your hand? These are all good signs to look for if a guy likes you. Does he seem to be planning activities that involve just the two of you? Watch and see how he acts when you're alone and compare it with how he acts when you're with a group of people. Tell him you like him or.....try getting close by kissing him or holding his hand. Be alone with him as much as possible. Throw discretion out the window, playing games only wastes time.

Dear John and Jane,

I masturbate three to four times daily. I pride myself on being a morally correct Christian Irishman. Is this what everyone does, or am I an exception? I am six feet tall, puffy cheeks, stinky build, and I am allergic to tomatoes and cinnamon. Do you think in a man with my build and

allergies it is wrong to masturbate in such a manner?--S.D.C.

Jane: That's too gross for me. John, you answer this while I throw up. John: I don't see what your allergies have to do with anything unless you're doing something other than eating the tomatoes and cinnamon. According to a survey by *Details* magazine most men masturbate three times a week. And according to the X-Press Sex Survey the average on campus was once a day. So by all authorities you are a freak, pervert, deviant, etc.....

Dear John and Jane,

It's really cold outside now. What advice can you give UPEI students on how to dress warmly? --Cold and Getting Colder

John and Jane: Long johns are the thing this year. Remember all those things your mom told you as a kid about wearing your boots, hat, scarf, mitts, and jacket? Do it. Especially the one about going to the bathroom before you get dressed to go outside.