

Dancing In Charlottetown Funk And Country



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The Granada

Judging by it's reputation, I quite expected something different from The Granada. I expected to see a rough, noisy crowd, but it wasn't that way at all. The crowd was actually rather polite. A few were terribly drunk, but still somewhat polite.

And now for the facts. The Granada is open from 11:00 am to 1:00 am Monday through Saturday. There is a live band every night and the music starts at 9:30. A cover charge of \$2 exists only on Friday and Saturday night, and there are no dress restrictions.

The lounge itself is

nice. Pretty decor, nice furnishings and fairly clean. Plus, a lot of girls without dates. Which was, of course, the best aspect of the club. Actually I could have become a great fan of the Granada had it not been for the high prices, which were geared toward the rich executive businessman and not suitable for a poor, penny-pinching student. Unfortunately, I fall into the latter category. The day prices are 85¢ for beer and 1.10 for shots. I was told by the manager that evening prices are 1.05 for beer and 1.35 for shots through the week. But, on closer

(in person) scrutiny, I found that a person is charged 1.20 for a beer. That's what I was charged (and I don't think it was because of bad breath either.) I was not the only person who complained of high prices. Several people stayed for one drink, then left.

But that's the bad part. I've saved the best for last. The band on this particular night was Professor Lett and Study. They are without a doubt the best rhythm & blues -soul- band to play in this area in recent years. Their show was tailored to the young dance crowd. They had a large repertoire from FUNK (Early James Brown, recent top 40 soul) to pop (Bad Bad Leroy Brown, etc...) They fielded plenty of requests and disappointed nobody. Comments from nearby tables included, "They're really good, Eh?" "These guys are great," and "They're the best funk band I've ever heard" I personally liked "Pick up the Pieces," a mean funk-sax instrumental currently on the charts by the Average White

Band. The Professor did a great job on it, pure high level energy.

My advice to you, Go to the Granada, have fun, but drink very slowly.

Prince Edward Lounge

Well, the Prince Edward Lounge presented quite a contrast, I must say. It was an older crowd which did a lot of hooting and hollering and cheering to the country music of Jim and Don Haggart. I don't particularly care for country music (especially the foot stomping variety) but everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves. In any case, though, I did not stay very long.

There is a one dollar cover charge on Friday and Saturday only ("No Blue Jeans please"). Music starts at 9:30.

Day prices are; 85¢ for both beer and shots. The Prince Edward Lounge has a happy hour which is quite reasonable; 60¢ each for beer and shots from 4:00 pm. Night prices, in effect from 8:30 to 1:00 am, are 1.05 for a bottle of beer and 1.35 for a shot of booze.

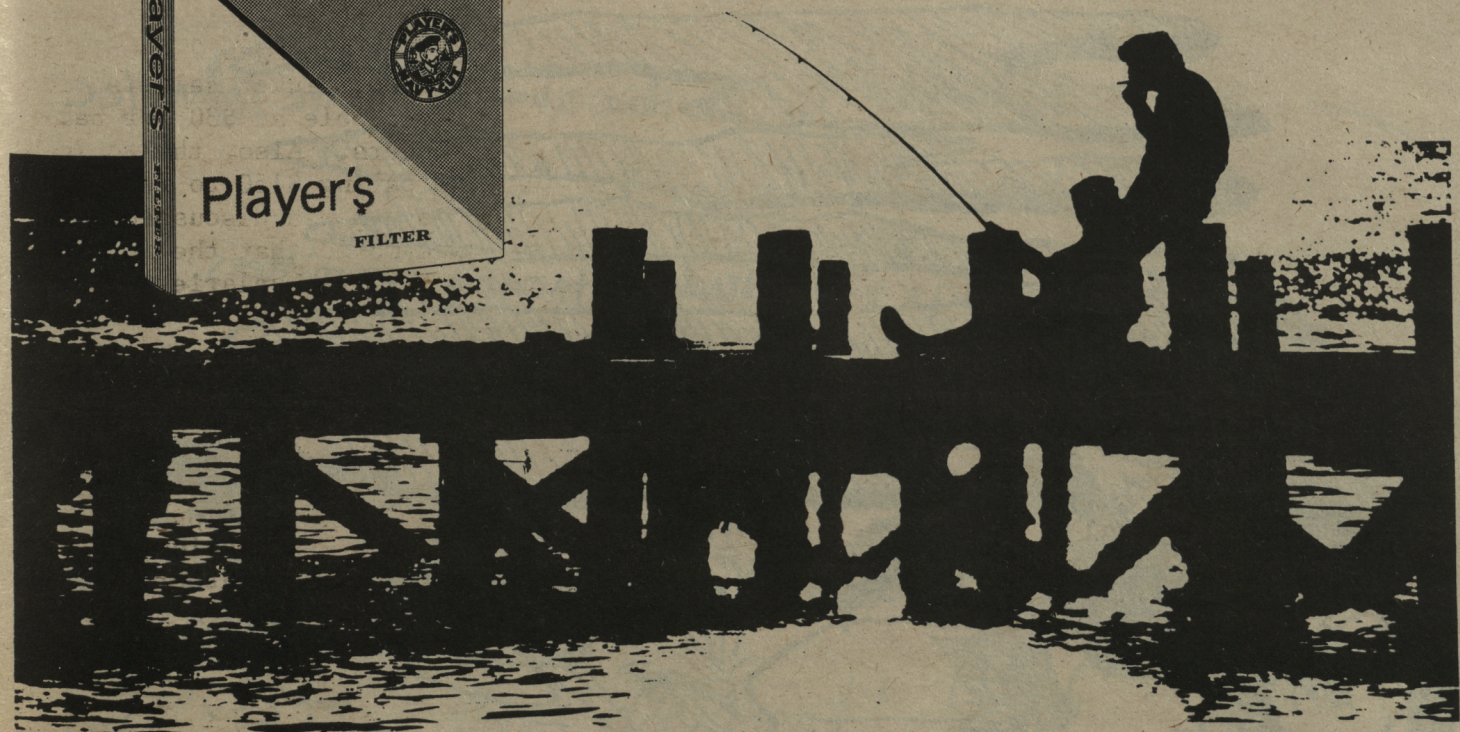
They also have a Saturday Matinee Talent Show which anyone can enter. Show starts at 3:30 and goes until 6:30.

As I mentioned, I didn't stay too long. I would rather listen to Funky music and Rock and Roll (from the soul).

The Prince Edward Lounge didn't have any. But it seems to be the best 'Country Music Jamboree' showcase in the area. So if you're into foot-stomping and truck driving music, then the Prince Edward Lounge is the place to go.

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