

# FROLICKING FRESHMAN

Hello frosh, how are things? It seems time is really flying by. There is only slightly over three weeks of regular classes left! You will soon have completed your first year of university. I hope this year has been a good one for you, it certainly has for me. I have really enjoyed attending classes on a full time basis here at UPEI. I hope we can all keep a positive attitude about our upcoming exams. If we keep our heads together, I am sure we will all fair out very well when we get our final marks.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of the freshman who made last semester's DEANS list. You all did a great job and deserve a lot of credit. Hopefully all kinds of freshman will make this semester's DEANS list as well. (mom was right when she named me Dean—that's the closest to the list I am likely to get!) At any rate I am sure lots of you will make it again.

Now that spring elections are over and the candidates have been chosen for their respective positions, I would like to stress the importance of getting to know these people. These are the people that will be representing your interests on council. Do whatever it takes, hound them, pester them, even threaten them. Make sure that they know your concerns. After all it is their job.

Happily I have received quite a bit of feedback from freshman students lately. I am ecstatic about it. It is great to hear your concerns. Freshman really do care enough about things to seek action. The

feedback I have been receiving from freshman has mostly been in the complaint dept. (that's OK, I like complaints—they fire me up.) One of the major complaints is about noise in the library. This seems to be a common complaint among students at all levels. I have already spoken to Merritt Crockett about this and other issues. Mr. Crockett (the head librarian) has told me that he is concerned about noise in the library. He says that the problem may also intensify as 200 vet students come in to the library looking for silence. Mr. Crockett says that in the future the "super quiet area" of the library may be expanded. As for the present he suggests student co-operation is necessary for a quiet workspace. Perhaps we as freshman can set an example in this area. the next time we get the urge to talk maybe we can go to the lounge or to a hallway.

Another couple of students came to me and expressed that they thought there was a lack of activities outside those in the barn. I tend to agree with these students, there is not too much to do if you don't feel like going to the barn. The situation is even worse for those freshman who are under the age of 18. The only thing I can suggest for now is to get involved in the revamped intramural sports program or maybe join one of the clubs on campus such as the UPEI debating club.

As far as the future goes I think things will improve in this area. With your help I would personally like to see a major event, at least once a month that will enable students to have fun and that is

not necessarily in the barn. Please, all freshman think hard and suggest your ideas to councillors or the executive. I'm sure we can do something. So thanks ev-

erybody for your feedback. I really appreciate it. Please feel free to talk to me about

anything. And don't forget to talk to any other coun-

cillors as well. Good luck in your studies and have a happy week.

your councillor, Dean MacMillan

## THE DRINKING AGE AND FRESHMAN

As you probably know, during the last throne speech it was mentioned that the drinking age may be raised to 19 here on PEI. This of course would affect a great number of students who are now freshman. If the legislation were to come into effect, almost all frosh would be unable to attend events at the barn.

The student council has been slightly divided as to how they should respond to this section of the throne speech. It was decided however that council would forward a letter to the PEI legislature, noting the ef-

fects of such a move on UPEI students. Hopefully if this legislation comes in there may be some kind of allowance for UPEI to provide for students under 19.

This doesn't mean that students under age could drink, but perhaps there may be a provision for the student union to hold events such as "wet and dry" pubs. A wet and dry pub has some areas designated "wet" (serving liquor) and other areas "dry" (no liquor). This would allow any student who is not 19 access to the barn.

The entire issue has led

to one question; "Is there much available to those students who are under age?" The answer from most would be No. There is then a definite need to provide for those students who are underage. These activities would and could be in addition to normal activities at the barn.

It is very important that freshman students get involved in this issue. Wrack your brains and see if you can come up with ideas that may solve this problem. Hopefully together we can come up with ways to get around this problem.

## Bahai Studies

Part two of a serialization of the book "The Promise of World Peace"

The endowments which distinguish the human race from all other forms of life are summed up in what is known as the human spirit; the mind is its essential quality. These endowments have enabled humanity to build civilizations and to prosper materially. But such accomplishments alone have never satisfied the human spirit, whose mysterious nature inclines it towards transcendence, a reaching towards an invisible realm, towards the ultimate reality, that unknowable essence of essences called God. The religions brought to mankind by a succession of spiritual lumi-

naries have been the primary link between humanity and that ultimate reality, and have galvanized and refined mankind's capacity to achieve spiritual success together with with social progress.

No serious attempts to set human affairs aright, to achieve world peace, can ignore religion. Man's perception and practice of it are largely the stuff of history. An eminent historian described religion as a "faculty of human nature". That the perversion of this faculty has contributed to much of the confusion in society and the conflicts in and between individuals can hardly be denied. But neither can any fair-minded observer discount the prepondering in-

fluence exerted by religion on the vital expressions of civilization. Furthermore, its indispensability to social order has repeatedly been demonstrated by its direct effect on laws and morality.

Writing of religion as a social force, Baha'u'llah said: "Religion is the greatest of all means for the establishment of order in the world and for the peaceful contentment of all that dwell therein." Referring to the eclipse or corruption of religion, he wrote "Should the lamp of religion be obscured, chaos and confusion will ensue, and the light of fairness, of justice, of tranquility and peace cease to shine."

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## JACK SCORPIO

By BRIAN LINKLETTER

I KEEP TELLING YOU! THE PIRATE, CAPTAIN SNEER, NEVER HAD ANY HIDDEN TREASURE!



I MUST HAVE THAT TREASURE IF I AM TO FINANCE MY PLANS FOR WORLD DOMINATION!



YOU, DEBBIE, WERE RESEARCHING HIS CAREER! YOU MUST KNOW WHERE HIS TREASURE IS BURIED! TELL ME OR DIE!



NO! NOBODY DIES WHEN JACK SCORPIO IS AROUND!



## Vegetable Facts #3

There are 4 million naked carrots in this city. This is one of them.

