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Letters to the Editor

Dear Sirs:

Now it's on. The article "Coca-Cola Lends Encouragement" in the January 19th issue was the most inane thing I've read outside of PEOPLE WEEKLY. The large type-face and the empty space at the bottom probably means you had nothing better to write about. I feel so violated. Maybe the Coke machines will cheer me up.

In related news, if you can tear your eyes away from the "brand-spanking" new machines and look toward the other side of the pit, you will see that Pepsi is still being sold on-campus.

Furthermore, I have little remorse for those sodas at the University of Manitoba. After doing a little math, I found out that we are paying 0.296 cents per millilitre before deposit for a bottle of non-existent Pepsi. At the U of M, they are paying 0.250 cents per millilitre. Who's being manipulated? Who cares? It's only cola.

Send your love poems and death threats to <jcoll@hc.itas.net>.

To the Editor:

Relevant to the article "Royal Bank pulls out of Student Loans (Jan. 12, 1999 issue):

A recent Stats Canada report indicates that full-time enrolment at BC universities is "almost 27 times greater than the national average" and this province also leads in part-time student enrolment. As well there has been "an increase of 16 per cent in full-time undergraduate and graduate students over the past five years." Enrolment growth for full-time students across Canada was 0.6 per cent according to Stats Canada. Part-time enrolment increased by 8.8 per cent in BC while declining 21 per cent nationally.

The BC government has been proactive in that it has frozen tuition at 1995 levels which created nearly 13,000 new student spaces across the post-secondary system in three years and has increased funding substantially since 1992. Would PEI youth be so lucky?

Re: your article and Recommendation 16.8 of the UPEI 1998 Audit: I heartily endorse any efforts to reduce textbook costs to students. It is about time too.

Edith Perry
Part-time student

As a matter of fact...

Canadian Students Less Dedicated

By Rob MacIsaac

The results of a landmark study conducted by researchers at the Canadian Medical Institute in Ottawa suggest that today's young Canadians lack the determination and conviction they possessed ten years ago.

These recent findings, which involved the participation of nearly 3,000 Canadian men and women aged 12 to 24, come as no surprise to behavioural psychologist Herbert Dunsford, who has monitored the trend for nearly two decades.

"Certainly, there has been a noticeable shift in the way our youth prioritize their lives," Dunsford explains. "We're not seeing the same level of dedication and commitment, particularly where education is concerned. The benefits of hard work and effort, of starting something and seeing it through to completion, these things just don't seem as important anymore."

Although the study does not discuss possible reasons for this trend, Dunsford speculates that a sh

Ed. Note: Mr. MacIsaac intended the spontaneous termination of his dissertation.