

# First shots

The purpose of the survey members of our staff conducted recently was to gather statistics and ideas on the operation of the student newspaper, and to give us some idea of the climate of the university.

We are definitely taking all responses seriously and, after we go over all the surveys, we hope to have some constructive suggestions to work with.

However, all decisions about the format and content of the newspaper have always been, and will continue to be decided by the staff, sometimes in consultation with the Student Union.

We invite you to share in this decision-making process by joining our staff and/or coming up to talk with us.

Please realize that we are only human and cannot implement all your good ideas without more help.

Announcing the preliminary results of the survey about the Gem we have been conducting the past two weeks: (more to be revealed as we continue counting for other questions.

When we asked about the name:

- like it: 40%
- didn't like it: 45%
- neutral: 15%

When we asked if you would pay if you had to for the Gem each week, you said:

- No: 51%
- Yes, 1 to 10¢: 16%
- Yes, 10 to 20¢: 8%
- Yes, 20-30¢: 25%

(Note: most of those who answered 'no' wrote in that they already pay for the Gem in Student Union fees, which is perfectly correct. We were trying to get some idea of the value you assign to us.)

Which section needs the most improvement?

- News 15.9%
- Sports 0%
- Columns 32.4%
- Student Union page 4%
- Editorial page 4%
- Did not answer 43.7%

Should individual societies and clubs be given space as they wish?

- Yes, no limits: 18.6%
- Yes, some limits: 77.2%
- No: 0.7%
- Did not answer 3.5%

## Mayo wins blaster

At 12:30 p.m. on Monday, UPEI business manager Murray Stevenson drew the name of Mark Mayo as the winner of a Sony 3000 ghetto-blaster.

The prize was offered as part of Coke promotion, in conjunction with Saga

Foods, the company operating the food service at UPEI.

Mayo, who happened to be in the cafeteria at the time, said, "I was just standing in line over there, thinking, 'Wouldn't it be funny if I won?'"

We apologize to the cafeteria staff. This may be hard to believe, but once again our photographer's camera failed when he was taking pictures of you awarding prizes.

Is there something you're not telling us?



## Spot the grad student.



# Life Styles

By Lori Anne Heckbert

I'm sorry. I'm so sorry ... how sorry am I? I'm very sorry. Why am I sorry? Well, I'm sorry because this week's column must of necessity be as brief as last week's.

You know, if you stop the hysterics for a moment, I just might be able to explain myself. Thanks so much.

But hey, think about it, I did promise I'd discuss the social implications of the word "yes" in this week's column.

Now, I hope you all didn't get in too much trouble that's hard to explain to parents, just because I said the word of the week is "yes".

Remember, you only have to use a word three times and it becomes part of your vocabulary. If you overuse a word it becomes a dead word — like the word "nice", as a for instance.

Nowadays, you can only say "That's nice", when you mean it sarcastically.

You can blame your parents for killing that word.

Let's get back on the right train (of thought). I can't write very much this week (get a hold of yourselves!) for a very good reason, and this is it: I have too many promises to keep from last week's folly. Boy, did I fence myself in with that one.

You see, I must confess — I overused the G.D. word. sigh ...

Please refrain from placing your thumb on your nose and wriggling your fingers all over as you mutter the sacred words NA-NA-NA-NA-NA! Spare me this last, won't you?

Two points of interest: you may be curious as to why I haven't reviewed a movie, or eaten out for a couple of weeks. There's a perfectly good explanation for that: I'm out of money.

Honestly. I have two dollars and three cents in the bank. The prospects are not good.

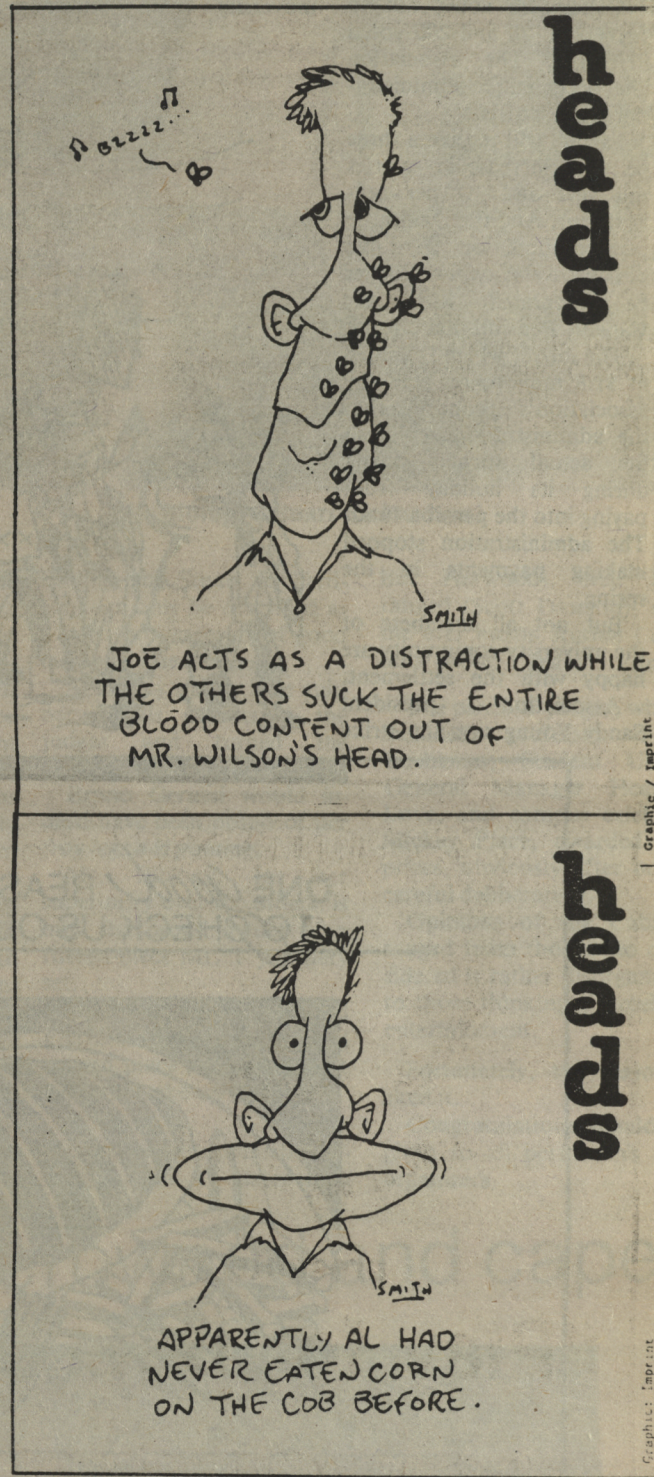
I know this'll stun you all, but I haven't even been to The Hideaway yet. I can't swing the damn cover charge. And that's a crying shame.

God, I've written a lot. Listen, if you don't want to read about my amusing escapades, no one's holding a gun to your head and making you read this.

Think about it though, how many people do you know would admit to turning a little red purse into a mushroom? See, there you go.

That's it for this week. By the way, Anna, and anyone else who may be expecting me to write an article about the terrible coupon plan Saga has set up, look for it next week, Beaver's honour (didn't make it to Scouts).

That's a promise I'll keep. Take care, faithful readers.



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