
Something to think about:

I wonder if certain feminists realized that their push for more lenient abortion laws could have led to embryonic sex selection - even North Americans prefer boy babies to girl babies.

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To Whom It May Concern

It has been drawn to my attention that Undergraduate Students are no longer permitted to use the Computer Center facilities at the Vet College after 6:00 pm or at any time on the weekend. In the past, all students were permitted to use the computer center facilities, with Veterinary students given priority to terminals.

As near as I can detect, there are three issues which have caused the change in policy. The first being that Undergraduate use of the Computer Center causes a threat to the security of Vet College.

there are several solutions to this problem which would allow all students on campus access to the facilities. One such suggestion is follows: the practice of "signing-in" at the security desk in the door way of the Vet College would be maintained. At that time, Undergraduates would also be requested to present their Student Identity Cards. Student I.D. numbers would then be recorded next to the persons signature. Therefore, Security could easily track down people if damage occurred to Computer Center Facilities.

A second solution would be to sell a limited number of accounts to Undergraduate students. Then the Computer Center could issue, to those people, I.D. cards; similar to what Vet Students are given.

The only difference in the cards would be that "Undergraduate cards" would open just the main door. If necessary these people could continue to sign in at the security desk.

The second reason for this change seems to be the question of priority access for Veterinary Students. Priority to Veterinary students is something I totally

agree with. But how about giving the vet students priority from 12:00 noon until 5:00 p.m. on week days? Instead they have been given priority only at night and on the weekends; a time when very few use the computers. This would also help to limit the amount of traffic in the AVC building during peak hours; a benefit to security, as there would fewer people to supervise.

At the heart of this issue seems to be an underlining problem yet to be dealt with. That is: "Is the Atlantic Veterinary College a entity separate from the University of Prince Edward Island?"

I would be inclined to say not. On a small campus such as ours, we must share many different facilities. The library, the Student Union Building, and some-what limited parking have traditionally belonged to UPEI. But since the inception of the Vet College on our campus, these have become shared facilities. Even the Canada Games Field House, given to the University of Prince Edward Island, is a shared commodity.

It is extremely important to note that no one expects Undergraduates to be given "priority" parking spaces during peak hours; or Vet student to be denied access to the library during evenings, weekends and holidays; and it goes with out saying that the new Cafeteria will be yet another shared facility, in which I doubt people will have to eat according to a schedule. We are at a point where it must be decided if we are indeed two separate schools or if we are one. And if we are one school, is it acceptable for a handful of people to begin segregating parts of our campus?

I would like to say that I am deeply opposed to the recent decision made by the UPEI Computer Advisory Committee and the AVC Deans Council. The very least this decision needs to be re-examined.

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