

# Letters...

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Dear Editor:

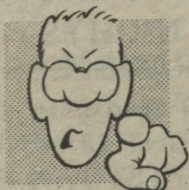
During the panel discussion concerning the underfunding of post-secondary education on PEI held Jan. 20th, the National Action Week committee and the representatives of the university gave many examples of where this underfunding is having negative effects on the quality of our education: research funds have declined, support staff has been cut, student aid is inadequate, the availability of learning material has suffered, lab equipment is outdated and classrooms are overcrowded.

Now the best example that Ian MacDonald, a member of the Budget committee of UPEI could offer is that the basketball and hockey teams needed new uniforms. I would hope that when it comes to allocating the limited funds available that MacDonald and the rest of the committee members will put education ahead of athletics.

M.B. MacLean

## FROM THE MIP

LASHES OUT AT  
T.V. RECORD OFFERS



HAVE YOU EVER  
ASKED YOURSELF:

- WHY YOU'VE NEVER HEARD OF MOST OF THESE SCHMOES BEFORE ?
- HOW CAN YOU NOT HAVE HEARD OF SOMEONE WHO HAS SOLD 30 BILLION RECORDS WORLD-WIDE ?
- IF THEY'RE SO GREAT, WHY DO THEY HAVE TO RESORT TO TELEVISION ADS ?
- AFTER ALL, HAVE YOU EVER SEEN AN AD FOR "THE ROLLING STONES' GOLDEN GREATS" OR "LED ZEPPELIN'S ALL-TIME FAVOURITES" ?
- WHY THE LIPS OF THE "UNIVERSALLY BELOVED RECORDING ARTIST" NEVER MATCH THE SONG BEING PLAYED ?
- IS IT A SATANIC RIDDLE ?!

by Robert Jobst

JIM NABORS'



ALL-TIME FAVORITE SERBO-CROATIAN FOLK SONGS

- HOW MANY PEOPLE CAN POSSIBLY RECORD PLEASE RELEASE ME ?
- HOW COME, WITH RECORD OFFERS, YOU DON'T GET A BONUS ITEM, LIKE A HANDY POCKET CIRCUMCISOR, ABSOLUTELY FREE ?

WATCH FOR  
SLIM WHITMAN'S NEW L.P.  
ELECTRIC YODELLER

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— Claude Adrien Helvetius

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We cherish typed and double spaced submissions and submissions on computer disk or through VAX mail. For legal reasons, all submissions must include the author's name and phone number. However, names will be withheld from publication on request. Contrary to what we printed last week, there are 7 more issues of The Gem this term.

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