

## To: Members of the Board of Governors University of Prince Edward Island

We were both very surprised and disturbed to learn that the Board of Governors had rejected the recommendation of the Search Committee that Barb Mullaly be appointed Director of Athletics at UPEI. This was a duly constituted and carefully chosen committee that had conducted an extensive search, and that had the opportunity to become well acquainted with the several candidates by reviewing resumes and carrying out interviews. It seems that rejecting the recommendation of such a committee should be done only in the most exceptional circumstances and with the most compelling reasons. Since the Board has presented no reasons for its decision, the process of selection does not give the appearance of fairness.

We are also worried that the Board might not view it within its rights and responsibilities to reject the recommendation of other search committees, and to give no justification for these decisions.

What if the Board disagreed with the candidate selected by the Presidential Search committee? Would you also reject that recommendation and provide no information to the university community about your reasons for doing so?

We recognize that it is within the legal power of the Board to reject the recommendations of such committees, although our understanding is that this power has not previously been exercised. And while we may disagree with the wisdom of exercising that power, we feel that it is imperative that the Board have a higher standard of accountability to the university community when carrying out such actions.

We call upon the Board to make a public statement to the entire University community, clearly stating its reasons for rejecting the recommended candidate, Barb Mullaly, for Athletic Director, and indicating why she was not considered to be sufficiently qualified for the position. Furthermore, we

call upon the Board to outline what it would plan to do should it disagree with the recommendation of the Search Committee for a new President of UPEI.

Sincerely,

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## Letters to the Editor

### Dear Editor,

As a student of UPEI, I have no problems with the delay for an athletic director. Actually, the delay proves that there is a lot of well-deserved concern for the athletic department. What is this unconfirmed crap about Barb Mullaly supposedly awarded the job? Unconfirmed means not necessarily true.

Scott MacDonald seems to biasly favour Barb Mullaly, but he has every right to do so. In closing his article, he stated that UPEI has alienated someone who works hard for them (Mullaly). Is he implying that a new athletic director wouldn't work hard for UPEI? I hope that an excellent choice for an athletic director is made.

-- A True Panther Fan

# FIFTH GEAR

By Marko Peric

LAST WEEK I DISCUSSED HOW AND WHERE to find a used car. In this issue I'll tell you what to do after you've found a car. If you have not checked out beforehand, the first item is price. You can ask various people about prices, but some type of used car guide is indispensable. Look for a Canadian version, the American prices are useless. Various guides are available at most stores that sell magazines and pocketbooks. Even if you don't want to buy the guide, flip through it and check the prices. Some of these books also contain other information, such as the fuel economy numbers and reliability ratings of various cars, as well as models to avoid. It's a good idea to check more than one guide, as there can be differences in the suggested prices.

Once you have a ballpark price, compare it against the asking price of the car you're looking at. Usually it will be slightly above the prices in the guide. If the asking price is far higher than the recommended price, you may have a hard time negotiating. On the other hand, if the price is

surprisingly low, be wary of high mileage or defects with the car. It may have been in an accident, so don't be afraid to ask about the history of the car.

A word about mileage-- typical mileage is fifteen thousand kilometers a year. Take the mileage, and divide by the number of years ago the car was made. If you get more than twenty thousand, that's high mileage. If the total mileage is less than eighty thousand kilometers, though, don't worry about it, unless the car is only one year old. Above two hundred thousand, the life of the engine becomes a factor, especially in domestic cars with small powerplants. High revving four cylinder engines only last so long. Quality has improved in recent years, but still be wary of high mileage on these engines. Exceptions are Honda, Toyota, BMW, and Mercedes, and a few other companies, which are known to make durable engines.

If a car is priced well, and has acceptable mileage, a test drive is the next order of business. Take the car out for as long as the seller will allow you. Most will let you go by yourself, which is much better

than having a dealer sitting beside you. On the test drive, drive on different roads, and see how well the car handles at various speeds. It's a good idea to take the car out on the highway, if only for a few minutes. Watch for firmness in the steering, listen for rattles and squeaks. If there are little things that annoy you on the test drive, imagine how much they'll bug you later. Check for comfort as well. A small car is not a good buy if you're cramped and crowded while driving it. You should check the back seat as well. If you don't fit back there, think about your future passengers. If they're the same size as you are, they won't like the rear either.

Rather than driving the car for the whole time, take it to a reputable mechanic. If you don't know any mechanics, ask around and get a recommendation. Often the underside of the car reveals more than the visible portions, so make sure to have it raised on a hoist. A thorough inspection

may not be necessary, but it never hurts. Some mechanics may charge to examine a car, enquire if you don't know their policy. Keep in mind that paying a small fee is better than spending thousands of dollars on a bad car.

If the car is mechanically sound, meets your needs, drives well, and the price is right, it's time to buy. But DON'T PAY THE ASKING PRICE. Nine out of ten sellers price their car well above what the car is worth. Do not hesitate to negotiate. If you drive a hard bargain you can save hundreds, maybe thousands of dollars. This is your money, so press until the dealer will not reduce the price any farther. If you are too timid to wheel-and-deal, get a trusted friend to haggle on your behalf.

That's all I can really tell you about buying a used car without answering specific questions. I hope that the suggestions in this column will be helpful the next time you're in the market for a used car.

## Marion hall warriors redefine total carnage

ON THE COLD GREYING MORNING OF AN October day, the men of Marion Hall move themselves forward from their stupors to suit up for the coming day's battles. Making their way to Pisquid P.E.I., to the Adrenalin Zone, these young warriors would find themselves unprepared for the coming dangers that would soon fall on their shoulders.

As the first platoon shuffled forward under the heavy packs of paint ammunition that they had carry into battle, you could see the previous night's celebrations exacting their toll on their bodies. The battle would be joined soon as the Blue team tries to force an unorganized attack on the Yellow team's heavily defended area. Yellow would soon lose their leadership from a smart move

to their rear by the Blue team taking out Cap'n (Tom Beveridge) Morgan and two others who were with him. The yellow team would rally though, and defend their position to the end, winning this battle.

On the second attack it would be Blue to whom had to defend that unenviable position and face the attack by Yellow's crack attack squads. Blue was able to fend off Yellow's advances as far as meters away, by taking out eight of ten of Yellow's attackers. As the whistle was to blown ending the game the four heroic Blue defenders layed down a suppression fire so intense that would shake up even the most experienced warrior.

The next two battles would see both the

Yellow and Blue teams trying to capture their opponent's flag as the objective. The blue team would use their come from behind tactic again in the first battle to secure Yellows flag, but in the second battle, Blue's lack of strategic planning would mortally hurt them as they used their same tactics yet again. This time yellow was so well prepared for Blue to do anything, that they started to fire on their own people who were trying to come back to the trenches to warn of another attack from behind. Yellow's fatal flaw was that once their numbers were reduced, they did not leave anyone back in reserve to defend their flag. This was discovered as two heroic souls from the

Yellow team charged the Blue defensive to capture their flag and bring it back to their own trenches with only seconds left in the battle.

After joining in eight bloody battles for the day, these legendary heroes would leave feeling tired, worn out and exhausted. But feeling ready to return to these killing fields again sometime soon. These epic tales can be felt by your own team of unbeatable warriors by calling 566-2926 and asking for Fraiser, who operates the Adrenaline Zone in Pisquid, P.E.I. Group rates are available. It is alot of fun and contrary to popular beliefs, it doesn't hurt to get shot...Ok not as much as you are afraid it would.