

CARREL FEVER!!

Picture this: a human snake-chain that was so long that it rewrapped itself three times. That was the scene last Tuesday morning at the Robertson Library. It was not a pretty sight. Hundreds of over-eager students were jumping at the opportunity to grab a second home.

In case you were wondering what the long line was about, those students were signing up for what is called a "carrel" (strange name, isn't it?). A carrel is one of those large yellow metallic boxes that you find all over the library.

There are two types of carrels: Assigned carrels and unassigned carrels. The assigned carrels were signed out to the first 191 keeners who got up early on Registration Day. These people then swiftly took off to their new homes to "procure" a shelf, and to decorate it completely. The unassigned carrels are for anybody's use. There are 109 of them throughout the

library. You can find some of these carrels near the magazine racks on the main floor, and there are even more upstairs in the "flock of carrels".

There is presently a list of 54 people waiting for the assigned carrels. Therefore, if you don't think that you will use your carrel; or if you don't like it's location; or if you have any other sort of obscure reason WHY you wouldn't use your carrel;

please inform the library staff of your decision to give up your carrel — better luck next semester!

For all of those people who did get a carrel that they like; cheer it up! Slap it with pictures of your favourite sport, your girl/boyfriend, Porsche's, koala bears, Ziggy, humorous signs, gorgeous girls/handsome guys, or even MILK!! Happy carrels lead to happy students, which then leads to happy grades.

Before next semester go with some friends and scout ahead before registration day to find the carrels that you want. Anyone who has a carrel now will also have to re-register. This year, I came at 7:30 a.m., to the library and there were already twenty-five people in front of me, so use your judgement accordingly for next semester. See 'ya on Monday, January 5, 1986!

Don Lane



graphic: Gauntlet

FRESHMEN BEWARE!

Scholarships are in jeopardy

Freshmen who backslide during their first year may run a higher risk next year of losing their full-tuition scholarships at UPEI.

A motion to raise the average required by freshman students to retain their scholarships from 75% to 80% will be debated Friday by the university Senate.

"We really have no hard position on this," said Mike Hennessey, chair of the Scholarship Committee, which proposed the motion after "two or three years of discussion".

About 90 scholarships are offered to incoming first-year students each fall, and about 30% of the recipients have averages between 75% and 80% in that year, said Hennessey.

In future, if the motion passes, those students will be out of luck.

"The first year of university is tough on freshmen, especially those pressured to achieve high marks," said Student Union President Gordon Cobb.

He pointed to a section of the Scholarship Committee report on the proposal, which reads, "The marginal scholarship student and the late bloomer will suffer because of this."

The report also contained the following points in support of the raise in scholarship requirements:

1. Several additional scholarships will become available to students (from other years) in the 85% category.
2. In times of grade inflation, an average of 80% is not seen to be too high.
3. The higher requirement may be an added spur to marginal students...and to the

top students to seek even higher marks."

Presently scholarships are awarded to incoming freshmen on the basis of high school marks, and, for the higher awards, interviews.

If more scholarships were lost by freshman students after the first year, the money would be distributed among students in the same year.

There is no planned reduction in the total amount of scholarship money available, under the new requirements.

Staff in the Registrar's office are now compiling statistics on the number of

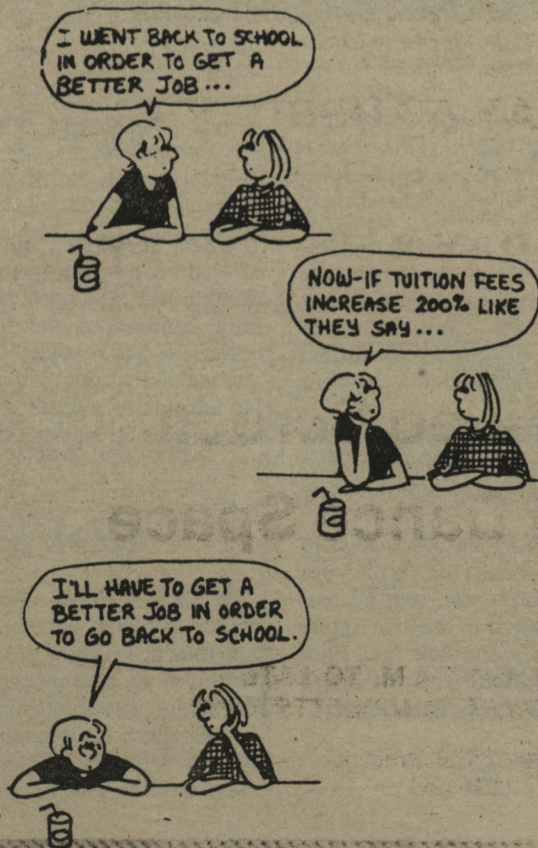
students who, after earning an average of between 75% and 80% in the freshman year, raise their marks substantially in subsequent years.

If that percentage is high, student Senators say, they will have proof that the extra leeway given freshmen is necessary, and will oppose the Scholarship Committee motion.

And the reaction of one freshman student who's on a scholarship that may be doomed?

"They can't do that. That's mean!"

BY Carolyn Ryan



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Vestiges

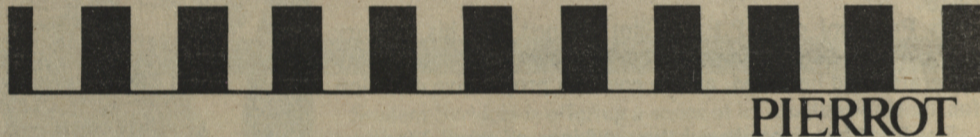
Lost amid piles of altered images
Formed unconsciously out of desire,
Searching inward, sifting through vestiges,
The memories, remains, charred from the fire.

Reflecting — a time, a place, two lovers,
Lost in a daze, a fairytale romance;
Shutting out the world, barring all others,
We were the innocents, oh so entranced.

We, so young, so vibrant, ready to fight,
Demanding our way without exception;
So quickly our courage turned into fright.
As we learned no one receives exemption.

And so life goes at its own little pace,
And I, I continue to shed my tears,
Each day I still yearn for your darling face,
And cry more and more with each passing year.

Robert Bodrog-Goodland



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