

# The M.A.P.U.S. Connection

## for Mature & Part-time Students

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Circle Wednesday, March 24th on your calendar. Mapus has scheduled this date for their 1999 Annual General Meeting. All mature and part-time students are welcome to attend. Free pizza will be served and there will be lots for everyone. The meeting begins at 12:30. Elections for next year's executive positions will be on the agenda. So far, the nominations that are in indicate that we will have a good slate of candidates to choose from. It is important to find out who these students are since they will represent your concerns and issues at UPEI in the coming year.

Currently, Wylie Hall is the President, James O'Holloran is Secretary Treasurer, John MacBeth is the Student Council Rep. and Liz Statts is Senate Rep. These positions are very important and the people who take the time out of their busy schedules to be a part of this vital organization deserve our ongoing support and appreciation.

Wylie has decided not to re-offer as President for the coming term but will remain actively involved in MAPUS as the Past-President. His leadership and support of the executive throughout this past year has been wonderful. Many new initiatives have been started and Wylie has been a big part of these. Despite the time commitments and other obligations that are a fact of life for MAPUS students, one could always count on Wylie to be there. Certainly, we are grateful for his contributions in increasing the awareness and profile of mature and part-time students at UPEI.

Our joke this week comes from A. Sallam and is entitled "You must work for the government."

There were two guys working for the city. One would dig a hole, he would dig, dig, dig. The other would come behind him and fill the hole, fill, fill, fill. These two men worked furiously. One digging a hole, and the other filling it up again.

A man was watching from the sidewalk and couldn't believe how hard these men were working, but couldn't understand what they were doing. Finally, he had to ask them.

He said to the hole digger, "I appreciate how hard you work, but what are you doing? You dig a hole and your partner comes behind you and fills it up again!"

The hole digger replied, "Oh yeah, must look funny, but the guy who plants the trees is sick today."

On a different note, Robert Frost says that "the chief reason for going to school is to get the impression fixed for life that there is a book side for everything."

Well, another semester is nearly over and with that comes those professor evaluations. Thought you might be interested in some of the evaluation comments taken from the MIT Course Evaluation Guide in the fall of 1991.

1. Have you ever fallen asleep in class and awoke in another? That's the way I felt all term.

2. Text is useless. I use it to kill the roaches in my room.

3. In this class, the syllabus is more important than you are.

4. Text makes a satis-

fying thud when dropped on the floor.

5. His blackboard technique puts Rembrandt to shame.

6. Textbook is confusing.. someone with a knowledge of english should proof-read it.

7. Help, I've fallen asleep and I can't wake up.

8. I am convinced that you can learn by osmosis by just sitting in class.

9. Problem sets are a decoy to lure you away from potential exam material.

10. He teaches like Speedy Gonzalez on a caffiene high.

11. Information was presented like a ruptured fire hose - spraying in all directions but with no way to stop it.

12. Most of us spent the first three weeks terrified of the class. Then solidarity kicked in.

13. Recitation was great. It was so confusing that I forgot who I was, where I was, and what I was doing — It's a great stress reliever.

One final note to the person or persons who stole the phone in the MAPUS lounge on the weekend, we need it back ASAP. No questions asked! The phone serves a number of students and is vital for many to remain in touch with loved ones and job commitments throughout the day.

The Mapus Connection is a column dedicated to promoting the ideas and suggestions of Mature and Part-time students at UPEI. For submissions, Janice Muir can be reached at (902) 853-4042 or

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