

LET'S GET IT STRAIGHT
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LETTERS

I would like to take this opportunity to address the important issue of the UPEI Womens Committee. As most people know, this committee met last wednesday to address the issues of sexual assault, harassment, and discrimination on the UPEI Campus.

I would like to stress that these issues are not only on the campus of UPEI but on other campuses across the nation. I would like to add that this is not a phenomenon of university life, but these issues come to light because there has been a tendency for university students to react to these issues and plan preventative measures. This is exactly what the UPEI Womens Committee was attempting to do. It is very unfortunate that the media caught wind of their meeting and took a touchy subject at the best of times and blew it out of proportion.

I sincerely hope that this type of publicity will not have a detrimental effect on the aims of the Womens group for they desperately need the support of students, staff, and faculty on campus.

At this time I would also like to thank Dr. Meinka for his understanding of the issue and his co-operation with Ronolda Murphy and the Student Union.

Sincerely

Jack Keefe

As a result of the UPEI Womens Committee meeting held on Wednesday, Sept. 28, the need for the immediate organization of a buddy system on campus was recognized. The response to this idea was overwhelmingly in favour. Approximately 80 people attended the meeting and the majority of those present demonstrated that

they would indeed take advantage of a buddy system.

The Womens Committee intends to set up a system on a tentative basis until proper screening procedures for volunteers can be installed. Any males or females interested in escorting females around the University at night between the various buildings and parking lots, please leave your name and phone number, where you can be reached at the Student Union. If you know when you will be available for assistance then please leave this information as well.

All that is required is that you know you will be on campus for a certain length of time, in a particular place and do not mind being interrupted to walk with someone to their room or car.

We anticipate a heavy demand for this service so please consider leaving you name as a volunteer. If any females wish to volunteer, they may do so in groups of two or more. Individual females volunteers will be buddied up with another female volunteer.

Thank you

UPEI Womens Committee

The students on campus make up approximately 90% of the total University population with roughly 400 new freshmen a year. This represents an abundance of new thoughts, concerns, and ideas. In an institution where students are encouraged to express doubt and form their own ideas and opinions I find it a shame that this communication gap is so prevalent. As already shown, this lack of listening can have effects on everyone.

In closing I would like to stress the importance of listening. We are not a campus made up of students and the other people. We are a University as a whole. It is for this reason we should strive for greater co-operation among the various components of the University.

Out of this issue I hope everyone has at least learned this one very important lesson.

Jim Mutter.

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NINTH EDITION OF WEBSTER'S NEW COLLEGIATE DICTIONARY CITES NEW ADDITIONS TO THE LANGUAGE AND AN AUTHORITY GUIDE TO USAGE

Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary, published this year (the first edition since 1973) and on sale now, offers several new innovations that make it fascinating reading for lovers of the language.

Webster's, one of the world's best selling desk dictionaries, has always been particularly useful to Canadian readers since it offers the best of two worlds by listing both the English and American spellings (i.e., centre, center).

This letter is being written to express my concern over last week's incident.

What began as a women's organization on campus trying to inform the students of issues facing women has now turned into a very controversial incident. The reason why this issue has been blown out of proportion is because people have overreacted.

Out of the events that have taken place another issue has turned up that is a little closer to home, that is the apparent lack of communication between administration, faculty, and the students.

Ronolda Murphy,

U.P.E.I. Womens Committee