

Dear Editor: Re: The Backlash, X-Press, Jan. 16, 1992.

My partners and I were just doing our job, scrutinizing the campus for political incorrectness, when we discovered to our glee Peter Hanus and Joseph Murphy's polemic on political correctness.

"We" are operatives in the Thought Police, the radical arm of an international conspiracy with the determined goal of challenging white, male, heterosexual ideological dominance (patriarchal hegemony). We have accomplished our mission here at UPEI (according to Hanus & Murphy) through the complete infiltration of the curriculum so that the musings of Shakespeare and Plato have become unknown to the vast majority of students, while the revolutionary works of "Rigoberta Menchu" and other "majorities" (and women are a majority) have taken their place as the central focus of study in our university courses.

In the 60 seconds that it took us to "deconstruct" the text of Hanus & Murphy, (it was difficult to decide whether the arrogance and sarcasm of these two writers was a display of irrational paranoia or the threatened crys of marginalized white, heterosexual males), we relieved to discover that The Backlash did nothing to threaten our belief in the importance of uncovering "such ghastly (sic) social wrongs as

Dear Editor:

I just wanted to respond to the letter about the business society. I am a third year business student and have bought a membership card every year. In my opinion, this year is the worst year since I have been here. True there are times when there is evidence that there is a Business society, then there are other times, weeks at a time, that there is no signs of its' existence. I thought the society was supposed to help bring together the business students. This year this is not true. Of course there were a few events, and there will be more this semester, so they say, but where is the motivation, the morale, the friendship, the continuous laughter they promised last spring. I know right now that next year I will not be wasting my money on a membership.

racism, sexism, heterosexism, ethnocentrism, classism" and so on. In fact, our resolve to have the inclusion of a diversity of appearance of Hanus & Murphy's article.

We were slightly dismayed, however, to find that "turning a UPEI course into a pagan revival" (Psych.392/Religious Studies 451 Psychological Transformations and Women's Spiritual Quest) made only a "slight impact" at UPEI. In order to more fully secure the interests of the politically correct we will suggest that pagan revivals occur in all courses in the future. It is felt that "drawing down the moon" is just what is needed to destabilize the rigid (or is that phallic?), hierarchical haven of DWEMs found at UPEI.

Respectfully,

THE THOUGHT POLICE (UPEI Division/Re-Vision)

P.S. We are assuming that the advertisement (paid ad?) for Men's Rights that appeared following the Backlash was placed there merely by accident. We wouldn't want to conclude that Hanus & Murphy were on the slippery slope from "women's studies" to "white, heterosexual men are oppressed" would we? Perhaps this is the hidden agenda which The Backlash authors do not wish to overtly reveal to their readers (although this is implicit in the text). Now that would be funny!

Dear Editor

I am outraged at the audacity of the Student Union. I would like to know who gave the Student Union the "power" to decide what the student body of the University has the right to read and what not to read, especially since it is our student fees which pays for these reading materials. We are not children and it is most insulting to be treated as such, actually it is downright degrading. I am sure University students are old enough to decide what they wish to read and what they wish not to read. I am not saying the article in the Alter Ego was in good taste, in my personal opinion, but who granted the Student Union the "right" to dictate what UPEI students are allowed to be exposed to. The Student Union should stop trying to act like "Big Brother" after all this is not George Orwell's 1984.

Indignant student