

## Letter to the Editor

*Letter to the Editor - Fifty Years of What?*

On December 10th, 1998 the Canadian government formally celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and glorified Canada's role in the development of this document. Yet, as demonstrated in the sprAyPEC affair, the government is prepared to deny the very rights called for in this declaration and other human rights documents.

At the RCMP Public Complaints Commission hearings, the taxpayers are paying for the government's and the RCMP's side of the story, while legal funding has been refused for the people whose civil and political rights were compromised during the APEC summit in Vancouver.

On November 25th, 1997, thousands gathered to exercise their democratic rights. During the protests, students were arrested for being protest organizers, "saying foolish things," and holding signs, walkie-talkies or megaphones. Students involved in peaceful civil-disobedience (such as sitting on the street) were pepper-sprayed rather than being arrested. Television footage showed a CBC video-camera and obediently retreating protesters being drenched in pepper-spray. Many of the women arrested were strip-searched and some had "cavity searches". One person was bitten by a police dog, and others had guns pointed at them.

On the previous day, Jaggi Singh, a student organizer, was walking on campus when three men grabbed him and violently pushed him to the ground, saying he was under arrest. They did not show badges or their IDs.

Singh was handcuffed, his mouth was covered, and he was thrown head-first into the back of an unmarked car with tinted windows. The car screeched off, with two people in the front. One of these men yelled, "Go, go, go! Let's get the f\*\*\* out of here!" At least two others in plainclothes kept passers-by from intervening in what most likely appeared to be an abduction.

At least 5 minutes after the illegal nabbing, Mr. Singh was read his rights. The warrant claimed a dubious charge of assault (using a megaphone loudly). Why did the officer wait until the eve of the protests (more than two weeks) before laying a charge?

Chretien makes jokes and MacAuley takes over the portfolio. Justice delayed is justice denied.

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*For documentation and more information on this subject, see:*

*[http://www.cs.ubc.ca/spider/fuller/apec\\_alert/](http://www.cs.ubc.ca/spider/fuller/apec_alert/)  
Or E-mail: [alert@unixg.ubc.ca](mailto:alert@unixg.ubc.ca)*



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## Notices

### National Graduate Register and Campus Worklink

Happy New Year!! My name is Erin Fagan and I am the 1998/1999 UPEI rep for the NGR and Campus Worklink. Essentially, I am working to assist students and graduates in their job search using two invaluable and efficient Internet services.

The NGR (the National Graduate Register) is an Internet service allowing Canadian students to post a standardized resume on-line. From there, they can apply to a wide range of job postings, research career information, and find links to other employment resources on-line. In addition, employers across Canada can search the database and have their needs matched with the skills and education of job-seekers. Last year, nearly 21,000 employers requested searches on the database. The site can be found at [ngr.schoolnet.ca](http://ngr.schoolnet.ca).

Campus Worklink is a related Canadian resource working in partnership with 86 schools across Canada, including UPEI. Employers advertise job openings on this website, and target their recruitment towards selected schools. Students can then search the postings for UPEI and apply directly to positions. The site is at [www.campusworklink.com](http://www.campusworklink.com).

I will be posting information regularly across campus on upcoming workshops and seminars on these services. For more information, contact me at [efagan@upei.ca](mailto:efagan@upei.ca), or visit me in the Graduate Placement Office on the lower level of the Robertson Library. Good luck this semester!

### JOBS! JOBS! JOBS!

McCains, the largest employer in New Brunswick, is seeking individuals to join the Production Management Trainee program. This is a full time position with a competitive salary and benefits. McCains is looking to hire 25 people for this Management Trainee program.

Royal & SunAlliance is seeking 3 individuals to join the Claims Trainee/Underwriting Trainee program. This is a full time position with training made available to the successful applicants. This is not a sales position. Deadline for application is Monday, January 18.

Contact the Graduate Placement Office (basement of the Robertson Library) for more details.

### Student Exchanges Travel, Fun, Experience...

All of you who are interested in studying in another country next year, come and check out the STUDENT EXCHANGE programs offered at UPEI.

There are programs offered to travel to Australia, Ohio, West Virginia, New Mexico, and Pennsylvania. There are also other exchange programs in the works. Student Exchanges are a terrific way to travel, learn about another culture and experience life abroad! Stop by Department of Student Services and see the Student Exchange Advisor for more information.

#### Important Notice:

**Information Meeting - Thursday, January 21, 1999 4:30 pm Student Services Office (RL)**  
**Application Deadline - February 19, 1999**