

police tried to speak. He is a major component in the rape crisis and he was cut off. I can't fail to mention poor Mr. Pineau. He looked like he was about to have a heart attack. I was upset when he tried to speak. I wanted to leave the rally, but there was "no way" out of there. The students showed him no support or caring at all. He was only, and is only, doing his job. Professionally, he is not able to call the rape a rape until it is confirmed as one on a court of law. Give the man a "break."

To sum up, the Rally was run unprofessionally and irrationally. If women plan to rise up they should do it with dignity and grace, setting a good example for human kind.

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to the cowardly actions of those involved in the sexual assault which took place on the UPEI campus September 23rd, 1992.

I would therefore like to say to those person(s) involved: I do not know who you are, nor does the majority of the UPEI student body, but "You know who you are!" and that's all that matters because it will rot through your bones until you finally realize you must tell someone before it drives you crazy. Not a day will pass that I will not think of you and wish you pain and agony throughout your days, until you come forward and admit to your horrendous act.

Also, I would like to let the victim know that my heart goes out to her for her strength and courage. You are in my prayers.

Alana Jarvis

Dear Editor,

This weekend while at the university I was made aware of a petition being circulated supporting the impeachment of our Student Council president, Tracy Arsenault. The petition asks for support on the basis that Ms. Arsenault misrepresented them with regards to the alleged sexual assault case in residence. I was quite surprised that anyone would even consider signing this petition. I urge these students to stop the smear campaign. If the people who are behind this petition are truly concerned about their fellow students and particularly the safety of women on our campus they should redirect their energy into something positive, like helping the victim and her family, or something useful, like better lighting on campus and safe walk programs. Perhaps they could spend their valuable time educating both men and women about date and acquaintance rape, which occurs all too often and is often unreported. Making a scapegoat out of our Student Union president and others will not create a better atmosphere for students. It will only fuel an already tense and insecure feeling students have on campus. Before you judge the S.U. president on her actions, remember you have the benefit of hindsight and no media attention.

A Concerned Student

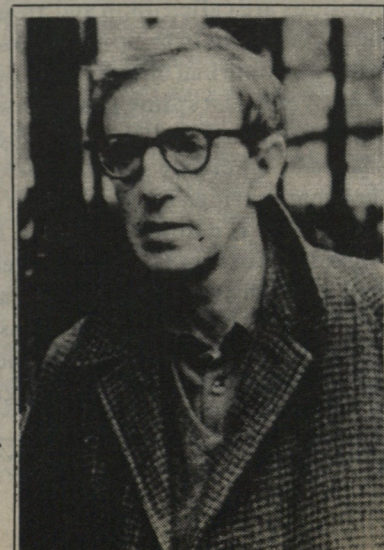
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Dear Editor,

A great tragedy has befallen UPEI, one that has altered forever the life of one of us. It would be tragic on its own, but it is even more tragic that this is not an isolated incident in our society. I would like to offer some constructive solutions to the problem in general: One part of the solution is to create an environment in which both genders are recognized as playing essential and complementary roles in society. Vaughn Jelliffe commented to the newspaper that this type of incident happens because the prevailing attitude in society is hatred toward women. I resent that remark, not simply because it is exaggerated, but because the radical feminist movement is in part RESPONSIBLE for the very climate Jelliffe protests. It is asserted by radical feminism that the role of men in society is not necessary, and that the very presence of men is of dubious value. In other words, men are neither needed nor necessarily wanted! The restructuring of society according to feminist goals, then, includes stripping men of any exclusive contribution to society. According to George Gilder, author of Men and Marriage, sociological and anthropological studies have shown that when men are not permitted a constructive role in society, they will adopt a destructive attitude toward society, expressed in violent or otherwise neglectful behavior. The object of the violence would logically be those who are perceived as the threat--women, particularly those who are seen as usurping men's position in society. This reaction is unacceptable, but it is occurring. The solution is not to further alienate or remove men from society, as radical feminism would propose, but to demand of men that they play a constructive role in society. Women must not accept violence or neglect, but must demand that men protect and provide for them -- not because they are incapable of providing for themselves or protecting themselves, but because men will either support society or tear it down. Those are the only two options!

The second solution is the whatever removal of pornography is possible. The attitude of pornography is that sex is solely a recreational activity, instead of a source of powerful bonding in the committed relationship of marriage and the wielding of life-giving forces. Responsibility, commitment, respect for women as persons and not objects, and maturity



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