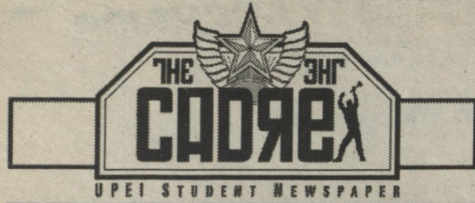


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Student apathy is a problem at UPEI – It has been for quite some time now. This fact has once again been made painfully clear by the absence of student involvement during the academic year.

Several worthwhile events failed to get off the ground this year due to lack of student interest. In September, the Terry Fox Relay was cancelled when not enough teams signed on to participate – and the proposed campus "Safe Walk" Program failed to receive enough support to make it possible. More recently, turn out at this year's Tuition Freeze camp-out and march were embarrassing at best.

With these examples in mind, it is ridiculous to say that student apathy does

not exist at UPEI. In fact, most students won't even deny the fact that our campus lacks spirit – instead, many make excuses for the existence of our apathetic tendencies.

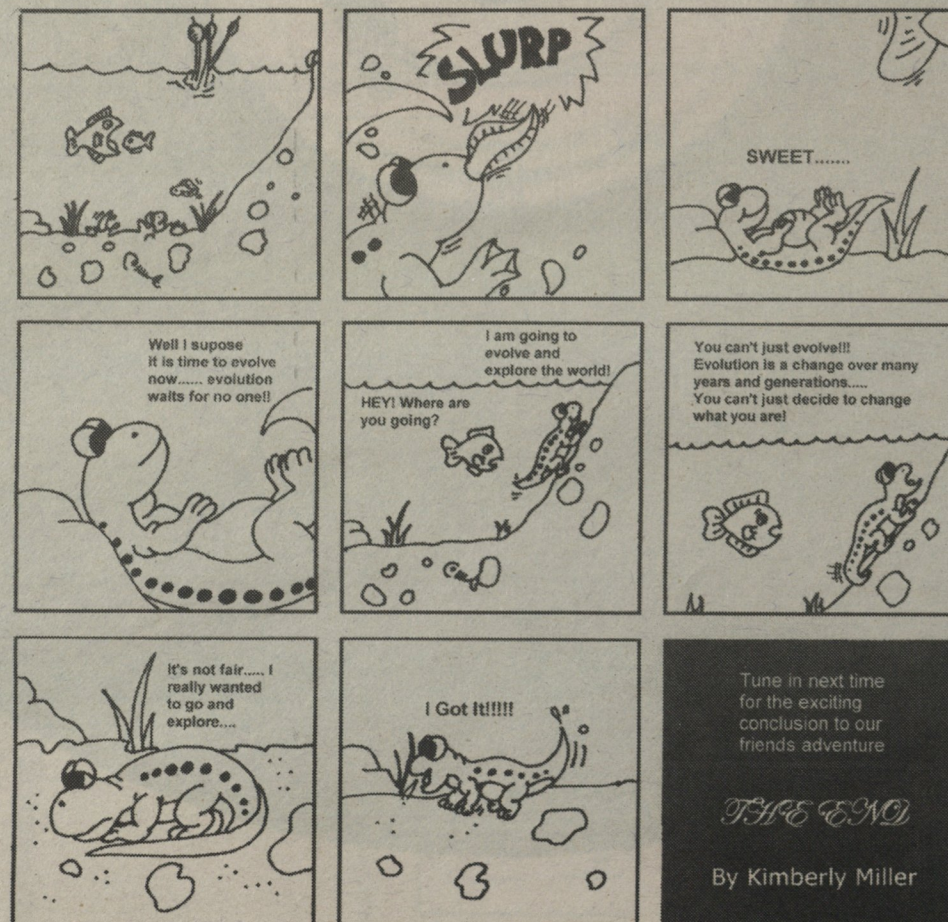
Some argue that since we are a commuter school, student spirit will always be lacking. I ask why? Why can't UPEI students show as much interest and become as involved in campus activities as schools where the majority of student population lives on campus?

Other's argue that since UPEI is such a small school there is little opportunity to get involved with campus life. This is simply not true. The reality is, many societies, clubs, and events, exist at UPEI

which are just waiting for students to become involved.

During the upcoming weeks, UPEI students will be given the opportunity make their voices heard when they head to the polls to elect a new Student Union Executive. I encourage all students to make the most of this opportunity by getting involved and electing a council who will provide them with the complete "university experience" which they are looking for.

Matt Stewart,
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