



"Apathy, right?" he asked.

"Nope - fear." I replied.

You see, I've come to the general conclusion that fear is what lies beneath our pertense of disdain. Don't fight the university, they could suspend us. Attack the government? What, and see our tuition rise while while our jobs get worse? We can't stand up to those who are wrong, they might notice us -- and 'they' have got all the power. We may talk tough, even walk the walk; but inside we are cowards, hiding behind empty, monotonous passions and unattainable dreams.

Well, perhaps you are. I tend to disagree.

What can those so called people in authority possibly do to hurt me? Kick me out of school and I'll just study somewhere else. Bar me from universities completely and I'll get a library card and become my own professor. Fire me from every job I would ever have and I'll create my own. They could eliminate every single chance I have to succeed in this country, and I would simply pack up and leave. The only thing they could hope to take from me is my mind; and then it wouldn't matter, because 'I' would cease to exist. That is "true" freedom.

This is the reality that our leaders don't want you to know -- they have absolutely nothing that we don't give to them. Unfortunately, they no longer have to threaten to keep us subdued. We now do their job for them; and we do it very, very well. So the next chance you have to participate in a protest at UPEI, I urge you to do so. Not for the cause, or for your comrades in arms; but for yourselves. Prove to yourself that you are not afraid.

After all, a life in fear is no life at all.

EDITORIAL

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Perhaps Mr. Gillis should just shut up and move back to Japan.

Apathy-Fear-call it what you like. I don't care. Perhaps Mr. Gillis should take his whining attitude and do something about apathy at UPEI. Writing letters to a group of apathetic students is not going to do anything-it is a waste of my time to edit, and a waste of Mike's and Karen's time to layout the pathetic ramblings of Mr. Gillis.

If, if Mr. Gillis wants UPEI students to get off their butts, maybe Mr. Gillis

should lead the way. Any idiot with a pen can write an opinion piece, but the people making

the difference are the ones actually forming the protests, the rallies, the information sessions.

Perhaps Mr. Gillis should realize that UPEI students are re-active, not pro-active. We, the students of UPEI need to be led by the hand to the rallies, we need reassurance that it is ok to leave class to stand up against cut-backs. It will take more than a column in the Panther Prints to get a

reaction out UPEI, it will take a bomb.

My idea for student involvement is to call in a bomb threat to the whole campus, have security move everyone to the gazebo field and surprise them with an information regarding cut-backs. That I believe is the only way to get the students of UPEI off their butts.

IF, Mr. Gillis wants to see something done at UPEI, I suggest he run for a position on council, become President of the Student Union, make an effort, get noticed.

Mr. Gillis may not agree with my suggestions, I accept that. But, maybe one student out there will read this and think, "Yeah, I can lead a protest. I can do it." And if this one student believes he can do it, and he tells two friends and they tell two friends soon this rally has grown to over 1000 people. And if this group shouts loud enough, they will be heard.

I accepted the position of Editor in hopes that I could make a difference, if one person thinks the paper looks better this year, then I have done a good job. Of course, students at UPEI are even too apathetic to write me a letter and tell me that they think the paper sucks, so why do I think they are going to write telling me it looks better.

Good luck in your quest Mr. Gillis. I've been trying to erease apathy for years now with no luck, if you think you know how to eliminate it from our campus, please call me and we'll do coffee.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This is my "Hero" at UPEI

It was heartwarming to read Marc (sic) Peric's brave defence (braves in today's atmosphere) of the voiceless victims of abortion - Canada's preborn babies (Oct. 8).

King Henry (Morgantaler) - I refuse to say "Doctor" - is indeed a "villain". Morgantaler heads a wealthy Empire, but gets free, unlimited, professional security - police protection wherever his abortuaries operate. By bilking over tax-funded Health care system for abortion fees, he can freely "execute" hundreds of Canadian babies who are "unable to stand up for themselves".

Unlike seals, whales, birds, and certain animals, the preborn human animal has no legal protection. He/she is not even considered to be a human "person" thus has no "rights". You said, "it is sad when the rights of one group conflict with those of another." The emotional pitch of women's

"choice" groups too often overpowers rational analysis of the situation. In truth, "pro-choice" focuses on the right of "my body" - while "pro-life" focuses on the status of someone else's body - the baby's. So there is no real debate here. But today, more humane solutions to "unwanted" pregnancies are offered. Countless self-supporting, non-judgemental pro-life agencies are available, usually free of charge to assist mothers right through their pregnancy and after. And the adoption option makes good sense with so many childless couples wanting babies.

Mr. Peric's mature and intelligent attitude on this subject is commendable. Dare we hope that more people like him can help stop the insanity called "abortion". He is my "hero". Life! - What a beautiful choice!

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A "Senior" on Campus