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Editorial 4: A letter from the Editor

First, to people who know me and who see me biking, I'd like to tell you to stop laying on your horn when you see me. It scares the shit out of me. When I hear a horn I envision a car jumping the curb and flying strait for my groin. If you really feel compelled to say "hi," ad me to your MSN (tdotballs@hotmail.com). It will scare me less.

Now to this issue. We took a week off, and during that time there was a minor brew-ha-ha in the SU. It was in regards to an article I wrote in the last issue, which outlined the candidate speeches, but also had a section devoted to a student who asked a pointed question in regards to the effectiveness of the SU. Brandon MacKenzie gave a response which I put in my article, and it offended her and many other students. There are quite a few letters to the Editor this week, and I hope there will be more next week.

Elections and The Cadre do not make good bed fellow. Last year we published an article which had a review off all the candidates, except for one. Soon after the issue was out, the person who was left out was up here in a rage. We had an emergency board of directors meeting, and we debated whether to pull the issue until the end of the elections (36 hours), or leave them be and say sorry. We didn't pull the issue, and all sorts of crazy stuff was recommended. Like in the future all election related articles would have to be reviewed by the Chief Returning Officer. But we decided just to take care in the future; this year I got hard copies of all the speeches given. I only wrote what was on paper in front of me.

But I didn't get a copy of

what was said at the end. I wrote what I felt she had meant, which was that the SU was ineffective. I qualified my statement with "to the best of my memory." Was it bad journalism? Maybe, but I feel that it was more to do with the person it made reference to. I misquoted her, and she's going to set the record strait. And all the power to her, it's issues like this that make this job exciting. The Cadre has a duty to publish things that get people stirred up, and I hope this issue doesn't die. And I really hope that it doesn't dissolve into a personal attack on Brandon.

Student apathy. Could you get a phrase that is tossed around more at UPEI? What the hell does it mean? To counter this catch phrase there are other phrases: "Get involved, make the most of your university experience, show your Panther Pride, blah blah blah." Belly up to the bar at The Wave, and get shit-faced. You'd be contributing to the SU, you'd be making the most of your time at UPEI, you'd be having some fun, and most of all you'd be setting an example to other students who would then maybe frequent The Wave more.

Last Friday my roommates were pretty dammed drunk, and we decided that we should head to The Wave, for the reason that heading to The Wave is what we *should* be doing on a Friday night. So we walked to campus, and got to the bar at midnight. The bank machine was out of money. The bartender couldn't find some visa slips. No one had any cash on them.

Twenty minutes later we each got a pitcher, and had a pitcher chugging competition (which I won). But while we were chugging The Wave closed its doors. At

12:30 on a Friday. There were eight guys playing fussball and they were loaded. In my group there were five of us. Two girls were at a booth drinking. So there were 15 people at The Wave, and they closed the doors. People kept on showing up to the gate and looking in, and they couldn't believe that The Wave was closed at 12:30. So we had to move the party upstairs, and luckily I had a pint of vodka and a litre of really cheap wine in my desk.

But when there's a night like that no wonder there's perceived student apathy. Will those people who showed up after midnight think about coming to The Wave next Friday? I think they wont be back, but this whole god-damned student apathy thing is so self-perpetuating. And don't think that the best way to fight student apathy is to get plastered at The Wave. Just get interested in your campus. Stick around campus after class. Volunteer somewhere. Sit under a tree at lunch. Cause a ruckus. Something...

And for the people who showed up after midnight, the line I got from a Wave employee was "They should have came earlier." Oh well, the next night my roommates and I were loaded, and we went to The Wave at 1am, and there was a lot of people, and pitchers were \$6.75 all night.

\$6.75 pitchers. I think I had a fun night, but my last memory of the night is realizing that a twenty dollar bill and a quarter could be exchanged for three pitchers.

Cheap booze; campus pride in liquid form.

Thomas Lloyd, Editor-in-Chief