



Editorial:

Ignorance or Apathy?

By Marko Peric

I heard a story once, about a talented basketball player who was not playing anywhere near his potential. His disgruntled coach asked him: "What's wrong with your game, kid? Is it ignorance or apathy?" The player replied "I don't know, coach, and I really don't care."

Although this may be a humorous little story, it has a nasty note of truth. January 25, the day designated as Strike Day, came and went without the fireworks that were expected. I'm not pushing an agenda of subversive action or plotting to overthrow the powers that be, and I agree that a student strike was

not the best plan of action. We have to pay hundreds, nay thousands of dollars to attend classes. How much sense does it really make to walk out of class in protest? Students have little to gain by such action.

Students have other options: UPEI Student Union arranged meetings with local politicians about the future of

higher education, and there was a small rally at the Barn. The sad part is that very few people lifted a finger to help the cause. Other universities had larger turnouts, some as high as five thousand, but here only one percent of the student body went to the rally.

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Here's another frightening fact: Student Union was pleased with the turnout for the rally. I don't want to slam SU, but 35 people at a rally is pathetic. I wouldn't be pleased.

Students should be taking a role in the process of determining the future of higher education. Instead, we are content to stand aside and let others deter-

mine our future for us.

It remains to be seen what will become of our government's plans for funding of post-secondary education; however, if we don't do anything, we won't be able to complain if higher education is destroyed, because we will be guilty of not trying to save it.

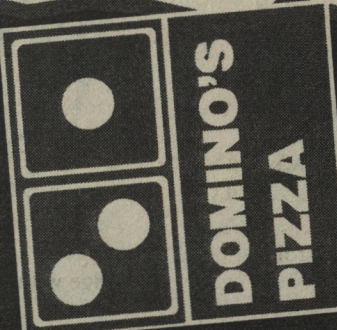
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