

master's degree in floorscrubbing. This argument is ridiculous when applied to any sex, in any time or place. Hitting is most certainly part of the rules, Ms. Ambler, when one is talking about intellectual hitting in a civilized arena such as - my goodness, could one ever consider it? - printed articles on a campus newspaper. We most certainly should "go out and act to solve the problems of society," not like that brainless gun-toting incompetent in Montreal (please pardon my tendency towards name-calling in this instance, but my thesaurus does not include a more apt term for such a spineless loser as Marc Lepine), but rather like responsible members of society, in public and intelligently advocating the changes we see to be necessary. Ms. Ambler says that if the "fellas" can't use their education "in a decent way that benefits the whole of society" they should stop printing their opinions. Beyond the messy arguments regarding freedom of speech, I would request that Ms. Ambler consider carefully exactly what it is the "fellas" are doing. Employment Equity, a frequently addressed topic in their articles, is a very important program with such far-reaching legal and social ramifications that it could very conceivably give the already battered foundations of our society yet another violent shake. But while nobody is questioning the propriety and sense of encouraging the employment of women and minorities in the universities and other workplaces, improper implementation of it hurts not only WASP males, but also the women and minorities it was originally designed to help. And guess what! When you combine those three groups, you have the whole of society, being benefited or harmed by a program and its results.

What is needed here is a thoughtful and fundamental change in attitudes, not the playing of silly bureaucratic numbers games. Peter Hanus and Joseph Murphy should be commended for promoting a discussion towards that end. Perhaps readers won't agree with everything they read in these articles. That is fine, but for goodness sake debate the facts in an intelligent manner, and stop this deluge of emotional and incoherent as well as misrepresentative material.

Getting off my ass and saying something I believe in,  
Danielle Christensen.

Dear Mr. Large:

Recently, I had the opportunity to read your editorial on the Canadian Federation of Students - (Services) in the January 23rd issue of the X-Press. I was surprised by the lack of professional journalism shown in this editorial. I would encourage you to do a little research into the topics of future editorials.

UPEI Student Union joined the Canadian Federation of Students -(Services) by a student referendum in 1986. No, you were not personally asked to join the Federation, unless you were a student at this time. I am quite positive you were never asked to join the UPEI Student Union either. I trust, you realize that you are a 'paying' member.

The membership fee for CFS-(S) is \$4.00 a year per student. However, only \$3.00 is directed into the National Office's budget while the remaining \$1.00 goes to Services. There are only 250,000 students who are actual 'paying' members. The remaining students are prospective members who do not pay membership fee until they become full members. In my calculation, that adds up to \$750,000.

The issues that concern students the most are generally the same on every campus in Canada; tuition fees, accessibility and quality of education. In fighting for this principle, CFS has record that is unparalleled as a national voice for students. As a lobby group, CFS has an outstanding reputation. Both McLean's and the Globe and Mail have stated that CFS is one of the top ten lobby groups in Canada. Furthermore, the government continually calls upon the federation to present briefs before various parliamentary committees.

CFS fought very hard to endure that students did not pay GST on tuition fees. If we did not have CFS, who is to say whether or not students would have to carry that extra financial burden?

As to your comment on student summer employment, I have a feeling that not many students at your institution agree with you that they are not entitled to a good and well paying summer job. A lot of students depend on summer employment in order to pay for their education, unlike, maybe yourself.

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