

Canada should refuse cruise, be nuke-free

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to make the members of the university community aware of a petition that is currently being cir-

culated with regards to the Peace Petition Caravan Campaign. I ask that you print the following enclosure:

The possibility of a nuclear war, once unthinkable, grows

more real with each passing day. All of us — women, men, children — have a direct stake in peace. That's why the Peace Petition Caravan Campaign asks you to join millions around the world in calling for

nuclear disarmament. And why we're asking you to take a first step by putting your name to a coast-to-coast petition calling for:

1) *An End to Cruise Missile Testing in Canada.*

The federal government has allowed testing of the American air-launched Cruise missile in northern and western Canada. This undermines our country's credibility as a voice for nuclear disarmament. The Cruise's size and guidance system make it difficult to detect and verify. It is another dangerous escalation in the arms race. Canada should refuse the Cruise!

2) *The Declaration of Canada as a Nuclear Weapons-Free Zone*

Canada, as a medium-sized power, can play an important leadership role to end and reverse the arms race. Our country should be declared a nuclear weapons-free zone, which means renouncing nuclear weapons and ending the research, production, testing and transport of those weapons or their components in Canada. This would be a powerful and meaningful contribution towards a global freeze on further nuclear weapons production, something Canada regrettably voted against in the United Nations. Such a freeze would not only stop the threat of increasingly dangerous nuclear weapons but could also lead to major reductions in current nuclear stockpiles.

3) *A Diversion of Wasteful Spending on the Arms Race into the Funding of Human Needs:*

The amount spent annually on the arms race could provide

basic food, water, housing, education and health services for every person in need on this planet. Canada can play a role in adapting existing technology and retraining workers to produce peaceful and socially useful products. Studies show money spent on peaceful rather than military production creates more jobs.

4) *Ratification of the Above Three Points Through a Free Vote In Parliament.*

Our politicians should take a stand for peace too. We ask that all Members of Parliament — regardless of their political party — be allowed free vote on these critical matters in the House of Commons. While any initiative is to be encouraged, peace begins at home.

THE PEACE PETITION CARAVAN CAMPAIGN WANTS TO INVOLVE YOU

Our campaign is a non-partisan, national grassroots organization of concerned individuals and groups. The signatures we gather across the country will be taken to Ottawa in "caravans" leaving each coast later this year. They'll be delivered to Members of Parliament, to make it clear that their constituents are concerned with disarmament.

Now is the time to speak up. The threat of nuclear war means we may never get another chance. If you think peace is worth working for, join the growing number of Peace Petition Caravan Campaign volunteers by contacting:

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Chinese students not at fault

Dear Editor:

In response to the article "An accident and my afterthoughts" which was published in the September 21 issue of the *Brunswickan*, is a tactless approach to letting frustrations known. Although I am sympathetic to Mr. Li's unfortunate accident, I am not in the least happy with his description of the Chinese people being "...so selfish and addicted to the thought that every family only sweeps the snow in front of their door..." It seems that he is describing the apathies of a group of fellow students, who in the very sense of the word "apathetic" have brought discrimination upon themselves.

I do not deny the fact that

the Chinese have been and still are discriminated against by others. However, it should be noted that the discrimination of the Chinese is from an ethnic point of view, i.e. the Chinese are different from the other races in culture, upbringing and the way they think. These are categorical differences which define the term "discrimination." Nodoubt discrimination exists but the Chinese do not bring it upon themselves because they are categorically different. We (the Chinese) are the same as all other ethnic groups and all ethnic groups face the potential of being discriminated by other groups.

It is very unfair to express one's frustrations as a general description of the characteristics of the Chinese

people, when it is the fault of a few. In doing so, he has neglected to consider the effects his description will have.

It is also very unjust for Mr. Vincent Woo, the President of OCSA, the MSS and the GSA to be blamed for not looking him up at his moment of need. On the other hand, where was he when the society/ies needed him?

I would also recommend to those who read the said article to note that the majority of Chinese people are NOT apathetic.

Please note that what has been written is the opinion of an individual aimed at correcting blunders that were made at the heat of the moment by Mr. Li.

Yours sincerely,
Steven Chou

Reader advocates caring

Dear Editor:

In regards to an article in *The Brunswickan* entitled: "An Accident and My Afterthoughts." As I read the article my mind kept thinking about how I would have felt if it had happened to me — not him.

Firstly, I would like to thank the parents of the child for having the courage and strength to reveal their painful

experience. And I must add that it had to be a very painful thing to do. Knowing the truth and revealing it are two different matters.

Secondly, I would like to congratulate *The Brunswickan* for revealing it to the public.

Thirdly, I wish to congratulate John Bosnitch and Gilbert Todd for their assistance and support at a time when help was needed.

That in itself is what it is all about.

In conclusion, the article has just helped me open my eyes a little wider. What is our society all about? If the society at large wishes to think of only "self" and not to worry about the other guy then for sure I will have to go through this life being an "odd ball" because I choose to care what does happen to my fellow man. One of the most popular sayings today is: "There is nothing I can do about it." Well if WE can't, who CAN???

Personally, I would like to add that until the death of my father I never went to see anyone who had ever suffered a loss of a loved one. I always shied away thinking I couldn't bear to see anyone in such pain. After losing my father I have completely reversed my way of thinking. It is then we get the strength from our friends and relatives to get through that very difficult time. Unfortunately, until we go through it ourselves we usually never realize that very important factor.

OCSA reply to Li letter

Dear Editor:

The Oversea Chinese Students' Association (OCSA) executive committee was deeply disturbed by the letter from Mr. Tillotson Li concerning the tragic death of his daughter. We should like to apologize to him for not offering assistance to him at the time of the accident. However, we should like to explain that at the time of the accident all of the OCSA executive (including the president, Mr. Vincent Woo) were

out of town either travelling or back in their home country and the association more or less inactive in summer when most of our members have left Fredericton.

By the time, we returned here, Mr. Li had already left Fredericton. So, we were unable to contact him and his wife.

We hope this letter will clarify some of the points brought up by Mr. Li in his letter.

OCSA Executive Committee
(1984-85)

Name withheld by request

Road termed dangerous

Dear Editor:

I've been attending UNB long enough to observe that the main street leading from the lower gates to Saint Thomas is often dangerous for pedestrians. I've had many opportunities to witness motor vehicles — cars, trucks and motorcycles — race up and down the hill paying little if no attention to the road signs and crowds of people on the side walks. The speed limit is 20

mph! High speeds will inevitably lead to an accident and I would strongly urge UNB Security (or whoever is responsible) to wake up! I've never once seen a motorist issued a speeding ticket on this section of road. It's imperative that it be closely and properly patrolled to ensure the public's safety and I hope positive steps are taken to address this serious matter.

A concerned pedestrian