

Dear Cadre

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Cadre must protect majority

DEAR CADRE,

The inclusion in the Cadre of the page "View From the Top" contributed by a few engineering students has, with every justification, provoked some controversy; raising, among other things, the responsibility of the Cadre to its student readership as well as to others beyond the campus.

The few engineering students involved, as well as the Cadre staff (see Journal-Pioneer, Friday Dec. 3rd 1976, "Letters To the Editor") argue that censorship is unfair because it restricts freedom (presumably freedom of speech, press, etc) which, their arguments lead us to believe, would be undemocratic. Yet, the very thing they are arguing for constitutes a denial of freedom of the press and democracy. They are arguing to protect the "right" of this tiny minority to inflict their sexist, chauvinist, and discriminatory, issues on the majority of the Cadre readership. Women are treated disrespectfully, the readers intelligence is insulted, and Arts students are discriminated against. This is clearly not in the interests of the overwhelming number of students.

The Cadre's responsibility is to the majority and to protect and promote the majorities interests. To print "View From the Top" (it would be more accurately titled "View from the Bottom"!) flaunts the very rights that are hypocritically upheld by these engineering students and, unfortunately, in the Cadre staff.

There is another misconception about the Cadre being the responsibility of the editor and those who contribute to it. The Cadre is properly the responsibility of the Student's Union. The editor is responsible to the latter. The union must see to it that its paper, the Cadre, promotes the interests of the majority, and not allow it to be dominated by a few who would use it for their aims at the expense of the majority. This is the only way the Cadre can be democratic and responsible to those it is supposed to serve.

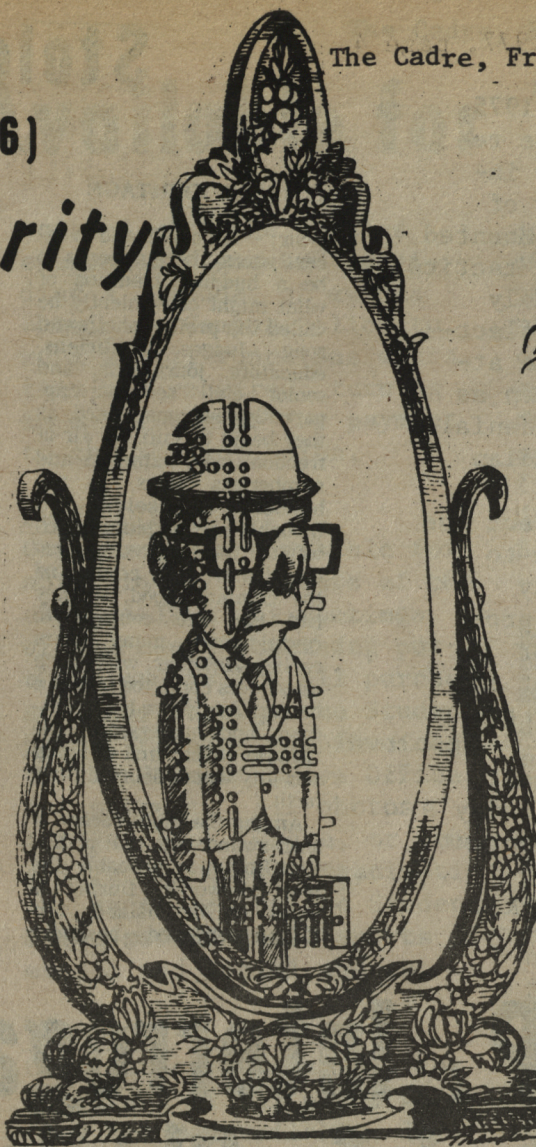
The Student Union along

with the editorial staff, have not only the right, but the duty to censor the Cadre's content, as they exercise their responsibility to uphold the democratic rights of the majority of students.

In conclusion I add, as a reminder, that our hard-won democratic rights to freedom of speech, press, assembly, etc. cannot last long if we mistakenly maintain the dangerous view that "anyone may do as he likes" up to and including anti-democratic acts, practising sexism, chauvinism, racism, and discrimination.

Democracy can only be sustained and extended by rooting out that which seeks to destroy it.

For Peace & Democracy
Stan Dalton



Thanks for help with elections

The General Elections are over for another year, and I am overwhelmingly pleased to report that they were more than successful. The voting turnout of over 600 people was very good or, at least, very good for a university election. The meeting in Duffy the Monday before the election for campaign speeches and introduction of candidates was extremely orderly. Although, the number of students present was not overly high, participation was commendable and worthy of praise.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to many people who helped out not only in the General Election but in elections all year. While Gerald McKenna, who was running for election could not remain on the Electoral Board, he was around to help me all year. He was also, for the most part, the only help I had. I might also add an additional thanks to Gerald for being on, and for every by-election which, obviously, did not carry with them nearly the glory and excitement that the Feb. 23 election did. During the year, Pat Foley and Kenny Higgins also helped count ballots and to them I would like to offer my appreciation.

For help in running polls, and advice on the legality of many matters, I

would like to extend my thanks to Mariella Schaad and to Derek Key.

During the General Election, many people were around to make the long hours of ballot counting a little easier. Many thanks to Gordie Pierce who was on the Electoral Board, and Gordie Coffin, another Board member who also worked the polls and helped in the re-count. These two gave up much of their time and the beginning of the election party to count ballots for five hours, also the Board thanks goes to all the Scrutineers who participated in the counting of the ballots for their candidates.

To the Cadre and to CIMN who covered the elections, advertised them, and took care of the communication part of the election, especially to Tony Reddin, Maurice Rogerson and Richard Webber, thank you very much. You completely took over and handled this end of the election very well.

My thanks goes out to you the students and to each and every one of the candidates. You all helped make the election as exciting and as close a fight as was possible.

I have left this next name until the last because he, more than anyone else, made the

election as successful as it was. Jim Picone offered his help for the election and became my chief advisor and right-hand man. He was always ready to offer advice and help during a few little scirmishes throughout campaigning week. He helped, during the whole time, settle a few problems here, annoyances there and many decisions and questions all over. When I had a question, Jim could always find the answer. Jimmy thank you very, very much, without you, I would'nt have made it.

In closing, I would like to congratulate the successful candidates, and wish them the best of luck. You are a fine council and next year looks promising.

Best wishes to all,
Susan Hornby
Chief Electoral Officer

