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## A Misinterpretation of Satire

The CADRE has often printed articles and letters that have employed satire as a way of expression. Satire in its broadest terms is a technique that can employ humour, wit, irony, sarcasm, parody and innuendos in order to discredit or ridicule, folly or vice.

Credited with being the chief inventors of satire were the ancient Roman poets, although it had been used in the Bible and by Homer and Aristophanes. The use of satire has not always been employed by some authors because of their preference to it, but

in many cases because it was the only way in which somebody could attack an institution such as in Gullivar's Travels or the Mother Goose Rhymes. Whatever the reason for it being used, it has appeared in the works of William Shakespeare, Cervantes, Jonathan Swift, Jane Austin, Lewis Carrol, Byron, Oscar Wilde, Aldous Huxley, Eugene O'Neil, and George Bernard Shaw.

The reason for bringing this to light is because if this is such a common writing technique, why are people unable to recognize



it when it is used in the CADRE. The most recent example of this type of misinterpretation would be in regards to the article last week on the "food committee". Not only did they miss the satire of it, out they even thought it was in reference to the food in the cafeteria.

The CADRE printed a satirical letter last year that made a joke out of the faculty Friday "Happy Hour". It prompted a letter from the head of the Faculty Association, who took the letter quite seriously.

A similar example would be an article that Stan Dalton wrote about President Baker. He went out of his way in praising him on his fine education

and how he wonderfully led the Senate, because of his strong influence on the professors. That right there could make you aware of the satire, yet many didn't interpret it as such. The CADRE soon after even published a letter from a student that stated it was the only decent thing that had been printed in the paper.

It requires what is often called "reading between the lines" or looking at things with more than a one-dimensional attitude. If you are unable to read things on more than one level, you will think that Animal Farm is about some talking animals and the Development Plan is for the betterment of the people, etc.



But due to space, could you please limit the length.

Dear Editor;

May I use your paper to express publicly, regret in the loss of Mrs. Hennessey from the staff of Kelly Memorial Library? And gratitude, too, to her for faithful and most obliging service over the years. Even more than the official service she gave, will her personal concern, good humor, and unofficial "counseling" be missed by students and staff alike. When one was "feeling down" a stop at the Circulation Desk and the briefest exchange with Dolly was a real "lift". Truthfully, her departure is a real loss.

Yours truly,  
T.M. MacLellan, Ph.D.  
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To the Editor:

There has been considerable flack being raised in the CADRE these weeks concerning the slackness of the Campus Police. I am not saying that they are, but these are the views that have been presented by your honourable paper.

However to get back to the subject, it has come to my notice that Saturday night during the Fall Festival certain members of Student Services hooked into the event free of charge. It would seem that this is a pretty underhanded trick considering even the executive of the Student Union have deemed that they shouldn't get in to any events for free. They are not only paid an enormous salary for their work(?) but are also em

ployed to be of service to students. Surely this is no service but rather is a direct contradiction to their whole purpose of being on this campus. In future if they are not willing to pay for their entertainment then I suggest they seek it elsewhere.

Sincerely,  
Janet MacDonald

P.S. It has also come to my attention that our illustrious president and one of our most worthy Deans "hooked" into the Pig 'n' Whistle on Thursday. I need not mention the salaries of these two honourable (?) gentlemen but out of the meagre funds that they do receive you'd think they wouldn't begrudge the Student Union the \$1.50 that they did not pay.

Dear Students;

I wish to inform you of the outcome of the vote on the breakfast issue which I explained in a previous issue. The vote was taken last Wednesday, Nov. 13 at the evening meal.

There were 11 students in favour of reverting to the full breakfast of ham, eggs etc., while there were 236 students in favour of retaining the present break-

fast. It is therefore concluded that we will be remaining with the present style of breakfast. Thank you.

Yours truly,  
John P. Barry  
Chairman, Food Comm.

Dear Editor,

I would sincerely like to apologize to the men of Memorial Hall for the implication present in my article about "Respect". My purpose for writing about lack of respect was not to make Memorial Hall men become the scapegoats but to reveal the childish and immature actions of students at U.P.E.I. (Whether they be male or female and whether they live on or off campus) who show no respect. I wanted to let these people know that their actions are not funny and not looked upon as such. However, I apologize only for the implications and not for stating the facts.

Sincerely,  
Colleen Warren