

# Tomfoolery Continued

ladies and gentlemen please control your joy and come on! Straighten that crooked tie!

Second, the cadre is an oligarchy. It is undemocratic, as it is basically the editor - and to some degree the assistant editor - who make all decisions surrounding the cadre, leaving no room for the input of others. Articles are sent in through e-mail, which remains the extent of input given (which is basically none). The cadre therefore is not a group oriented project as it remains completely under the power and direction of the person(s) at the top.

To this charge, Thomas replies in his editorial with "God damned, you better believe The Cadre is undemocratic. It's the nature of my job, it was why I was hired last year, and given editorial prerogative." To speak in highly technical terms, this is fresh poop. "We are paid for by the students of UPEI" (editorial #1, sept.15/03), and therefore we should be a newspaper which is created by the students of UPEI, for the students of UPEI. Note the plurality of the word students, in which the "s" is of key importance. In no way should a student-paid university newspaper be converted into a paper which is controlled and directed simply by one of these students and... used... to... wage... personal battles? ... with an ex-partner?! Only a fool airs his dirty laundry in public and the Editor of a student newspaper should save his stained and dilapidated undergarments for the laundry basket - or his blog, really - and stop stinking up the paper we students pay for. One can clearly see the reflection of such a very professional "editorial prerogative" in Thomas' most his latest and most sensible uses of editorial space. Along with non-organization, communication is virtually non-existent between Cadre employees/volunteers, and the Editor of the paper, as the newspaper meetings are

nothing more than a greasy bout of pizza to throat to stomach, to foot-out-the-door and go home. This adds to the detriment of what is not democratic, but what should be democratic, and also what should be by and for the students, as opposed to by and for one individual monkey. The Cadre meetings must stop being nothing more than a grease-eating pizza festival and must enter into conversation concerning the Cadre - opinions on what those involved think of the cadre and suggestions on how it might be improved must be made more possible to be given, and taken into account. This would hopefully lead to such issues as the role of the paper being, to at least some degree, more democratically decided. Improving the paper and it's overall content would be of prime importance. This is also something which I would suggest is highly relational to - and perhaps even dependent upon to some degree - the way those involved work together towards creating the paper.

Also concerning the complaint of unprofessionalism, I believe that the issue is also focused around the way the office is kept up, and what it is actually used for. The office itself smells, looks, and has the feeling of some kind of "lived in" compost bin, which basically means that the office is dirty in (at least) two ways: one, there is garbage and moulding skunk piss in old beer bottles - and two, sleazy attempts at romance should be taken to the run-off ditch outside along the rails-for-trails, rather than inside the office itself.

Tally-hoe, read ahead! "So there were 15 people at The Wave, and they closed their doors. People kept on showing up to the gate and locking in, and they couldn't believe that The Wave was closed at 12:30. So we had to move the party upstairs, and luckily I had a pint of vodka and a litre of really

cheap wine in my desk" (editorial #5, Oct.21/03). This, I would suggest, is a very professional way to use a newspaper office. One can actually see the professionalism drip down the front of a soggy boozed filled t-shirt only to be squeezed into hungry lips seconds later.

But you know, what really bothers me here is that sleazy attempts at romance should not, in the first place, be attempted if you understand what I mean. This should bother everyone. So ladies and monkey men, if you make a mess please clean it up yourself for mama; if you have some kind of horrible itch scratch it somewhere else in the big monkey forest, and take another route to get there - also for mama, and possible mama's.

These are the key problems concerning the inner workings of the Cadre - that it is disorganized,

undemocratic, and unprofessional. During a meeting which was held two weeks ago there showed signs of the possibility of improvement and of working on these issues. However, after reading Thomas's last editorial it seems that he is not taking these problems as seriously as he perhaps should, and that he finds them to be of no consequence. We will see in the future how things go, and in all likelihood there will be a follow-up to this in order to let others know how these issues are progressing, or how they are devolving - and speaking of devolving Thomas, get down from those shaky branches... and try not to use funny Devo quotes in your editorials anymore! We can clearly see who these "monkey men all dressed in business suits" really are. And listen to that fun song (Jocko Homo) again! As it goes - "We are Devo". This includes the Cadre.



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