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Editorial

Plagiarism and cheating at UPEI

When the Aims and Objectives Committee release their report this spring, it will be interesting to see if they make any comments on the question - are students at the University to learn, or are they here simply to get a degree?

It would be nice to say that all students are here to learn, but it just isn't the case. The majority of students put the majority of emphasis upon getting the degree.

Universities have always been aware of this fact and as a result have set up testing and grading systems,

which are in effect a way of saying that students must be forced to learn. This testing system as it exists, tends to alienate students even more from the process of learning. The emphasis is moved from learning, to doing what is necessary in order to get a good grade (or pass).

What this has lead forth to is a highly complex system of cheating and plagiarism. The goal becomes "beating the system" and all methods are employed in order to do it.

It has gotten to a point where it is right out in the open. The Cadre has been

AFTER HIGH SCHOOL I WORKED IN THE BUSINESS WORLD AND SAW ENOUGH OF BACKSTABBING TO DO ME FOR LIFE.



So to ESCAPE IT I WENT BACK TO COLLEGE



BUT I DIDNT ESCAPE IT. I JUST ENTERED A WORLD WHERE ALL THE BACK STABBERS ARE YOUNGER.



So IN THE END I MAY FAIL MY COURSES BUT I'M BECOMING AN EXPERT ON POLITICS



running an ad all year for an essay writing service. Though we placed a note by it for the first two weeks that stated how we disagreed with it we could use the advertising revenue. Even if we had refused to put in the ad, simply closing our eyes to one example of cheating, doesn't make the problem go away.

Essay Services serves as an example of plagiarism on a national level. Though doing it on such a scale is new, it has always occurred on a smaller scale. There have always been cases of somebody writing papers for other people, or using papers more than once.

Cheating on exams is almost taken for granted. When you go in to take an exam, students will always be placed as far apart as possible because if they were given the chance

they would cheat. Not to mention other techniques such as having looked over all past exams from that same prof (in cases he uses the same questions); writing answers on your hand, looking at somebody else's paper, etc.

The main thing that we have learned is how to beat the system, instead of how to learn. This is going to continue until the emphasis is finally placed upon learning.

People should go to the University because they want to learn. The University would be a place of learning where there were no exams, no grades, and no degrees. It would be interesting to see if people would go or not.

It would give us a chance to see if it really was an institution of higher learning or just a good way to keep people out of the labor market.



Dear Editor,
In regards to Lynn Foley's manifestations on Chile and the "imperialistic capitalists" that are exploiting the Chileans, more specifically the CIA and the U.S., I would like to take up a bit of space in your paper for further comment. Mr. Foley you are no great writer--- you have merely regurgitated the news into brief little speels and end all your ditties with a question that you never answer. You give straight factual detail with no insight. You ask why or when these affairs will end. In effect Mr. Foley you say nothing that the Guardian hasn't said the day before. If you believe Chile is being exploited explain yourself or the events a little better than merely stating facts. Perhaps is you took a little more time and interpreted the events your articles might

carry a bit more weight. It also might help if you were a little more diversified with your denunciations of exploitation. Chile ain't the only country suffering. Sincerely yours,
Cris Judson

Dear Sir
In reply to the letter of Charles M. Mills in the Dec. 3, 1974 Cadre I would like to make the following comments. First of all Creelman MacArthur does not own Gentleman Jim's. A company formed in 1973 called Premier Catering Inc. owns and operates the establishment. The shareholders are Creelman MacArthur, Bill Coady, Michael Brown and David Brown. Secondly, we purchased the Octoberfest hats from the Kitchener-Waterloo Octoberfest Committee at approximately \$1.00 each. Oland's Brewery has never

entered the picture. Moosehead Breweries contributed (as do all lounges and Organizations) the Octoberfest decorations, such as banners, etc.

Pricing of beer is now and always will be controversial. Beer landed to us before refrigeration costs us about .37¢ a pint. Add refrigeration handling, breakage and you will come up to .45¢ easily a pint. We sell beer during the day in the bar up to 8:00 P.M. at .65¢. Our day sales are approximately 40% of total so you might see that there is not that great a "rip off" in the Beer business.

We felt justified in the cover charges in view of rising costs, as we did not want to raise beer prices.

I think anyone alive and kicking of late would know what I mean when the cost of living indexes were creeping up at a point a week.

Concerning "no jeans". Next spring will be our 5th anniversary and I do not recall once in the five years of not having a "cooling off" period of about a month. Other years it just happened thru tough administration by the doorman or by customer turn off. This year, things were

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