

# Tomfoolery In The Monkey Tree

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"I'm the Editor-in-Chief of a university paper and I wouldn't feel happy spending a year here and not getting into a little trouble. I'm thinking along the line of funny-pranks-kind-of-trouble. Not run the Cadre into the ground trouble. And maybe I'll get some letters to the Editor along the way. How cool would that be?

Pretty damned cool if you ask me"

(Editorial #1, sept.15/03).

This ignoramifiously silly article you see dancing crooked in front of you is in reply to Editorial 6: Some people love to bitch, a very organized, democratic and professional editorial written by Thomas Lloyd. It is the reason why Tom has become Editor this year. And this beautiful loved skill is most definitely in "the nature of the job" and it "was why I (Thomas) was hired last year, and given editorial prerogative". This reasoning can be found - live and vibrant! - in last week's Cadre, Oct. 29, 2003.

**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.**

Since I plan on attempting a zany eyeballs sort of honesty here, I might as well explain to you that I'm one of those ridicumasilly human persons - but of course this may already be understood - who loves to bitch. I'm one of those "ignorant people who have no idea of what is actually done from day to day," one of those critics who are "speaking way out of their area of knowledge" (editorial #6, oct.29/03) - and I'd very much like to speak with the President of Canadian University Press, who assured Thomas that this was cor-



The accused Editor-in-Chief. Please note large bottle of hard liquor and very unprofessional hat.

rect. I'm sure he knows exactly what he's talking about, and is not - I repeat, not - speaking way out of his area of knowledge. What a hunch-backed monkey, eh Thomas!!

Alas my fellow mammals, there are problems within the inner workings of the Cadre. But what really makes me - and perhaps others too - giggle forth foaming and foaming layers of bloody spit about these inner problems, is not simply that they exist - like monkeys exist - but that when they are brought down from the tree for surveillance, they are simply dismissed as mad banana bitching without any real reasoning. This is falsier than a super false falsity, you see - there actually are, you understand, very existing reasons as to why a number of Cadre employees and volunteers are getting fed up with the inner workings of the paper and threatening to quit. It should be possible that these problems be worked out without that happening. However, these problems must first be taken seriously. The three major complaints from

involved members of the Cadre stand as such; that it is disorganized, undemocratic, and unprofessional. And honestly! I am shocked and appalled, for after reading Thomas's editorial I never would have thought such charges might be possible! And charges holding very existing reasons at that!?! Je suis confusé like une mongoloid bananamana hanging off one of the outer branches of the tree! In this article I will attempt to clarify some of these problems and suggest ways in which they might be dealt with. I would also like to address some of the comments and "explanations" made by Thomas in his editorial.

First off, the cadre is disorganized. It is sloppy, and has no direction - there is no basic set-up that the paper even attempts to follow (ie - 2 pages news, 2 arts and entertainment, 1 sports, 1 review, etc...), and there is no conception of what the cadre might depict as it's role as a student newspaper, which I believe to be of fundamental importance. What is the role of a student-run newspaper as the

major form of media communication (or "mediated quasi-interaction") in a university setting? I believe this to be a question which deserves consideration from not only those involved with creating the paper, but also from all of those who read it, or even attend university. So far this question has gone unanswered, and even unasked. One can see the nuclear mass of blatant organization in not thinking about just such a question! Golly-gee.

Furthermore, Thomas brushes the complaints off simply as having had an employee who "personally didn't like (him)", which - hm... - in no way accounts for these problems and is also not completely true. I believe that it is, actually, a mutual dislike due to a relational break-up, Thomas, that you are referring to? Blah! Monkey mouths! Go and loose your howls on some other branch and stop using the Cadre to attack the morale of your personal opponent whom you used to date. And really, come on, stop escalating the situation because it has real consequences on other real mammals. Sweetie please? Notice the strident professionalism to be found in such a scenario as this? Whoa! I know it's intense but

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