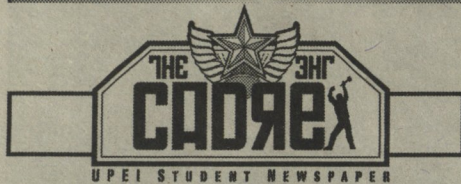


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# Editorial 6: Some people loves to bitch

In last week's editorial I went on about how sore my shoulder was, and how I was unsure how much the ambulance ride would be. Well, I spent all of one day at the doctors, and nothing was said that I already didn't know. And then a bunch of shit went down around the office. An employee of The Cadre publicly stated that there was an "overthrow" in the planning. A group of seven Cadre people were dissatisfied with the paper, so they were going to leave.

Is there any better way to get a headache? It was sometime around then that I decided to forget about my shoulder and start taking pain killers. And I began plowing through a half a pack of smokes before lunch. And these things made my shoulder better. Except for one thing I found out. My shoulder hurt, but I could manage, but there was one thing that made my shoulder feel like it was ripping apart.

Bagpipes... Holy crap does the sound of bagpipes make my shoulder scream in horrible pain. Go figure...

So I had an employee who personally didn't like me, and was using my position as Editor-in-Chief to bring down the paper. It was a pretty childish thing to do; to threaten The Cadre and not even make any reasons known, just that the Cadre is disorganized.

And it is, the sheer amount of information we get from day to day sees to that. There are some serious lines of communication that we've always had problems with. An other complaint was that The Cadre is unprofessional. Fucking dammed straight we are unprofessional. We are a group (a Cadre, almost) of underpaid students who basically volunteer their time to putting this paper out. Sometimes we drink in the office, sometime we yell at each other, sometimes members of the opposite sex are entertained up here, and sometimes nothing gets done in the course of a day. But we are all students, and who expect us to behave like little monkey men all dressed in business suits.

And the last problem that I was able to discern from this group was that The Cadre was undemocratic. To this I can only respond with God dammed, you better believe The Cadre is unde-

democratic. It's the nature of my job, it was why I was hired last year, and given editorial prerogative. We can't effectively vote on every issue, and there are always times when a decision has to be made. Some people may not like it, but The Cadre does have a hierarchy and chain of command, which has me pretty dammed close to the top.

Now there are people who don't like that, and I spoke about the situation to the president of Canadian University Press, and he assured me that I am not being detrimental to the newspaper, and that these critics are speaking way out of their area of knowledge. He also said that if they were unimpressed with The Cadre, then they are free to leave and start their own paper. It is feasible, and it would give a taste of what it is like to run a paper. A former UPEISU executive assured me that with any executive position you will always get ignorant people who have no idea of what is actually done from day to day, and will accuse you of doing nothing.

*"there is a plan in the works to overthrow the Cadre. I told a few people how I was quitting, and they said there were too. There are a whole bunch of us leaving in protest to the unorganization and disfunction of the Cadre."*

Strong words. And probably one of the last things I wanted to be brought to my attention on a busy morning.

There's a commercial on TV for Denver Hayes, where a girl splashes a guy in the face with a glass of water.

I asked a roomamte if that had ever happened to him, and he laughed and said no. He asked if it had happened to me, and twice in my life someone at a bar has splashed a drink in my face. It's an ability I have, to really piss off people to the point where they don't think rationally.

So what is going to happen around the office? Our weekly meeting was moderated by the Chair of Council, and a lot of ideas were thrown around. And a lot of them were really good ideas. Some were flat-out misinformation, and some are inapplicable to The Cadre. Yet four of five major things will be done to make The Cadre run more smoothly. I'm all for changing the inner workings of The Cadre, yet I'm much more hesitant to change the external look to The Cadre.

People like The Cadre this year. Its look isn't as finished as last year, but its content has been amazing. Yet just as there are people who think The Cadre is readable this year, there are people who think The Cadre is shit. Some want a return to three years ago, when we were always light on news but heavy on jokes. I'm happy with The Cadre, and most people I talk to are also.

And are you still wondering how much that God dammed ambulance ride cost? I got a bill in the mail for \$600.

Next time I'm in an accident I'm walking to the hospital. Or calling a cab.

Thomas Lloyd, Editor-in-Chief



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