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Editorial 1: The roof. The roof! The, um, roof is on fire.

This year of *The Cadre* will begin the same way I begin any endeavour: with a list of demands.

So:

1. Have a little patience. Before we get to the big, the new and the shiny, we have to remember how to do the old and the reliable. (And by "we," I mean me. Mostly.)

2. Help us fill these paid positions: news editor, ad manager, and circulation manager. Or volunteer. We are at Main 06. In the basement. Waiting.

3. Tell us when we get it wrong, and (this is the important part) tell us *why*. And, if you want to make sure we listen, offer to help us fix it (because even though we know it is very, very wrong, sometimes we just smile and nod, acting concerned when we're really thinking about how nice a falafel would be right now). We like our whiners with a little initiative, and our falafels with hot peppers.

4. Buy a toque, some mitts and a scarf. No, it isn't too early, but some day – some day soon – it will be too late and you will be sorry you didn't listen, grasshopper.

5. If you see President Wade MacLauchlan, Education Minister Jeff Lantz, or our smiling Premier, Pat Binns, tell them how much you like paying 6.75% more to be at this fine institution. Try not to swear, or wave your arms wildly about, because Pat looks like he scares easily. However, if you absolutely must scream and flail about, we will understand. A 6.75% increase is a lot, especially when so many of us must rely on those kind people in the government and at the friendly neighbourhood bank to pay our tuition.

6. Paint our walls and buy us a nice couch.

7. Park at the Farmer's Market. We like to park on campus, and it's so hard to find a spot in the mornings with all

your vehicles in the way.

8. Understand that we are not *The Globe and Mail*, nor are we *The National Post*. Thank god. We don't know who reads either paper (although the subtitle from the Weekend Post story on gold diggers, "Women have perfected the art of gold digging. No wonder men are paranoid." gives us an idea). Whoever these people are, they must love Serena and Venus Williams, as the weekend editions of both papers feature identical photos of the two tennis stars on their covers.

If we can guarantee anything at all, it is that we will never have the same cover as the *Globe*, the *Post*, or any other paper. Ever. And we won't insult your intelligence by comparing CD pirating to drunk driving without mentioning that very few people have been horribly killed or maimed for life as a result of pirating CDs. (Unlike, say, the *Post*. See the Weekend Post.) Our covers will be different; our content will be different. We promise. *The Cadre*, after and above all, is for and about UPEI and the people who make up the university community.

9. Also. We are not the yearbook. They have their own office. It is also filled with nice people. Tidy people. But they are not us, and we are not them.

10. Right now, things are looking so good, so full of promise here at *The Cadre*, that if you don't want to get involved, we might think something is wrong with you. And we wouldn't want to think that. Not with you looking so keen and attentive in your back to school clothes, scrubbed so clean that if we were bolder people, we'd poke you to see if you squeaked. We're cautious about messing with you though – we might have seen you during NSO, delivering a wicked uppercut with an inflatable boxing glove, while you bounced in an inflatable boxing ring. We really don't need that kind of trouble.

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