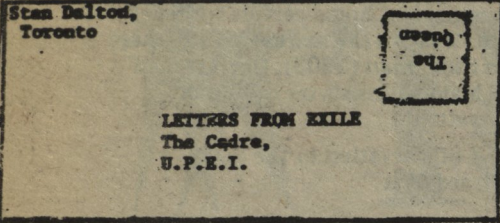


# Distraction Leads To Serious Mistakes



Last semester the Cadre came into direpute with some of our Island citizenry. The issue concerned quality and journalistic responsibility-or the lack of it. The comments I heard from some people suggested the Cadre was fast sinking into a gossip rag and "kiddie korner: nonsense sheet. Judging from the few copies I received last semester I can understand why.

Like the student union, the Cadre does not, nor can not enjoy student popular support until they both root themselves firmly in student issues of primary concern, namely: inflation, unemployment, housing, education spending, health care, to name a few. The rift between the union executive and the membership it pruportidly represents, reflects a serious lack of communication and disregard (as well as ignorance) of the most pressing concerns for students as a whole.

When the union executive like the Cadre editorship, is divorced from the majority, what else can be expected but that abstract and generalized "issues" will be put forward which are of no interest to students. The result? Apathy regarding political concerns and, where the Cadre is concerned, the editorial committee resorts to playful "journalism:.

The Cadre and the student union will earn and maintain the support of the student body-as well as the respect of the Island people-if and when they properly identify the most pressing concerns of students as a whole and rally their support around the struggle for resolutions to these problems. Otherwise neither the union executive nor the Cadre have a reason for being.

With this kind of unity established it will be both possible and necessary to establish alliances with other progressive forces such as the P.EI Federation of Labour, Nation-

al Farmers Union, etc. to strengthen their influences for social and economic advance through fighting inflation, unemployment, student fees, etc. But their unity can be achieved on a broad scale-student unity. If the student union executive itself was organized it could, if it saw the issues and the need for outside support, begin to establish broad unity.

These are issues of strategy and tactics for organization which the union and the Cadre should be fighting for. This would require constant contact with the student body-the only source of proper direction. Then the Cadre would have its proper task set out-advancing students rights of political equality, right to employment proper health care, etc.

Administration and government have, for many years, succeeded in making students believe that while they're in university they should concern themselves only with their studies, and that they are temporarily detached from the world at large. Nonsense! You must pay the going rate for all commodities and services. Every time prices go up your fixed "income" loses that much more power. You have to pay rent, buy books, equipment, and clothes. Yet you are financially prec due to poor loans. And you are not to defend yourselves? You are not to defend yourselves when you can see with your own eyes that there are thousands of university graduates p unemployed or are in dead-end, low-paying jobs? If you're like many others you fear for your future. You are to say nothing? But you will be expected to pay back you student loan! And to the same government whose educational and employment policies have undermined our confidence in our future. Wouldn't you think the UPEI administration (Baker and Co.) would care for student concerns? No, apparently they're not. Apart from protecting their own jobs they're interested only with preventing students from championing their interests, because a confrontation would weaken administrative authority. This would open the door

by students in such matters as greater student representation on Senate, Board of Governors, etc. This would scare the hell out of Baker and his government cronies. And they justify denying democracy to students by telling them they are incapable of greater responsibility. Treat them like children and hopefully they'll act that way! The U.S. government has a similar policy regarding blacks. And the Canadian government treats our native peoples similarly.

No, students are not separate from the rest of the society: they are

an integral part of it  
The union executive and the Cadre-both the property a-and responsibility of the student body-have a tremendous responsibility: t the student must demand they live up to it.  
N.B. DISCRIMINATION:  
It was revealed here recently that foreign students studying at the University of Toronto must pay tuition fees 250% more than Canadian students! (Globe and Mail and must demand an equal share in it. Those who tell you otherwise seek to deter you from fighting for what is yours by attempting to keep you politically ignorant and disarmed.

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SUNDAY NIGHT 8 PM. DUFFY

# Car Rally Results

Last Saturday's car rally was a tremendous success, aside from the misguided directions which seem to have baffled most participants. Some did finish the tough course, however, and the following as the list of winners :

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| 2 nd prize : Jessie Wheatley & Pearl MacCallum       |
| 3 rd prize : Donnie Cameron & Donnie McLean          |
| 4 th prize : Rus Melanson & John Vessey              |
| Best Female Team : Jessie Wheatley & Pearl MacCallum |
| Booby Prize : Paul Currie & Derek Key                |
| 1 st prize : Paul Taylor & Robert Coles              |

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