

# For Those Who Want More From University Than A Degree



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editorial

The Cadre is understaffed. The few students who are working on it do not have the time to do the research required to put out something meaningful. They go to classes and they do study for tests. However, I am not writing this article to weep or cry.

Even though there are many reasons why this paper has generally been of poor quality this year, the Cadre

has once in a while been able to put something real in between the garbage. However the feedback has been petty. Instead of quibblings, bad jokes, and true confessions, students should put their minds on pertinent questions. Such as the purpose of the university and how it can serve the Island community.

Occasionally the paper has gotten into some real issues and has been able to

do something concrete, yet always it has felt the pincer. Not enough time, not enough work.

There are many issues that the paper could get into. The Cadre could do more research into slum housing including that on campus. We could try to co-ordinate the efforts of students to deal with these problems here and elsewhere.

We could try to find out why the roads break up every Spring. Or we could find out just who the hell the board of Governors is. Or we could support the various groups on the Island who are actually trying to do something for it. Or we could...

The point is that there are a hundred things that this paper could be doing but it isn't doing any of them. Why?

The reason is certainly ob-

vious to anyone who even takes a cursory glance at the paper. Lack of staff. This week's paper was put together by two people basically - with help from a half-dozen others. It shows.

So if you want your student union to have any kind of a decent information medium, drop down and see what you can do.

If your interests lie in research into any area that might be conceivably of interest to the average student then come down. It's not far. Our offices are in the basement of Memorial Hall, a little scruffy perhaps, but they belong to you, the students of U.P.E.I. If you do not use them, then they won't get used.

U.P.E.I. needs a strong information medium. Give it one.



## Salaries on Par

Dear Sir:

In the issue of the Cadre of March 16, Mr. Laffin claims that "Faculty and administration make six to seven times more money than the average civil servant on the Island". Where jobs in the administration are similar to those in the civil service, we use the Public Service Commission to establish categories, and we are therefore paying exactly the same! as the civil service for similar jobs.

It is hard to equate faculty salaries with most jobs in the civil service; but if

we compare them with the specialist categories, in other words statisticians with statisticians, biologist with biologist, university faculty are paid considerably less than their opposite numbers in the civil service. Moreover, they do not have pensions indexed to the cost of living.

On the basis of all the information which we can get, which includes information from the Pay Research Board, and the study of jobs with equivalent positions, such as those requiring a qualification as a chartered accountant, for example, this university, like others in the country, pays lower rates than the public service. If it is true that these rates are six to seven times higher than that received by the average civil servant, and I doubt very much that they are, the comparison is just as irrelevant as comparing that of the specialist categories of the public service with that of the average clerical worker at the university.

One might argue that we are all overpaid, but I do not think that it possible to argue that we are over-

paid in relationship to other people with similar qualifications and experience.

Yours Sincerely,  
R.J. Baker

## Exile Letters O.K.

Dear Editor,

We are writing in reference to a column in the Cadre, "Letters from Exile". In the past two issues we noticed that this has not appeared. We had hoped that this Column would continue

as a voice is desperately needed to tell it, from a working class point of view as many of the readers of the Cadre, will soon be in economic exile.

We have met many U.P.E.I. graduates in Toronto who could not even get a job washing dishes or sweeping factory floors. As the contradictions within our capitalist economy become more acute this will more often be the case.

Eric & Mary Dixon



IF YOU FIND MISTAKES IN THIS PUBLICATION PLEASE CONSIDER THAT THEY ARE THERE FOR A PURPOSE. WE PUBLISH SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE, AND SOME PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR MISTAKES!!!

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