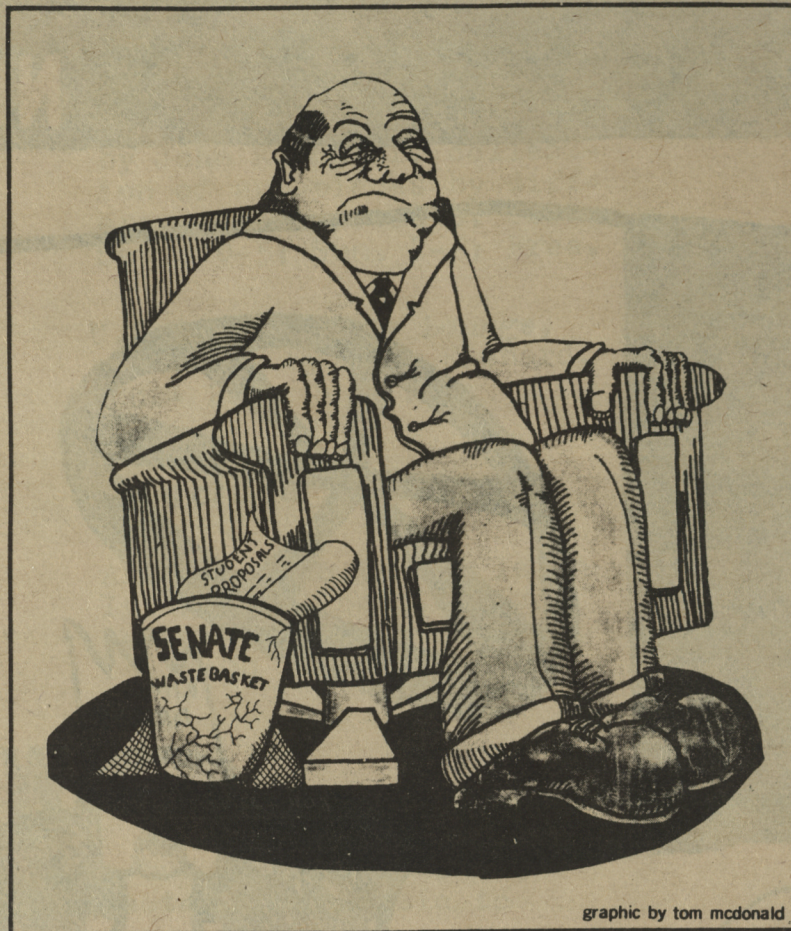


Letters to the Editor



senate opinion

In the Great Old Reform Tradition



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Dear Editor:

As a student and as a senator, I wish to speak to Joel Hansen's article: Senate Safari.

I assume that we were at the same senate meeting. It certainly is unwise to make judgements and such strong criticisms on the basis of one meeting. Definitely an indication of openness and maturity. I question this attack as one to be taken seriously. I know that Senate is not an all wise and all knowing body, nor does it claim to be.. It seems logical that a group with so many people with different backgrounds should take much time in deciding policy for the university. Some of Mr. Hansen's comments suggest that he is not familiar with the University Act. For a man who is hired to be primarily an on campus reporter, rather than an on campus critic, I would suggest this information as valuable in informing students objectively about campus affairs. I would also hope that Mr. Hansen as an on campus reporter might consider for the sake of truth, using tapes so that when he publishes notes on Senate meetings or such, that he does not misinterpret comments. If he finds he is not hearing words as they are spoken, then I suggest he ask for clarification or wait for the recording secretary to publish the minutes. I think that the article "Senate Safari" is full of misquotes or false interpretation and for anyone who

Dear Inspired Socialist;
I don't think your answer in the Nov. 13th edition was very profound or well researched. In fact, it was a very immature retort to an honest opinion. (And from reading the Nov. 13th edition, I hold my opinion even more strongly.) Also, dear inspired socialist, your language leaves much to be desired. We, the student body, should not have to be subjected to having your views being shoved down our throats every week. Why don't we leave politics, whether it be socialism, capitalism or communism, out of our school paper and start getting some things relevant to campus life in it.

I would also like to say that I agree with Dianne's letter of Nov. 13th and her view that she states in her first paragraph.

Let's start thinking of UPEI and stop petty bickering over something we have no control over (as yet)

Yours truly,
A Bored (Passive)
Capitalist

Bored Capitalist;

Never have I heard or read such words of defeat. You coward! How can we possibly ignore that which is directly responsible for every problem we encounter at UPEI and on P.E.I.? I mean capitalism.

And if you think that because you are a student, and the Cadre is the student newspaper, that we who put out the paper should conform to the wishes of the mediocre, the cowardly, the fools; you are very badly mistaken. Indeed, you will hear a good deal more of capitalism, christianity, democracy, education, etc. So far as we are concerned, we do have control over what happens today and tomorrow. It is when people such as the likes of you assume there is no possibility for positive reform, that defeat and its consequences beset us. If you wrote in a positive critical manner, that is, to take issue with us with a view to solving the contemporary problems, you would be much more effective than the negative whimpering your remarks reflect. You might begin by identifying yourself also -- Stan Dalton

denies this I suggest they ask the registrar for the minutes or ask other senate members to verify or deny the reality of this article.

In reference to Mr. Hansen's remarks, suggesting that I am perhaps too casual or don't realize that I am participating in deliberating in the future of U.P.E.I., may I suggest that on commenting to merely express an opinion does not suggest responsibility, nor does silence suggest no opinion. Perhaps for some people this is so but I question it.

For students who may find this article threatening and feel cheated by the

way myself or other student reps chose to represent them, I am doing my best. In my limited sphere of experience this means listening and if necessary, & only when I think so, or when I am asked, (and I have been asked) to speak to an issue, do I speak. I think I know my position and I am not casual about it. This does not deny that some people might think so.

Mr. Hansen, I suggest that you re-evaluate your article as a source of truth for students. One of the biggest disappointments about the lack of student participation in our general information meeting was the absence of a Cadre reporter.
Dianne MacDonald

Dear Dianne,

I am compelled (by the devil?) to respond to your affrontations concerning my integrity as a reporter. I think the problem begins with my particular style of writing. I am not a "cub" reporter trying to one dimensionalize the news to the point of relatively harmless sense-data information. (as when Lloyd Robertson casually announces the death of millions of Asians in the South East Asia liberation struggle). I am trying to confront the reader to spur him to think; to ask where is the truth and the falsity in the operations of institutions surrounding us. Therefore, as a concerned journalist, I must be interpretive as well as informative. The separation of fact from fiction is not the issue, I would say in your case, fact is the fiction. To tell me that remaining silent may be constructive offers me a key to your view of reality - "passive acceptance". In your articles published before in the Cadre, you

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