



Dear Editor,

I have enjoyed the first five issues of the CADRE very much, and was actually on the verge of writing you a congratulatory note (which this is, in part) when I noticed a few cheap shots on pages five and six of your October 22 issue which I cannot let escape without comment.

First of all, CONGRATULATIONS! A marvelous paper - 1,000 times better than when I used to work on it in the dim recesses of ancient history. I miss the pizza stains and soft-drink bottle bottom marks we used to throw in the dress the issues up though. And you have a typist who can spell! We couldn't find one who could

type and spell at the same time.

Now then, about those cheap shots. First of all, Michael Read did a heck of a job last year - being one of the major figures in the most successful recruiting drive an Island University has ever embarked upon. He was paid about 1/8 of a cent an hour for the time he put in on recruiting. The writer of the piece that attacked him is insane, in my opinion. (The writer will no doubt counter with something like, "It takes someone already insane to know when somebody else is." I can get people who can vouch for me on that score, I'm sure.)

There are many other discrepancies in the article. I am surprised at you, wise and wonderful editor who oversees all that goes into the CADRE, that you would print such chicken character assassinations. The comments on the personalities of the executive have no place in a serious journalistic enterprise. And the gutless boob who wrote it didn't even have the courage to sign his name. BOO!

Please do not take my comments as applying to the entire paper. Overall, it's great. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
Bob Gray,
Class of '73 (and '74)

Dear Editor,

In light of many of the comments expressed in your publication in recent weeks regarding the effectiveness and usefulness of student government, I have come to ask myself the question, "Do we need a Student Union?" To resolve this, I have constructed a hypothetical situation where we have no Student Union.

Probably the first point to be raised regarding such a situation is that we would be relieved of the financial burden of fifty-four dollars per year which we currently pay in Student Union dues.



The radio station CIMN celebrated its official opening ceremony Wednesday October 30 at 7:00 PM in the Panther Lounge.

If there were no student government, it is highly unlikely that anyone would undertake to publish a student newspaper. If they did, it would have to financially self-supporting, meaning it would have to be sold at a per-copy price of perhaps twenty cents. It could hardly be called a student publication if the costs were underwritten by the administration.

Radio C.S.U.R. would be off the air. There is no way it could survive on advertising subscriptions. There would be no Student Centre. If administration did provide a gathering place, it would not be owned by the students. Neither would there be a Day Care Centre. Students who are also parents would have to suffer the cost and the hassle of arranging for babysitters.

It is improbable that any organization (e.g. Freshman Class, Education Society etc.) would organize an event such as Winter Carnival or Fall Fest since these have traditionally been losing propositions. If one of these organizations did decide to sponsor such an event on a smaller scale (i.e. Pig 'n' Whistles) they would have to arrange for bar tenders,

security, liquor licences, etc.

Students who wished to enlist in a health insurance plan such as the one we now have would have to pay premiums of probably \$40. versus the present per capita costs of eight dollars.

There would be no year-book. Even if someone was industrious enough to undertake such a huge task, the subscription price, if it was to match costs, would be prohibitive.

There would be no Student Judiciary. Students caught committing offence on campus would be prosecuted much more severely "downtown".

Therefore, I have sought to answer the question, "What does Student Union do for me?" by trying to imagine a situation without a student union. I have tried to avoid making value judgements by not delving into issues such as student voice in University affairs.

We must ask ourselves not "What can Student Union do for me?" but "Could we function effectively without a Student Union?" That, my friends, is the fifty-four dollar question.

Yours sincerely,
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