

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

It seems to me you are caught in a contradiction. In your March 27th edition of the "Cadre", Mr. Gray attacked Mr. Dennis Clough re: salaries for non-academic employees. In your April 3rd. edition however, you issued a bold "manifesto" part of which states, "The "Cadre" will not be part of any personal vendettos" (Italics mine).

Now, does the "manifesto" apply only after its publication implying that personal "vendettos" were in fact part of your editorial policy before the "manifesto"? Or have you suddenly decided that it is not good policy? Would you clarify this point please for it seems that Mr. Clough was most unfortunate to have been attacked before he could benefit from your "new" policy.

Yours truly,
Clara MacDuff

Dear Clara:

You are obviously an attentive reader. I appreciate your criticism for it gives me an opportunity to clarify this particular point.

You failed to notice that the "manifesto" was not issued until I assumed editorship of the "Cadre"; I was in no legitimate position to do so beforehand. Furthermore, the issue concerning non-academic employees was in no manner a personal attack upon Mr. Clough; the issue inevitably involved the Comptroller's office which necessarily involved Mr. Clough, but not his person, rather, his role as Comptroller. It was not a personal vendetta. Mr. Clough was not "unfortunate" in the sense you infer because, although the "manifesto" was not issued until after the incident, it was the "unofficial" policy of the "Cadre" before my editorship not to be part of any personal vendetta's. We are concerned with issues, not so much with people as such; however, there are no issues without people for issues emerge by and through people. Inevitably, then, we will be involved with both issues and people, but not with persons as such.

I hope I have made myself clear to you Clara-if not, kindly let me know.

Yours sincerely
-Stan

Dear Mr. Editor:

I am very happy with the direction the "Cadre" has taken. It has developed a social conscience and it is about time that such an entity has appeared on Prince Edward Island. It is to the credit of the Cadre that it has taken the lead in this respect- I'm proud of our new paper.

However, I do hope you will concern yourselves with issues reflecting student academic concerns-the present situation at UPEI is one of academic apathy- why shouldn't it be that way since the degree is the aims which is again but a step to those values which are still predominant in our society which you pointed out so well in last week's issue.

If I can be of any assistance to you please signify- I realize how short-staffed you are.

Yours truly,
M. Davis

Dear M. Davis:

Your kind remarks are indeed encouraging. Our views are somewhat similar and this is I feel not what we would hope to continue. Diversity of opinion is though bound to be inevitable and it is through this which enables real progress to happen. Strong criticism is the life-blood of a paper. Your criticism will keep us informed of your attitude and concerns for contemporary events.

Thank you for offering to help with the "Cadre". We are indeed short-staffed, and any and all support from those with commitment and purpose will be welcome.

Sincerely,
Stan



TO THE EDITOR

There is considerable talk going around concerning the improved quality of the "Cadre". Although I do not wish to refute this, I do take issue with the obvious Marxist tone of the paper. Tell me, if you can, just what you hope to achieve by immersing yourselves in issues which are of no concern to you? What business is it of your that the maintenance personnel are having problems? Don't they have problems enough without you people stiking you noses in. They know better than any one else what their needs are-you don't. You risk doing more harm than good-I suggest you consider very carefully before you do something

for which you will regret.

Respectfully yours,
Bill Tompkin-Student

Dear Bill:

I thank you for writing and am pleased you consider the new "Cadre: an improvement. The points you raised however, are not without considerable importance. Your fear of the paper taking a Marxist tone indicates an ignorance of Marxist ideology. I cannot here explain Marx's theories about economics and their significance for our contemporary capitalistic-materialistic society; I can only refer you to one of his most significant works- "The

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