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what that's all about.

When I was talking to you the day the Oct. 22 issue of the CADRE came out, you said you were going to get involved, so as not to ruin the whole point of your article. But what about the radio talk show with the Executives Wednesday - who arranged that? I was told it wasn't you. It was Mike Hennessey. What happened Yo? What happened to your fight against apathy? Are you, perhaps, one of the casualties?

Sincerely,
Rosemary Turkington

Dear Editor,

I have found it particularly distressing, in recent issues, to see your newspaper used as a vehicle to cast aspersions not only on the ability but also on the integrity of members of the Student Union executive. I feel it is time that someone "went to bat" on their behalf.

The common theme which these namelesswriters seem to allude to is that these individuals have something to gain personally from their service on the executive.

Surely, this gain cannot be financial. Thirty five or forty cents per hour is not top wages. If anyone wishes to suggest that they are receiving some kind of remuneration "under the table", I challenge

them to substantiate it and be man or woman enough to sign their name.

They have been accused of being on a power trip. We have seen popular catchwords like elites, cliques, ego-trips, etc. used to describe the operations of the executive. Can you tell me how the hell anyone could be on an ego-trip when they have to take the kind of shit that comes their way every Tuesday?

Some may say that they are just looking for a good recommendation when they graduate. Does anyone seriously

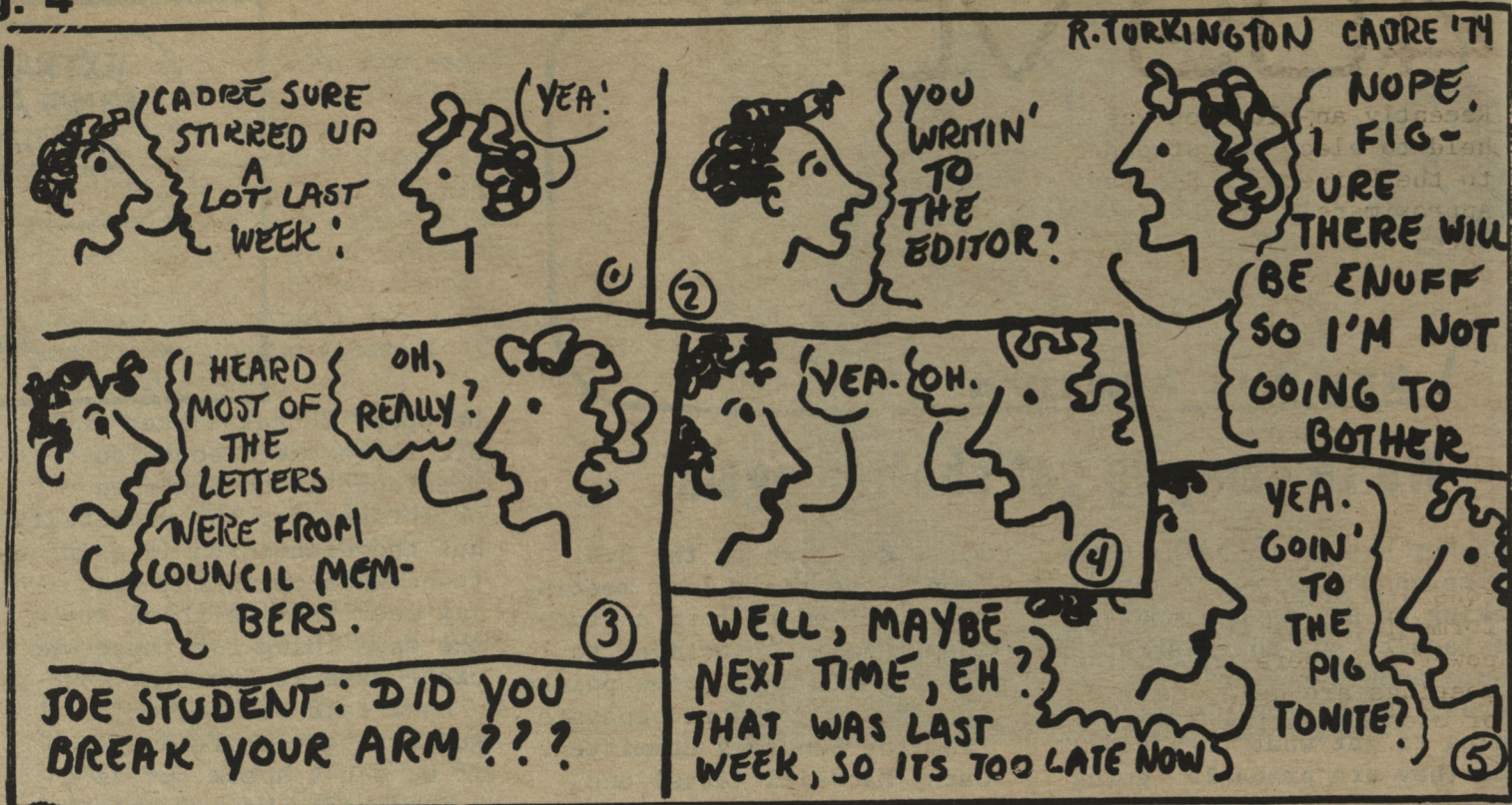
believe that a good resume can overcome five to ten per cent which could conceivably be added to their academic standing if they spent the time studying which they now spend in Student Union work?

A common complaint on campus is that everyone seems to have too much work to do. How would you feel if, in addition to carrying a full course load and looking after outside interests, you had to spend at least forty hours a week on a job where there is absolutely no gratification? The members of the executive

are human like the rest of us, and despite what some would have us believe, make no pretense to be otherwise.

I do not suggest that criticism of student union is bad, I do not believe that we should become complacent. I do believe, however, that it is time that those of you who pretend to be so concerned about student union activities begin to direct your concern towards issues rather than personalities.

Yours sincerely,
Wade MacLauchlin



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