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While I feel a little foolish devoting such space and time to the Athletic Department (AD) in the light of the fact that so much else is going on outside the AD (namely that it is becoming SOP around here that the weasels win out over their tigers, it's a new era at UPEI, the era of watch your back, cover your ass, and don't have the nerve to be an individual as was witnessed by certain events this week), I still feel that a philosophical re-organization of the AD is not only important, but mandatory should this university enter the next century with anything but a whimper. I am a graduate of this fine institution and I have the requests for donation letters (still unopened) to prove it. As an alumnus, I feel a sense of embarrassment that our hockey team is 2-17, or whatever the number is now. After graduation, when I was in Vancouver, all I could hear about UPEI was the occasional sports score. I was most pleased to hear of a Panther victory. Not because I am devoted to the AD, or to the hockey team, but to the place itself. What it meant to me (means to me) is dumbed down a little by an AD that cares less about winning than it does about image. (The desire to win is okay you know, it is not inherently evil or anything). When I returned here and saw the sorry state of the newspaper I resolved to do my best to change (and shit-eating be damned). But I cannot skate, and I have an unusually low threshold for pain, so I could be of no personal, direct help to the AD. Rather than make cynical, impotent attacks, I tried to find a way to flush out the problems, and maybe, just maybe, find some solutions. I know that the exercise is probably like playing racket ball against the curtains, but I truly believe that passion and genuine concern in, ought to net you passion and genuine concern out. The Forum took place Thursday night in our office. We had athletes from five different teams represented and they spoke for close to two hours on topics as wide ranging as their own experiences, to their feelings towards the Administration. Jim-beau Lieyeah and myself bounced questions, looked for answers, and tried to move the discussion in an area we thought important. The most interesting thing to discover was how bad the athletes want to see change not just in their own programs, but across the board. Nobody wants to lose. Change of course comes with its share of casualties, I say let the chips fall where they may (or insert your cliché here). With that I (and my man Jim-beau, of course) give you the inaugural Cadre Forum. □

