

editorial

ARE WE FOR REAL?

by vimy gregory

The recent "poverty committee" efforts should not go unnoticed nor should the average citizen retain his smugness and apathy for it. It is really only a beginning that will lead to many other areas of concern.

Degrading housing conditions not only breed mental concepts of being subjected by the "establishment" but it also leads to other areas which require related solutions. We are going to deal with only one such area.

In the metropolitan area which includes the City of Charlottetown and its adjacent suburbs, many of the young children from poorer families each year become juvenile offenders and potential delinquents. And this is not a random happening but, by and large, an inbred extension of the poverty milieu.

The parade of these young men and women through the local juvenile courts each year goes unnoticed since coverage of this area of the "meting out of justice" is excluded from the domain of the press by federal, and in some cases provincial laws.

What can be done to prevent this blight upon those already afflicted families? In simple terms, how can we move towards the alleviation of the juvenile delinquency problem?

Well, let's get real and assist in setting up "activity centres" where these young people can come for recreational activities, groups activity programs, and educational assistance and counselling. These methods and programs would go a long way by themselves in helping alleviate this blight.

How do we get this program started? How are we going to get a "community activity centre" set up?

Has anyone looked at Parkdale Hall lately? It would appear to have many of the facilities which an "activity centre" would require.

How would a group go about getting this Hall?

Well, there's the UPEISU "kitty" and there's the Comprehensive Development Plan. The latter would seem more logical since Kingsley Lenin Brown has said it is the "people's plan." And how better can we attack the social blights of this Province than to use some of the money to fight juvenile delinquency. After all, it's a very close relative to "poverty."

Are we for real? If we can't get better penal institutions, then perhaps we can help keep it empty!

The Cadre

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hello to all you bastards from the fantastic four plus one, a truly mythical lot who are imprisoned in a coney island of the mind. sing it james taylor, things aint what they used to be pain an rain and misery/illness in the family and Sunshine means a lot to me. I bows me cap to depressed dennis, disappearing dave, sick rick, jumpy jim, rumbling red, arty alec, verbose vimy, st tom aquinas, and the whole sick crew who are just knocking around the zoo on a Thursday afternoon/There's bars on all the windows and they're counting up the spoons/And if I'm feeling edgy there's a chick who's paid to be my slave/But she'll hit me with a needle if she thinks I'm trying to misbehave. We shall overcome has become we shall undergo so goodnight goodnight sleep tight and do you ever think of robert johnson?

— MAILSTROM —

Dear Sir:

I had the pleasure of devoting some time to study the articles that dealt with poverty on Prince Edward Island which were in last week's issue of your University newspaper.

I would like to congratulate Alec Burke who has taken a public stand over rent control in Charlottetown and feels that the time has now come to do something about it. As a member of the labor force in Charlottetown I have had the chance to go "apartment hunting" and I was appalled at some of the fantastic prices which were asked for rents of apartment's that were no more than shacks.

Granted, all our City landlords and landlady's are not trying to 'take' prospective tenants and present ones for a ride but I feel that the time has come to do something about those who are doing it.

We as residents of this beautiful Island should all try and do our part to bring all the places of residence here up to an average standard.

Yours Very Truly,
"Interested"

Dear Sir:

On my behalf and in the belief that there are other students who feel their right to free speech is being trampled upon, I think it is time certain persons were shown just what we students who resort to silent methods of protest think. Despite the oft-heard idea circulating through those little circles of "free thought" the majority of students here are not mindless sheep baaing at the feet of the Administration. We students are **representative** of the university community. The self-appointed heralds of the nonexistent down-trodden of this university seem to have forgotten this essential fact. Although the persons to whom I am speaking are our elected representatives, they have failed to speak for us. They also seem to have forgotten they are just that . . . elected. They are not given their office by divine right. Their voice is not one of speaking-concern for the student body but one of yelling-concern for themselves. These heralds have resorted to such tactics as circulating pamphlets which give only one view while leaving the impression the other view is not only invalid but nonexistent, and "proving" their point by engaging in irrational ridicule of valid objections.

A mention has been made several times of the strike we staged at S.D.U. in 1968. We had many valid reasons to strike, and the strike was carried out **only** after a general consensus of the student body. Where were you, Mr. Mackay, when we went on strike? I believe you were not with us at the time. I believe, Mr. Keaveny, you were not with us either at that time. Yet, you and a few other loudly-voiced students feel it your prerogative to take this strike as your own and wave it like a carrot in the faces of the rest of the student body to incite approval for your desire to "put down" the Administration.

Only when you occupy the position of having achieved **real** and **complete** representation of the **entire** student body will you free to say your comments are made with knowledge of our views. If you wish to be representative of us, begin by getting a consensus from the whole student body on all the issues you feel duty-bound to fight for. This is not done by seeing who can shout the loudest, but by a secret ballot. And remember that, so far, you are not representative of us, and until you are you will continue to sound like irrational, hurt little boys.

Theresa Campbell,
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(Editor's Note): In your letter you asked Mr. MacKay where he was during the S.D.U. strike. Well MacKay was at P.W.C. at the time, but he did get six to eight people together from P.W.C. to come out with pickets and support the strike. He also stood in the rain for two or three days. By the way would you please explain how you achieve real and complete representation from an unconcerned student body???

To the Editor:

What does the editor of The Cadre think he is doing? I never saw such a lack of thought or interest in my life. News articles are scarce and there isn't much to say about organization in the paper. Look at the office sometime. It is bare most of the time except for one person who seems to do all the work. Where is the staff? Better still, where is the editor? I tried to get him for eight days and apparently he wasn't in the office in all that time.

The organization is one of the poorest that I have seen. I know that there is a lot of work to put out a good paper but there has to be tight organization to do this. This is due to the fact that there is such little time to do things between papers. The reporters, if there is any regular ones passing in material on news event, seem to be very scarce. Did the editor get any staff?

I think it is time the editor did something about better organization in the paper office, getting more staff and having up-to-date news. Not news that happened a week ago. Take the Board of Governors meeting for example. As of Tuesday night after the meeting there wasn't any material in the office from a reporter. Want more examples?

To the editor. Well how about it???

—A Wondering Student

Dear Sir:

I would like to address my comments to those who are critical of The Cadre but not sufficiently so to take any initiative themselves.

Initially I wish to extend a note of sincere gratitude to the few people who are not afraid to speak their minds. Perhaps they do not always reflect the views of the majority, but they do feel strongly enough about specific issues to voice their opinions. It has been stated that The Cadre is not representative of U.P.E.I. I ask you this. If this statement is valid, just who is to blame? Each individual has the opportunity to write for our student newspaper. If you have a gripe—state it! Don't sit back and condemn those who do endeavour to express opinions concerning pertinent issues.

We speak of responsibility pertaining to education. Isn't education a choosing process in which one views a many-sided picture and then makes a decision relating to his own ethical values? Education must encompass more than mere book learning. To be a fully integrated human being one must be aware, concerned and open-minded. Education must be of an extended nature — i.e. extended to poverty issues, educational facilities etc. How can anyone expect to be able to relate to others if he is only cognizant of the contents of his text books.

No one is going to come up to you and say, "Please be concerned!" Personal responsibility should be inherent to the individual student. Stop and think. How many times have I blamed "the other guy", when in reality the fault lies within. Mea culpa, mea culpa mea maxima culpa.

—Marg Beamish

TO BE OR NOT TO BE AN ENGLISH MAJOR?

Dear Mr. Editor;

It was inevitable that with the creation of the new University, changes would take place.

However, the one most extraordinary thing that one would never have thought could have happened, has happened!

The English Department, which for the last two years has been the centre of student liberalism, and the backbone of any progressive undertaking, has failed us.

If the opportunity for student participation in departmental meetings had come up last year, the English Department would have been the first to open its doors. But now? All the other departments are at least talking to students about it; some even have the system working, but English alas, not a word has been heard from you.

It will seem to some that we are speaking out of ignorance and in truth to an extent we are: Because even we, English majors, can't find out what, if anything is going to happen. Majors in other Departments are being approached by their respective Departments. Why aren't we? Please English Department, consider this a pleas for an approach!

What has happened? We know some of the men who were formerly "upfront", are still around; we see them here and there; we go to their classes, but the excitement has gone. What instrument have they been bulged with? Can we help? We don't like to see what has happened, happen.

Horrors, we may even be forced to change our major!

Please English Department, COME ALIVE!!

—Disgruntled English Majors