

Mail's Our Bag Continued

Sure he had his PhD, but he realized that this was only the theoretical concept of his chosen field. This professor told us that his understanding was continually broadening through research and DISCUSSION.

Come-on profs!!! LETS SHARE THIS LEARNING EXPERIENCE.

A Student Who Has Gained Conscience

Chuck DesRoche

P.S. The methods of a few professors are different. They have a greater consideration for the individual who really has a desire to learn.

Dear Mutt and Jeff MacDonald;

I am writing this letter in response to your article in the last edition of the Cadre. Is it not ironic that you should be the sick one and not myself. For you to twist and distort the whole incident in the way you did; shows how

much your minds must be warped.

For even the Cadre to think of printing such a distorted article reflects how ill the Cadre staff must be. In the future I would recommend that you report the "facts" and not the fantasy of a sick mind.

Yours Truly
Matt Cutt.

Dear Sir;

Colleen Warren's letter (Cadre, Feb.25) about term papers and essays withheld by professors rather than returned to students points to a dilemma that has concerned me for years.

Obviously these papers ought to be returned, because an important part of the educational value of doing them is obtaining the teacher's comments and corrections as feedback.

On the other hand, undeniably we do have a seri-

ous plagiarism problem at this university. (So, for that matter, do McGill and Harvard.)

In one course I gave recently, about 25% of the term papers appeared to be plagiarized. Much of my time was spent not--as it should have been --in reviewing the honest work of serious students, but in trying to detect cases of plagiarism by freeloaders out for an easy grade.

In two or three of these cases, I was morally certain though I could not prove--that one of the "research services" that advertises in the press had furnished the "term papers"

There are, of course, various tactics professors can utilize to fight plagiarism. One is to employ oral interviews for evaluation instead of written papers. I have found this quite an effective technique. Another is to ask students to type duplicate

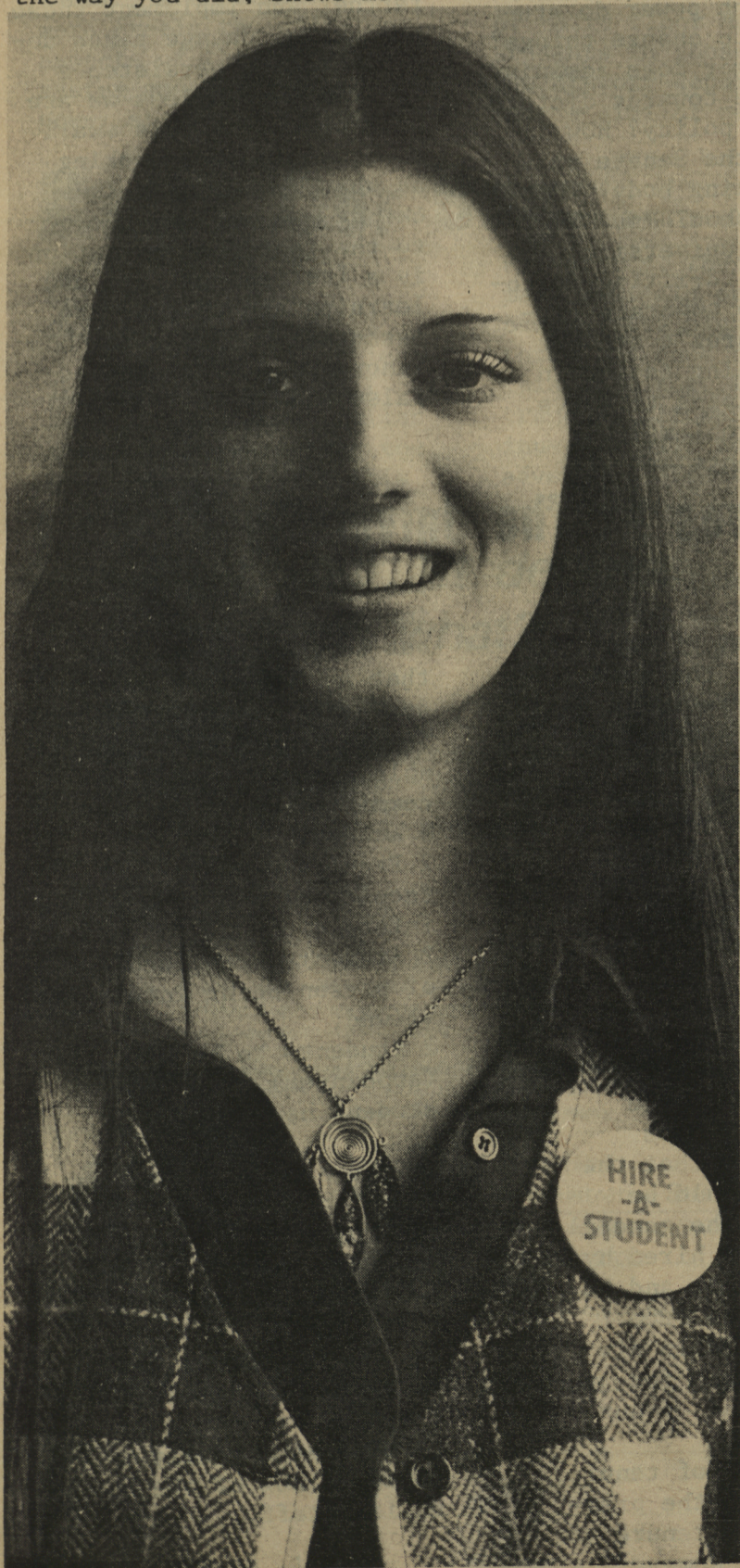
copies of a paper and submit both copies. One copy is kept in the professors file, the other is returned with comments, to the student.

Miss Warren's suggestion that professors may plagiarize students' written work is not without foundation. I certainly happens at some graduate schools, usually with the plagiarized student's knowledge and more or less cheerful acquiescence. Some very eminent scholars in a number of academic disciplines have published books, several chapters of which were originally graduate students' seminar papers.

I don't think there is much, if any, of this a UP-EI, for the simple reason that few undergraduate papers are of the quality a professor could use in a published book or article. When professors plagiarize for lectures--as unfortunately they sometimes do--they usually resort to a textbook other than the one assigned to their students.

Student--and probably professorial--plagiarism would disappear like snow in May if the morally corrupting grading system used at this and

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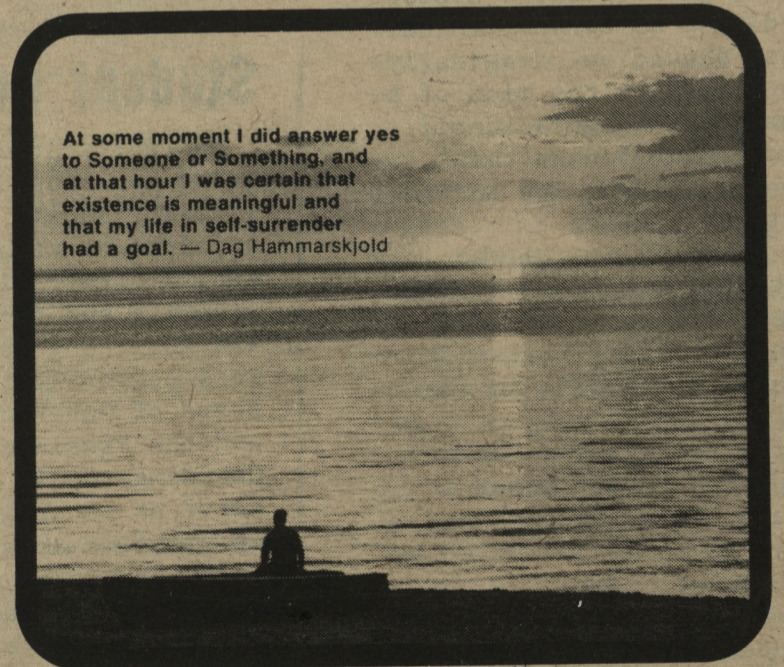


YOU DON'T HAVE TO MAKE A CAREER OUT OF A SUMMER JOB.

Once upon a time there was a student who selected herself out of a summer job. (Oh no, we're not just picking on girls. We've seen guys do it, too.) She wanted to be an architect, this kid. So she held out for a job that had something to do with architecture. None came along that year, and by the time she decided to settle for something else, it was too late. All the jobs were gone. So was her first year's tuition.

Moral: Don't hold out for the impossible dream.

Who knows. Your Canada Manpower Centre might introduce you to a whole new field. Maybe you'll like your summer job so much you'll want to make a career out of it someday.



At some moment I did answer yes to Someone or Something, and at that hour I was certain that existence is meaningful and that my life in self-surrender had a goal. — Dag Hammarskjöld

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