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CAPITAL BEAT

UPEI'S 'CADRE' does it spell smut and trash?

By EARLE ARSENAULT

November 11, is a significant day in the history of the world. Censorship is a topic which is getting much press lately. Profanity is another matter which disturbs some people. When you put this all together it comes out "CADRE", the UPEI student's newspaper.

A number of matters about the CADRE were brought to our attention by an individual who takes offence to the CADRE's slogan "Covers UPEI like the goddamn snow" as well as to the entire back page which depicts Walt Disney Characters engaged in various sex acts as part of a poster coloring contest.

Not only would one take offence to these and other items in the newspaper but the date the paper was published was November 11th, the date everyone remembers those who gave their lives so we could live in a free country. What sort of freedom do we enjoy? Apparently the students responsible for this paper feel the freedom we enjoy is freedom to print smut and trash.

Generally speaking the CADRE in this issue at least, is an embarrassment to anyone in the newspaper

business, should be a real slap in the face to the University President unless he condones such irresponsible actions, and it makes one wonder how responsible students, or so-called responsible young men and women attending university, are.

Granted the whole student population was not involved in the publication of this issue and no doubt there are students who were offended by the paper.

What about the parents of those attending University and we don't necessarily mean the parents of the young adults (over age 18) but the parents of the minor attending...oh, well, maybe parents don't count anymore once you get to university...or do they?

Let's look at another item which appeared on page one under the heading "Key Discusses UPEI Community Relations". The article quotes Derek Key, president of the Students Union as having said over a CBCT Compass program that he felt there was "an alienation between UPEI students and the community." He stated, according to the article, a need to bring students into the community

and the community into university affairs.

Fine and dandy but how, we ask ourself, does Mr. Key expect to get the community and students more involved when irresponsible students through the publication of garbage and smut cast a shadow on the integrity of the rest of the student population?

This isn't the first time the CADRE has over-stepped its limits and we have been informed that copies of this particular issue will be going to the office of the Premier and Minister of Justice, to the leader of the opposition and, photostat copies similar to the one we received, which we checked against the actual newspaper to ensure its validity, will likely be going to many people connected with the university.

It will be interesting to see

whether or not the slogan on the paper will be changed for the next edition and we would almost bet that the smutty cartoon won't appear again and we would almost bet some people might take this column this week as a joke...well it's not meant to be.

We are opposed to the idea of censorship but when we see and read smut like what we saw and read in the November 11th issue of the CADRE we can well see when the proponents of censorship are concerned. Such irresponsible journalism is without a doubt in very poor taste and makes one question what makes some university students tick today.

It would appear toes need stepping on by someone and those in authority had better get with it.



Is this offensive or funny to you? Does it matter?

THE DEFENCE

Dear Journal-Pioneer :

We would like to address this to Earle Arsenault, in reference to his 'Capital Beat' column of Thursday, November 25, titled : " U. P. E. I.'s 'Cadre'.... does it spell smut and trash ?"

We naturally take exception to everything you say, Mr. Arsenault, and are hoping you will keep an open mind to all of our arguments.

First of all, we do not wish to change your taste, for we respect your taste as much as we hope you will respect ours, even if you do not agree with it.

In other words the Cadre, for you, may really 'spell smut and trash' but for another individual it will no doubt mean something entirely different. To be offended by something is obviously the choice of the individual and realistically, an individual could be offended by anything, no matter how trivial. This is why censorship is meaningless, at best it only forces the opinions of the majority on a minority.

As per censorship protecting children, we would suggest only this : if parents and adults showed some respect for their children, they might get some respect in return. That suggestion will probably require some thinking.

In other words, Mr. Arsenault, please keep your opinions clearly in the first person.

We will now defer our editorial policy specifically. The Disney cartoon was printed for its humorous value in making fun of sex and the missing parts of the famous Disney characters. Needless to say, many people did find it funny; hopefully those who didn't ignored it.

The 'goddamn snow' is, whether you believe it or not, how many people refer to the first snow of the year. This also seemed funny to us, but that is irrelevant.

November 11 can, if one so desires, be a day of remembrance and thought. We think of wars and the stupidity of them. And see a valid point for ignoring a day which honours those who fought in a war. On the other hand, they had a just cause and many believed in what they were doing. Regardless, one day does not constitute a censor.

U. P. E. I.'s President obviously offers us no support and for that we are happy. Within U. P. E. I.'s present structure, to be associated with the president is certainly no status symbol.

As far as abuse of rights and freedom is concerned; simply put : freedom is freedom and can only be abused by controlling the freedom of someone else.

To conclude; we are sorry if any of the content of our newspaper is offensive to anyone but hope that these individuals will keep their minds open to considering the tastes of other individuals.

Mr. Arsenault, we appreciate your interest in our newspaper but wish it involved a more sincere week-to-week interest. We hope you will look through the paper for articles that suit your tastes while ignoring those that do not; at the same time keeping in mind the intended value of each article. In the hope that this will instigate some really worthwhile discussion ;

Yours sincerely,
The Cadre Staff

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Letters to the Editor

SMUT IN CADRE

Sir:
I certainly do not condone some of the things that appear in the Cadre anymore. I imagine, than you, Sir, or Mr. Arsenault condone some of the advertisements you print for films in Summerside. I notice in the issue containing the attack on the Cadre an advertisement for "Inserts" describing it as "a degenerate film, with dignity."

Unfortunately, we now live in a society in which pornography is common in the most respectable stores, and everywhere one can find books and magazines that make even the worst Cadre kindergarten smut.

I am frequently ashamed of some of the things in the Cadre, but I believe firmly that university students, the vast majority of whom are legally adults, should enjoy — even if they abuse them — the same rights as all citizens. I believe that they have the right to collect student union fees and use those fees to finance a newspaper. I believe that they have the right to edit it as they want, subject to the same laws as everyone else. And I believe, sadly, that they have the same right to act childishly as other people.

Having said that, I must also say that I receive more criticism of the Cadre from students than from everyone else put together, and that I firmly believe that the vast majority of our students are responsible and mature. But it is their newspaper, and I think that they must be responsible for it, and they must expect the kind of criticism given by Mr. Arsenault, which on the whole I felt was fully justified. But then, Mr. Arsenault, student newspapers have always done silly things and printed smut, as I can see from some old press clippings I have from before the days of UPEI.

R.J. BAKER
President
University of P.E.I.

Morgentaler

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Therefore, we, the undersigned demand:

- that all further charges pending against Drs. Henry Morgentaler, Robert Tanguay, Yvan Machabee and nurse, Johanne Cornax and other medical personnel be dropped

- that the Canadian abortion law be repealed;

- that provincial governments establish comprehensive birth control clinics in all regions where all people would have unrestricted access to contraceptive information and supplies, and to safe, medical abortions completely covered by medicare.