


# The Cadre



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## Editorial 12: ...And Now It's Too Late

For the second time this school year I'm writing an editorial in my head. It's cold outside. Very cold. And I find myself dreading the moment that I will have to step out into the winter chill and actually get something accomplished.

That seems to be the feeling in the air. The cold weather has arrived, and it has slowly, but surely, started to – literally – suck the life out of me. It's become too easy to miss classes. Too easy to avoid confrontation. And too easy to stop paying attention to the world around me.

It's like that dream I used to have when I was a kid. I'm swimming, only a few feet from shore. It's a beautiful day and I can feel the sun's warmth shining down on my back. I take a deep breath, kick towards the sky, and dive for the sea-bed below.

As I rise to the surface I am horrified to see that I've entered a riptide, or an area of strong current, and have been carried into deeper water. I struggle to claw my way back to the shore, but am unable to do so. I've failed to pay attention to my surroundings and now it's too late. I'm in way over my head and

there's no turning back.

I find myself in a similar situation now – as I begin to jot this editorial on the page. It's a situation I see other students falling into when I look around the library, the concourse, and The Wave. We've only been back at school for a few weeks, but the unfriendly weather, the added workload, and the lack of urgency that appears this early in the year has caused me, and others, to fall behind.

It's important to pay attention to what's happening around you. This is certainly not a new piece of advice. It's one that we've all heard many times before. But in the context of student life, it's a lesson that is too often learned too late.

This semester be sure to pay attention to what matters – your schoolwork, your relationships with others, and your place in the world around you. It's important to pay attention to all these things so we don't have to say, "Now it's too late."

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