Joe Clark still likes who?

by Don Truckey

A former *Gateway* editor was own over the weekend.

And he hasn't forgotten the days when he got a toe-hold a journalism career by slugg- away on the U of A student wspaper.

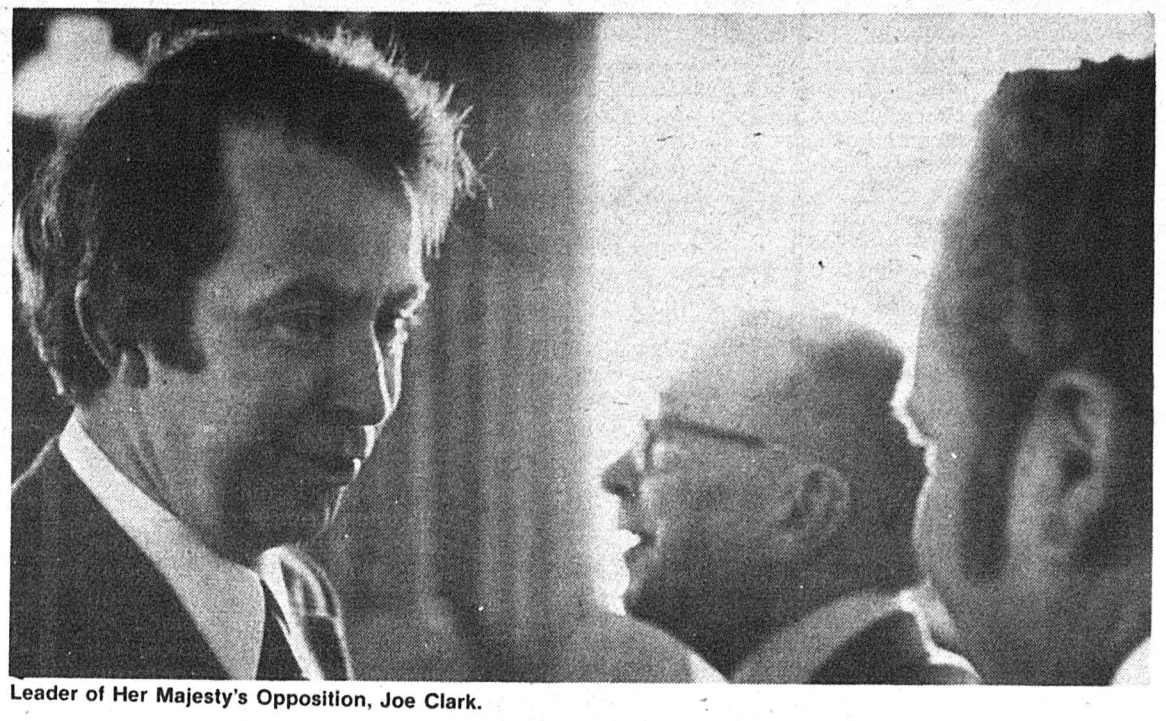
Joe Clark didn't pursue that eer in journalism further than w summer jobs in Edmonton Calgary but the national servative party leader still ps the memory of his days on *Gateway* — and keeps it ngly enough to wedge an romptu interview Saturday ween a constant stream of t-the-people sessions as part the provincial PC annual ting at the Mac Hotel.

"You're not going to believe s," I told the trim young men shalling and ushering the ups of people in to see Clark. t I'd like to interview Mr. rk. I'm from the *Gateway* — U of A newspaper? Mr. Clark d to work for the *Gateway*. I an, it used to work for him — was the editor."

"Oh yes, of course, the *eway*," they said, coiling in und themselves, recalling, I pose, press clippings cir- ating after the leadership ference: "Joe Clark, one-time dent newspaper editor..."

"Sure," they said, "we'll try to k you in. Check back at, say, 0,"

And at 3:20, after languishing he murky backwash hallway ding to Clark's suite (with a wd that calls him not Clark, or Clark, or even Joe Clark — Joe) I am hurriedly led through the crowd and presented, one *Gateway* staffer to another, to Joe Clark.



Leader of Her Majesty's Opposition, Joe Clark.

"Ah...the *Gateway*," Clark says. What cruelty, I think, badgering a man with memories! It seemed akin to bringing up the subject of old girlfriends at a wedding.

He stands in the centre of the room, hands on hips, flanked by two humorless-looking types, who also happened to be big. Ohmigod, I think, this side-pack of mine must look like it could hold a bomb big enough...

"And how are you?" Clark asks, extending his hand.

"Quite fine, thanks. And thanks for letting me see you."

"Not at all. And what part of the country are you from?"

"A little town north of here. Westlock?"

"Oh yes, Westlock. Know it well."

"You do? Oh, pardon me. I keep forgetting you're from Alberta."

He laughs. Even the big humorless guys laugh.

"I mean, all the press releases always say: "Joe Clark said in Ottawa today..."

They laugh some more. Clark, I think, must be getting used to TV. His whole personality emanates from his head, from where the cameras will centre in. The rest of him sees somehow accessory, maybe even a liability on the image. He's almost a Jimmy Stewart sort of tall, but never seems tall on TV or in pictures. And he's careful. He even laughs carefully.

We get into some careful banter about the paper.

"There was an old black typewriter," he says, "that I used to write the editorials — you have electrics now I suppose?"

"Well the news desk has an electric, but then there's a field of middling ones and then this old clunker that must weigh 50 pounds, and, right, Gillese used to write his editorials on it."

"Could well be the same one."

"Perhaps." And we muse for an instant on the possible link — maybe because it seems the only one left between Clark the editor and Clark the national leader. Bodyguards. Isolated hotel rooms. I remind myself not to put my hand in the side-pack.

"We used to lose the Southam Award to the University of Western Ontario *Gazette*," Clark says. "Is there still a Southam award?"

"Not that I'm aware of."

"And CUP...?"

"CUP is gone I think," one of the aides interjects.

"No, CUP (Canadian University Press) is still around," I counter quickly, "though they're as garbled as ever. Trying to set up a national news exchange."

Clark nods as if to say "interesting.." and I wonder if he knows about CUP — something of a socialist news organization.

"A few pictures?" I say. "This old Pentax was probably around in your day..."

Clark laughs again and the next group of faithful are already on their way into the room. I sit down and crank off three frames - and the rustic old Pentax jams.

"We want to discuss what we're doing wrong, not what we're doing right, that we don't have to worry about," Clark tells the party organizers from Peace River. He glances at me and says: "And I'll have to ask you to leave in a minute."

"Of course," I say, trying to grind the advance lever on the camera through just one more turn. No luck.

"There are many things we could discuss..."

I get up and, vowing to deliver the camera to the nearest toilet, begin to leave.

"Good luck with the *Gateway*," Clark calls over his shoulder.

"And good luck to you," I say, making it to the hallway before realizing it must have sounded like a personal shot — coming on the tail of the latest Gallup polls.

HUB changes delayed

Fire safety improvements in B, expected to be im- mented two weeks ago, have n delayed.

Smoke detectors have not been installed; HUB Manager y Durrant said in a phone rview Monday the university inistration was uncertain much money to pay for what e of detector.

Durrant said the only change HUB fire safety regulations far has been installation of dles on nearly three-quarters he 400 emergency kick-out doors between apartments.

Further changes will be made after the fire marshal and the department of physical plant make final recommendations.

Durrant expected they would include a more powerful pump for the building's emergency hose system, half-inch hoses (instead of ¾") and stem pipes.

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LONDON, ONT. (CUP) - The tario government is fostering acist attitude towards foreign dents, according to Liberal eges and universities critic n Sweeney.

He said the majority of peo- who support the differential for visa students in Ontario misinformed. The govern- nt has not been fair, Sweeney d at the University of Western tario March 10, and allows the blic to "think the universities flooded with foreign dents."

"There is a subtle form of sm in some communities in province," he said. "Un- sciously and indirectly, the ernment of Ontario is feeding fueling this feeling of sm."

Ontario students will be ed to pay a fee differential en they study abroad because the government's policy, eney said. Austria and aii have already announced intention to take such ac-

He suggested a reciprocity ement with other countries ld be a better way to deal with fees question.

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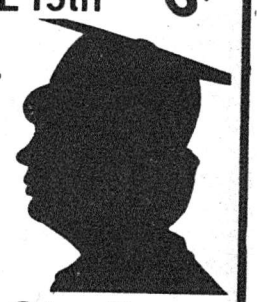

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