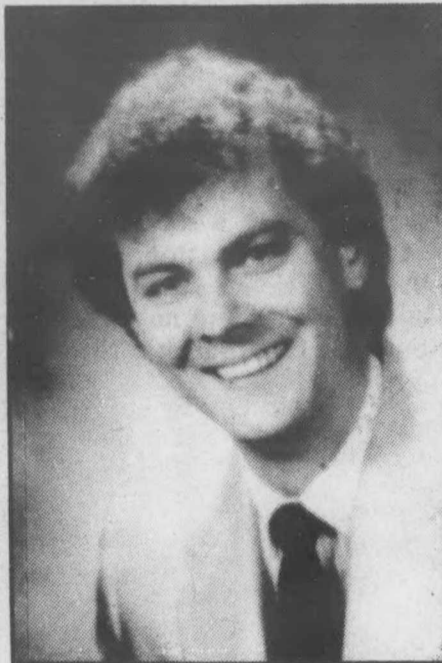


# Making Your Decisions

## Brad Woodside Running for Liberal Party



**Brad Woodside**

By NUJMA YAQZAN

What are Mr. Woodside's reasons for desiring to run in this federal election? "One of the things concerning me greatly is the Free Trade issue." And, he says, "I would like to see us solve the problem of the Trans Canada highway and its upgrading." Also looking at the past four years with the Prime Minister and seeing the "scandals that have taken place, the broken promises, the flip flops in policy, including Free Trade," annoyed him.

One of Mr. Woodside's major goals is the environment and its related problems. He believes we are "environmentally raping the planet." He says "we'd better start having more than just lip service, and start taking action because we are in a serious situation which is going to get worse; and maybe our kids won't even have a planet to live on. This (issue) is very important to me." He points out that we will actually be spending less money if we clean up the environment now instead of waiting, and that we have to 'get tough' with the businesses that are aggravating the problems.

Mr. Woodside adds that another thing he wants to do is "maintain accessibility to the people I represent. I have always been that way. I am a people politician." He notes that this fact is probably "my biggest selling point."

He also does not want to follow the crowd: "I like to consider myself not like the mainstream politician. I have different philosophies and different views." He mentions that entering into party politics is a difficult step. "There are some things I support, but some that I can't; and I am not

going to be a puppet for anybody. I can't stand up and be counted like sheep."

The present summer Challenge program has been criticized as not providing students with sufficient funding for their university tuition. What kind of system would be fairer? "Being a member of the Board of Governors of UNB, I have to deal with tuition, and I appreciate what it costs the student. I understand the legitimate concerns students have. But what is fair to me is not necessarily what is right for the students. I can't sit here with pat answers and promises. We're getting a barrage (from other politicians) and a lot of it is nothing more than propaganda." To deal with this issue, Mr. Woodside believes in the importance of dialogue and discussion in order to then take action to resolve the problem.

Student Aid is another issue, and in response to the fact that many students have high debts upon graduation, Mr. Woodside says: "I think there is a problem with the ratio between the federal and provincial governments when they provide bursaries and loans. It seems very unfortunate to me that someone would go through the trouble of trying to get an education or a degree and have that burden on them when they graduate."

In Quebec, a student needs to have a minimum loan of \$800 before being eligible for a bursary, while in NB, the minimum loan required is \$2500. "We have to look at consistency. The federal and provincial governments need to get together with (representatives from) higher education to make the system fair and consistent."

When the federal government allocates funding to the Health Care system and Higher Education in this province, the Health Care system gets its complete share but Higher Education usually does not.

"In all fairness," Mr. Woodside states, "if money is allocated for higher education, it should be spent on higher education. There needs to be something more binding in terms of a contract." A contract between the federal and provincial governments would ensure that funds are not diverted into other areas.

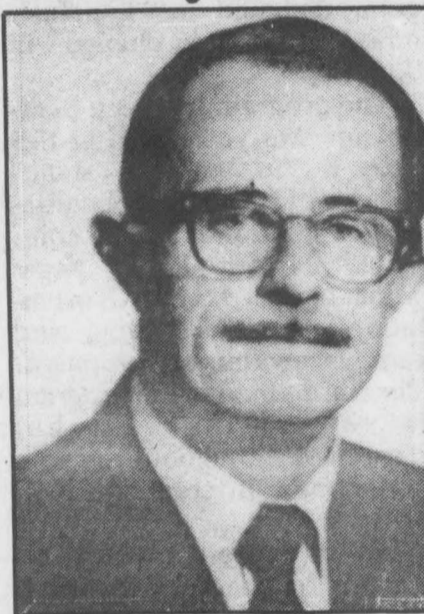
Mr. Woodside does not approve of differential fees for international students. He believes that "we lose and they

lose." They lose in terms of education and we lose in terms of being able to "learn from other countries and cultures what you can't get from a book." He believes that tuition fees in general need to reach "a better proportionate level to make it easier (to get an education) especially for those who can't afford it."

Mr. Woodside is completely against the proposed 20% tax reform: "the whole tax reform has been a joke," he says. "It would have a serious impact on the economy of this country and would affect a lot of people, including students." His confidence is high. "I'm very confident and very positive. I'm selling myself as the kind of representative people would like to have dealing with all

The measure of confidence Mr. Woodside has in this election. I am also selling accessibility which I think is important. I find it refreshing that more and more voters are looking at candidates and what they're made of rather than only the party. When I assess myself and my record of service, it puts me in a good position to win this election."

## Harry Marshall, Independent Candidate



**Harry Marshall**

By ANN POND

Harry Marshall is running as an Independent Candidate in the federal election because, as he says, "It is the belief of many people, including myself, that 'Canada is in Chaos'."

The reason for this, he claims, is that "the programs of the Conservative and Liberal Parties just do not work."

Mr. Marshall has offered himself as a candidate in every federal, provincial and municipal election in past years. In his platform he has outlined his views on several issues. Of the free trade deal, he says "I am against it because it will not be free at all. It will cost us jobs and Canada, as we know it today. We have what America wants: natural resources; and by the method of takeovers, America will own them, then pillage them for the

benefit of America. Also, if this deal is signed, a great many of our manufacturing concerns will be lured south to warmer climates and low wages."

Speaking of environmental concerns, Mr. Marshall again places the blame for serious pollution problems on past Canadian governments formed by the Conservatives and the Liberals. He says "It seems to me that our politicians are 'in the pockets' of the big companies and corporations." He offers a solution: "Tax dollars are used to clean up all pollution, and to make industry pollution free. When finished, the cost is calculated and this will be treated as a loan with an interest rate of 15%. The company will then have to pay 25% of its annual profits to the government until this loan has been repaid."

As Mr. Marshall sees it, one of the most important national issues is what he calls "our shameful debt". According to his figures, every man, woman and child carries a debt of \$10,815 as their share of the

national deficit. Again he blames the current and past federal governments for "spending our money like it is going out of style." To cure this ill, if elected he would stop giving grants but tax the wealthy and big corporations. He would also impose price and/or profit control.

Mr. Marshall says that education must be placed under federal jurisdiction so that students across Canada are all at the same standard. "If this were the case, financing for post-secondary education across Canada would be more evenly spread to all income groups. More scholarships should be available for low income high school graduates who wish to further their education."

On his personal qualifications, Mr. Marshall says "I like to believe that I am honest, straightforward and truthful and indeed have been told that I am. It has been said that I am in fact too honest to ever get elected. I refuse to change from what I am proud to be."

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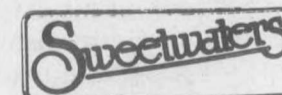
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