

Them that rule make the rules

ONE LAST WORD ABOUT the civic election and then we promise to leave you alone.

Right after the provincial election of November, 1984, the NDP started feeling pretty uppity. They had just elected two more members to the legislature and had placed second or first in all the provincial ridings in Halifax.

Things don't go too well for the NDP most of the time, so when all this happened, they got a little carried away.

"Look," they said. "We've got momentum. People are finally seeing the light. Let's capitalize on it. Let's run a slate of candidates in the next civic election!"

Enter the voice of Public Opinion. "No!" said the Voice. "We don't want party politics intruding on civic politics. We want our municipal candidates independent and non-partisan."

"Alright, already," said the NDP. "Forget we even mentioned it." And the non-partisan virginity of civic politics was preserved.

Ten months later. Enter Ron Cromwell, incumbent aldermanic candidate for Ward Two.

Cromwell has a problem. It's

now civic election time, and he's facing the challenge of his career from one Brenda Shannon. The word on the street is that Cromwell may do down.

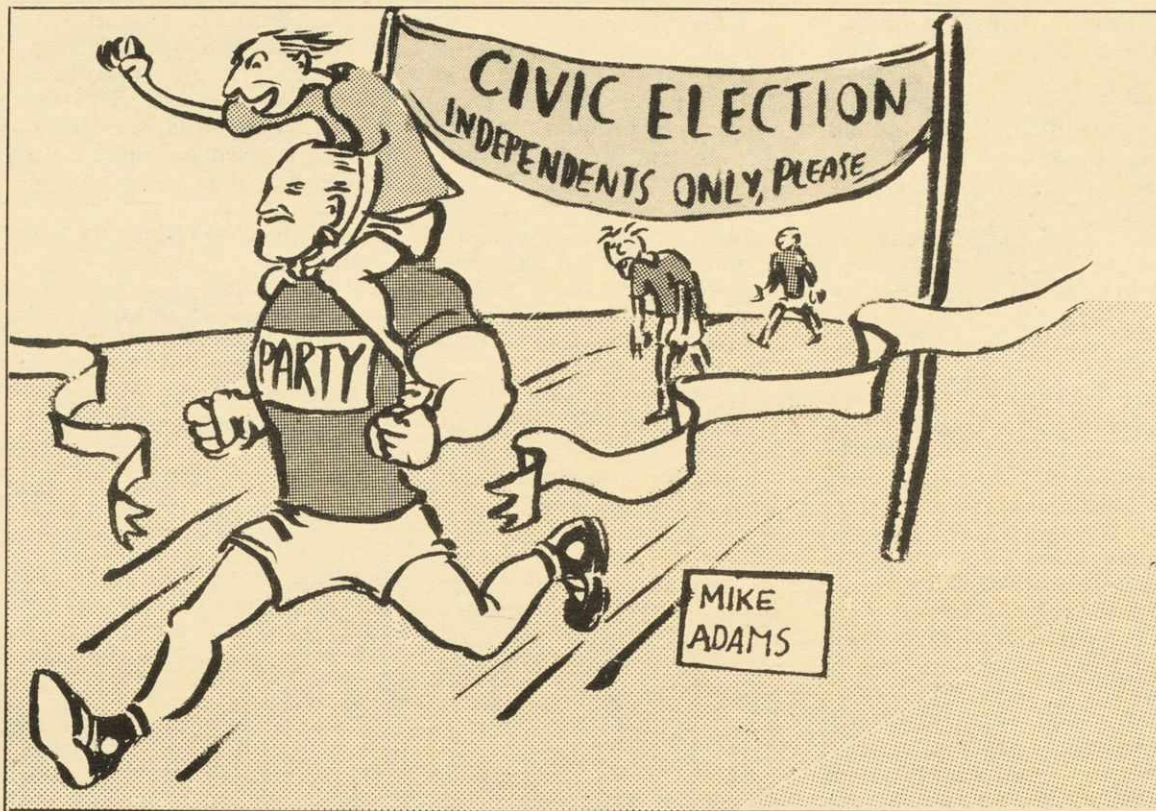
Guess what happens? Just before election day, Cromwell and his workers start handing out copies of a letter to the voters of Ward Two. The letter is from Terry Donahoe, minister of education in the Progressive Conservative government of Nova Scotia, and it says what a great guy Ron Cromwell is, and how the people of the ward should really vote for him instead of Shannon.

Donahoe's seat of Halifax Cornwallis just happens to take in most of Ward Two.

And on election day Cromwell managed to hold his seat by less than 200 votes.

Would it be too cynical of us to say there seems to be two sets of rules at work here? One set for the PCs, who happen to be in power, and one for the NDP, who are not?

The sooner we forget this crap about non-partisan civic politics, the better.



It is a big deal

A MAN FLASHED HIMSELF to a woman on Dalhousie campus. Reaction? "I think it's funny. What's the big deal? Oh, it's just some wierdo."

Sure, it's real hilarious when you are alone, it's dark outside, and you don't know if this "weirdo" will follow you or not. No big deal. Wrong.

Jane, having experienced this type of incident in the Killam Library, felt vulnerable

and helpless and it made her angry that she was put into such a position. Who was he to intimidate her into getting up and leaving him to his own devices?

Maybe he would continue to do this to other women and girls in your neighbourhood; or follow his victims to molest or rape them? Jane decided to take action by denying him the opportunity of doing anything to limit her freedom.

Jane reported the man, and he was detained by the police. Bravo Jane! Whenever a man is caught, it deters other such men from continuing their activities. But you can't get caught if you are not reported.

It is important that men and women are made aware of this type of incident and the full implications. The more flashers are reported to security and the press, the less we have to be victimized.

Letters

Where's the neglect?

To the editors,

"Let's Cover the Campus," read the headline on a letter from an irate reader last week. Apparently the *Gazette* "has almost

entirely ignored the political scene on campus."

"Gotcha!" I thought. I'm a member of the Publications Board of the *Gazette*, and this is my chance to whip those independent-minded editors into line. I'll skim some recent issues and, remembering that the first

three or four articles printed are the most important, I'll document the *Gazette's* woeful

neglect of campus politics.

17 Oct: one article about Manitoba students pulling out of CFS; but the other two articles concentrate on political issues that involve our administration and the DSU.

10 Oct: one article about civic election; three articles about campus political issues.

26 Sept: one article about Nicaragua; one about the rescue of the Law Library; one about the DSU and the administration of security on campus.

19 Sept: one article about Acadia; three about campus issues with special focus on the political aspects.

12 Sept: Bu why go on? The bottom line seems to be

that the *Gazette* devotes roughly two-thirds of its prime space to reporting on campus political issues, i.e., current decisions that affect all of us and which students ought to know about so that they can act to share in the decisions. The remaining third is devoted to issues off campus that bear directly on student affairs or that involve students.

The complaint was that the *Gazette* "has failed to tell us anything about it (i.e., the DSU)." And the complaint is, literally, nonsense.

At the next meeting of the Publications Board I am going to suggest that no one be allowed to write a letter to the editor unless they first give evidence that they

can read as well as write.

Tom Sinclair-Faulkner

Pro-life uses shock tactics

To the editors,

On Wednesday, Oct 23 I lost my respect for a particular "Pro-Life" organization. The group calls itself "Christians Concerned for Life."

This is my second year living in Howe Hall, Dalhousie's men's residence. I sat down to a great roast beef dinner Wednesday evening, only to be confronted

snow patrol

OUT ON THE ARCTIC ICE CAP, JAKE AND SCOTT CONTINUE THE DEMARCATION OF CANADA'S NORTHERN FRONTIER...

BY MY RECKONING WE'VE REACHED THE NORTH POLE / JAKE.

OVER 1000 MILES ACROSS THE ICE PLANTING FLAGS IN A WHITEOUT AND WE DID IT!

JINGLE JINGLE.

DID YOU HEAR THAT? IS ANYONE ELSE SUPPOSED TO BE UP HERE?

NO. AND IF IT'S A FOREIGN NATIONAL, I'M GOING TO RUN HIS BUNS OFF CANADIAN ICE!

HO HO HO!

WELL?

HE CAN STAY.

Joel