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**Mugwump  
Journal**

By RICK FISHER

The provincial election goes on and on with not much new to surprise anybody.

Nominations close on November 4 and at that time a clear picture of the battle will develop. Also then all of the platforms will be outlined so that we will be able to examine them totally, rather than in bits and pieces as they are announced here and there.

There is one strategy that really surprises me. The Liberals have been running a very quiet campaign. They have put forward very little in the way of an alternative to the Hatfield government. Maybe this is their strategy or all this will change I'm not sure but if I had to evaluate all the parties, four rounds would go to the P.C.'s and one would be a draw between the P.C.'s and Liberals. That happened in the second round when they both announced the same thing, the reduction in provincial property taxes.

Next week we will go over the issues and people running. Of all those nominated, there is at least one I would like to see elected.

In Newfoundland they were looking for a leader to replace Ed Roberts and in the end he was re-elected, but it wasn't as easy as that. In the process he had to abate the Joey Smallwood tide, Joey being the ex-Premier of that province and also the only living father of Confederation.

Joey Smallwood has been one of Canada's great politicians and I have a lot of respect for him, but I believe that he should have basked in his senior statesman's role rather than try to relive past glories.

I believe Jack Pickersgill was right in saying Joey's time has past. Joey turned this around by saying Jack was ingracious for his political start. This, however, was sheer emotionalism on Joey's part to confuse the facts. Despite what he might have "owed" Joey, he is still entitled to an opinion and I think he was correct.

I heard an interesting story about what was expected to be going on in Newfoundland fifty years from you in 2024.

These two guys are talking and one says to the other: "Hey I hear Joey's coming again."

"Aw that's nuthin' new."

"Ya but I also hear he's pissed off."

Ed Roberts had done a lot over the past few years to re-build a party left in shambles after Joey's defeat, and I am sure he deserves the win.

I was in Antigonish last weekend and we went out for a pizza. While we were waiting we were kidding among ourselves about the place being owned by the Mafia. Then a member of the RCMP came in and asked for his pizza and wanted to pay and the girl said there is no charge for the RCMP. I wonder why they get free pizza.

They held the fall leadership conference and out of that came a few good suggestions. I think the best of the lot was the suggestion that the Dean of Students move up into the Student Union Building. There wouldn't be a bad reason for this move from the student's view point.

I heard it suggested that he move into the second floor office wing but I think this is a little too close to the SRC because in my opinion there will be a tendency to just pop next door with their problems. That's not what a Dean of Students is for. I think an office on the first floor would be better. Then he could give news scoops to The Brunswickan.

Incidentally, The Brunswickan is breaking in another rookie writer. He is a little more experienced than most and could have a successful career if he pursued it. Check "From Where I Sit" written by Dean of Students Barry Thompson.

A little bit of joy came to my heart when I heard that Muhammed Ali won the heavyweight title back again. Over the years I have gained more and more respect for the man. He has stood up for his beliefs when they were unpopular and now he has proved he is the greatest heavyweight champion of them all with his victory over George Foreman.

Even if he does retire in the next few months he came back for the big test and won and you know, I don't even think he was an underdog.

Richard Nixon continues to make the headlines. He is one man that I really don't like and haven't since he ran against Kennedy many years ago.

I think he just missed his chance to become great, but I am not sure which of the umteen crises it was that held him back. In his latest I have no sympathy for him.

Now that we have solved the problem of the used car, would you buy a slightly used palatial California estate?

## Forester upset with Bruns

Dear Editor:

This letter is in reference to the article "Foresters vs. Brunswickan", which appeared in last week's edition. I am extremely happy that this issue has been brought to light.

The Brunswickan refused to cover Forestry Week - particularly the Queen Contest - on the grounds that, 1) it is against their policy, 2) if they did it for one faculty they would have to do it for every faculty, and, 3) they have a thing against Beauty Contests. Well isn't that nice - Canada's Oldest Official Student Publication refusing to cover a legitimate student activity involving a whole faculty. However, I was told that it was possible for us to take out an ad; that we could put in it whatever we wanted; and that the SRC would foot the bill. We requested a full page ad, and the Bruns sent a photographer to the Queen's Social. You saw the results. It got squeezed into a half page with reduced pictures, writing turned sideways, and everything crowded together. Yet in the same issue, the UNB Sport Parachute Club with 15 - 20 active members, got a 2 page spread, and in other issues, things like a flag football game between Bruns and CHSR received front page coverage!

I asked the Bruns to witness the crowning of the Forestry Queen. They refused. Yet the Gleaner and University Perspectives were both there.

I asked the Bruns to cover the Inter-Collegiate Woodsmen's Competition. I was told that they would send a photographer but that we would have to submit our own write-up. UNB is famous for its Forestry Faculty. The Bruns is an ideal medium for promoting Forestry spirit and publicizing activities. Thank-you, Brunswickan Student Newspaper, for nothing.

Tom Benjamin, managing editor, and Miss Susan Manzer, editor-in-chief, have indicated (as pointed out in Gowan's article) that they would rather not work for the paper if someone else sets editorial policy they do not agree with. The Brunswickan is not a student newspaper. It is a private paper for the interests and purposes of those who run it.

Allow me to remind you people that approx. \$4.00 of every student's SRC fees goes to the Bruns. We Foresters number approx. 300. That's \$1200.00 of our money you've got yet we are apparently undeserving of even one full page for the academic year to cover our week and it's activities. We are students. You are a student newspaper. A good newspaper appeals to it's readers. I would like you to tell me, Miss Manzer, Miss Westman, etc., why you shouldn't cover our activities - you may find that people will start reading what most now consider a trashy paper that has no appeal.

What about the Engineers? What about the Nurses? What about the Residences? What about all these student groups you won't represent because it is against your policy? I would like to see you print just exactly what your policy is; I

would like to see your comments on these points I've brought up; I would like to see you people come down off you self-made cloud of power and join the students; and most of all, I would like to see you print this whole letter - a lot of people might want to read it.

Sincerely,

Dave Curtis For. 5

## Our reply

### EDITORS' COMMENT

It is unfortunate that this whole issue is, in our opinion, getting slightly out of proportion. It is a shame that Mr. Curtis has this opinion of our organization, but we do hope that this comment will shed some light into the situation and perhaps clear the air a little. There is so much we could say in response to the letter but, of course, space will only permit us a certain amount of explanation.

Probably the best way to comment is to take the letter point by point. "The Brunswickan refused to cover Forestry Week" - Wrong. The Brunswickan did not such thing. Naturally we do not have the staff to get to everything and it is even more difficult to get VOLUNTEER people out this time of year. But never once did we say we would not print articles on Forestry Week.

True, we did refuse to print a picture and a story on the crowning of the Forestry Queen because it is against our editorial policy. We are the alternate press, to be an agent of social change as per Canadian University Press constitution. A member of Canadian University Press - a loaded phrase. What is Canadian University Press? It is an alliance of student newspapers across the country working in this facet of social change. Being an alternate press is an alternative from the commercial media. It is getting away for example from the typical beauty queen pageants (ie social change).

Other student newspapers are much more strict than we are concerning the coverage of such events. In CUP circles the Brunswickan is considered to be one of the more conservative papers. Do you realize a number of papers question us on why we do not put editorial comments in our news stories? Perhaps the reason for The Brunswickan's so called conservatism is due in part to the fact that we have and have had in past years a fair percentage of people who have worked professionally and sometimes it tends to rub off. However, as a member of Canadian University Press we are certainly not out of line.

Now for the ad. Although running stories and pictures completely on "queens" is not our policy we, of course, cannot set what a person may want on an ad. In this way organizations wishing pictures of their girls in the paper can still do so. Now for the size, naturally "paid" advertisements from local or national merchants and companies are given their size. We do not receive money for SRC organizations' ads and therefore, we can only give them as much of

the remaining space as possible, this is only logical or we would be running a paper with hardly anything but ads. Some weeks it is possible to give a group a full page, others it may only be a half and in many cases smaller. As for the ad itself, our girls have a very difficult job putting ads together that look nice and will satisfy the customer. The designs are their own and they try to do the best possible job incorporating their talents in symmetry and attractiveness. Naturally not everyone is going to be pleased with the work, but we feel there is nothing ugly about the Forestry ad. Be assured our girls have enough pride in their work that they are not going to let an ad go through that they do not think is attractive or appropriate.

As for the centrespread, ads never go here (we do run Carni activities for the whole campus once a year here); but this space belongs to the features department for their layout at that department's discretion of what they wish to print each week. There are pages that naturally ads are not placed on...the editorial page, Sound Off, the centrespread, page three (the main campus news page), page one, the last page, the Inside pages, the cartoon-Where It's At page, etcetera. This is done for attractiveness and practicality.

As for the Media Bowl on the front page, well, that is a condition of the game each year. We use the story front page no matter who wins and CHSR supposedly uses it as their lead story on their major newscasts under the same condition.

As for the Gleaner covering the event. Well, as I said we are not along the same lines as a commercial paper in way of content. But, more important, each paper has policies like this. For instance, the Gleaner will not run pictures of "presentations" because it is against their policy.

Now for the Woodsmen's Competition. True, UNB is famous for it's Foresters and we are just as proud as the next person. Apparently you were not told why we asked to have an article submitted. We just do not have the staff to cover it (there are two people in our sports department and they cannot get to everything). This is very unfortunate and we must apologize. We heard that some people thought we were "just getting back for the queen incident". Not true, we are not out to "get" anyone or make things difficult. In past years the Foresters have submitted their own article because we didn't have the staff to get it covered and we wanted to have an article on it.

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