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to my position becoming a coordinator... I take full responsibility for what is printed, I will stand behind any decision made and I will not try to put the blame for the condition of the paper on my staff!

The Editor.

Dear Editor:
At the risk of being monotonous, I must again object to your statements concerning the exclusion of Tony Reddin's material. (First, however, I'd like to say that I'm quite happy that you have apologized to Tony.)

My first objection concerns your obvious reference to my letter in the last editorial. You said the letter writer stated "...he doesn't know of any ARTICLES that were refused publication by the SUN!!" If you but glance at my letter on the same page, however, you'll see what I actually said was that "I can't honestly remember any legitimate AD being refused publication."

Through this blatant error you misrepresented the meaning behind the entire paragraph. Tony Reddin, Alan Smith and myself had asked in our letters why you hadn't printed the AD. Instead you have skirted the question entirely by dealing solely with the question of the article and not the AD.

While it may be within your rights as editor to exclude articles, ADS are quite different and different ethical questions are involved. Therefore your "justification" for excluding the article cannot be rationally and similarly used for excluding the AD.

When you exclude ADS from any social group without adequate justification you can be quite accurately accused of discrimination, of lacking a specific and consistent criterion for the acceptance and exclusion of ads, while also depriving your readers of the right to know about such groups and meetings in the pages of the newspaper.

Secondly, you confused my references to the triviality of the pink Panther drawings and "Rumor Hath It" columns I was not comparing them to "...an article on

nuclear power..." but rather with "...the principle that concerned groups have the right to media access." If you contend that the SUN has "high ideals" then you must remember that in the realm of high ideals things like gossip columns and "cutesy" drawings pale in comparison to higher principles of rights and conduct.

As space does not allow for my other objections I'll hopefully discuss them with you personally at a later date. But for the moment I'd like to remind you of my first objection. I'd like an answer to the following question which directly, specifically, and honestly answers it. Please do not avoid this question again. Thank you!

The question is, "Why wasn't the AD printed?"

Yours sincerely,
Barry Chandler

Dear Mr. Chandler:

I am glad you continue to stress your objections by writing another letter and I am sorry that there was not space for all of your objections (that happens sometimes in a newspaper). Now, as to your first objection, yes, you are correct in stating that I misinterpreted what you said in your earlier letter but there have been a number of ads that, for a variety of reasons, were not printed. Now, to answer your question, (you'll find the same reasons in last week's paper and the paper before that), there was no available space. This editor decided which notices or ADS should go in the space available and the nuclear ad was not one of them!

The Editor.

The Editor:
As a member of the H.O.P H.O.P.E. Nuclear Responsibility Committee and a graduate of UPEI, I was disappointed that you refused to print Tony Reddin's article on nuclear power.

Your arguments for exercising editorial discretion (The SUN, Nov. 18) seem to be (1) Tony is not a student and therefore not entitled to a voice; (2) that more important articles were given

priority and (3) that nuclear power is of no concern to UPEI students.

(1) Tony is, to my knowledge, a part-time student.

(2) Editors can usually, especially over a period of several issues, find space for a particular article. Let me suggest an article entitled, "To Land a Job, Take French" (The SUN, Nov. 18) that might profitably have been deferred or dropped.

Beyond the somewhat "roundabout" (no naughty words in this rag) appeal to national unity expressed in the headline, there is little substance to the article. Only in the "gotta-get-ahead" late seventies would such tiresome remarks by an Ottawa bureaucrat to a group of Ontario high school teachers take precedence over an article inviting students to take part in a debate on an issue of real importance to Canadians and Islanders.

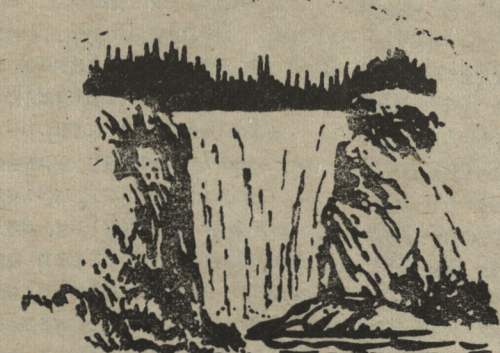
(3) The P.E.I. government is now committed to securing, through the Maritime Energy Corp., a direct interest in the Pt. Lepreau CANDU reactor located just south of Saint John, N.B. P.E.I. will, as well as being committed to purchase Pt.

Lepreau power, be responsible for a share of the costs associated with waste handling, decommissioning (i.e. protecting the public and the environment from the discarded reactor complex which becomes after 25-30 years of operation too "hot" to handle) and insurance. Moreover, P.E.I. will be morally responsible for contributing to nuclear proliferation and saddling posterity with the dilemma of protecting themselves from the debris of a technology which, together with its counterpart nuclear weapons, poses the greatest imagineable threat to life on this planet. (And all this just to delay our day of reckoning with wasteful and destructive patterns of consumption a handful of years.)

Perhaps, in the judgement of the editor, such an issue does not concern UPEI students. Perhaps the "high ideals" with which he credits himself require that students concern themselves only with campus social life or career opportunities and not with the basic moral and political issues which face us all.

Yours truly,
Scott Sinclair

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