

elected to parliament in 1972 at the age of 22. He is from rural Ontario and seems to have been grooming himself for the job for years. He has some strong party support but his French is not what it should be. ***

KIM CAMPBELL - This twice divorced, former member of Bill Van Der Zalm's cabinet is very outspoken. She is one of the few members of Mr. Mulroney's cabinet to be relatively unattached to his infamy. She has the advantages of being a westerner and being fluently bilingual. *****

JEAN CHAREST - Being the strongest candidate from Quebec will have its advantages; however, at 34 he probably represents too much of a generational change for Tory supporters. He is well liked, though, and if he does not win this time he will most certainly win the next time. ****

MIKE WILSON - While Wilson fits the party better ideologically than any other candidate, there was a reason why Brian Mulroney resigned and delegates will realize that Wilson would not be any more popular than Mulroney. Besides, his French leaves much to be desired. **

If Campbell or Charest do in fact win, the fall election could prove to be interesting because we all know that Audrey McLaughlin and company are not formidable opponents. Another four years of PC government? Maybe, or maybe not.

SO LONG PARDS

Just one more little Tory tidbit. We now say farewell to two highly respected politicians who also retired over the past two weeks. Joe Clark will be missed on the federal scene for his high social concern and deep love for his country and its people. While he may be remembered historically as a failure he was immensely successful in his own way. On a provincial basis P.E.I. has lost one of the public's best allies in government, Leone Bagnall. Mrs. Bagnall brought a certain dignity to politics which is too much lacking today. On top of that her departure means that there will be no Tories running for re-election in the upcoming provincial election.

ACCUSED RAPIST CAPTURED

The man who is accused of raping over a dozen women in Scarborough, Ontario has been arrested by police. The man accused is Paul Bernardo, a chartered accountant in his late twenties. There is also a very good chance that he will be charged with the abduction and

murders of two teenagers from St. Catherine's, where Bernardo now resides. The St. Catherine's police department has been unable as of yet to establish the evidence it needs to press charges. There has been some public outcry against the Toronto media for seeming to act as the judge and the jury for this case already.

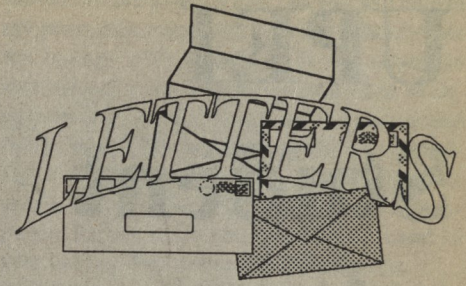
TERRORISM IN NEW YORK

Last week a bomb was set off in an underground parking garage of the World Trade Centre in New York. Many of the over 100,000 people who work in the twin towers were trapped for hours. Police say that the bomb was probably placed by some group who were very familiar with the routine in the building and not by some outside individual. Five people were killed in the explosion which is said to have been dynamite, not plastic explosives as originally reported. This just helps to drive home the fact that terrorism is real and very close to us.



ERNIE AND BERT

There were recently some great rumblings from this writer's former High School. It seems that the principal, Adelbert Roche, has banished John Lennon's, Imagine as the Grad theme for Bluefield's Class of 1993. Lines like "Imagine if there was no religion" have been ruled to be offensive to some. I am not suggesting that Mr. Roche was right or wrong in doing this, I would simply like to offer an alternative. It is a little known fact that if you look at the principal's name (Adelbert Roche) and the vice-principal's name (Ernie Stavert) you realize that you have a school which is run by those two not so amiable roommates on Sesame Street: therefore, what could be a more suitable and uncontroversial Grad theme than, "Sunny days, sweeping the clouds away, I'm on my way to where the air is clear, won't you tell me how to get, how to get to Sesame Street....."



Sir,

John Crosbie's comment regarding sexual harassment and the furor surrounding it in the last few days gives food for thought.

On the one hand, it was a remarkably stupid and insensitive comment for a man in public office to make. On the other hand, it was patently a joke. Tasteless to be sure (What!...John Crosbie insensitive and tasteless, nonsense!) but a joke nonetheless.

The feminist movement has done remarkable things in the last two decades to redress the ages old concerns of women in the workplace and in society. But it is my view that too much is being made of this relatively innocuous comment by feminists and the federal opposition.

It works like this: If, after Crosbie made his comment, the opposition and representatives of the feminist groups had made coldly condemning statements, and then left it alone, Crosbie would have ended up looking like a buffoon. As it is, public sympathy is beginning to swing towards Crosbie as a champion of free speech. Public perception of the federal opposition and the feminists' strident clamour for John Crosbie's political head, is that these groups are more interested in media hype and attention, than with any real concern for Crosbie's remarks.

What then is the result of this perception? Both of these groups lose credibility. The public begins to turn a deaf ear to their views and issues of genuine concern for women and the public generally, such as sexual harassment, lose importance.

The rise of a confrontational stance by some members of the feminist movement in recent years, as opposed to a cooperative spirit of finding solutions as in the past, is a real concern for those of us who would like to see the good work continue.

Sincerely,
Alexander Wayne McKinnon

Is the cost of U.P.E.I. sports too much for some taxpayers?

I am a student at U.P.E.I. who has recently been enlightened about the ridiculous cost of some of the sports events associated with the school, namely hockey and basketball. The first inci-

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