

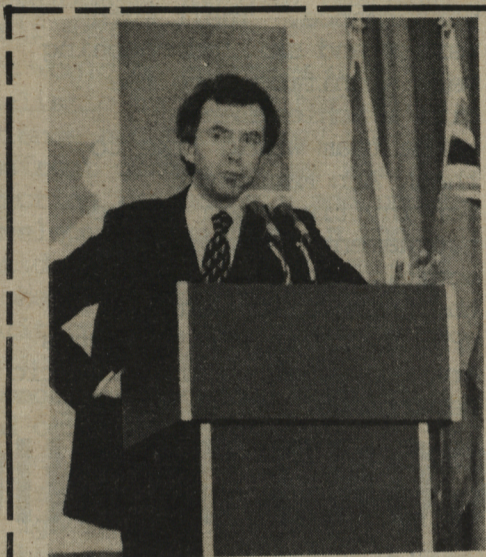
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# BIG GUYS ON PEI

As an indication of the February 18th federal election coming nearer, Prince Edward Island has had visits from the leaders of the three major parties. Of course I'm talking about the Progressive Conservatives, the Liberals and the New Democrats.

Prime Minister Joe Clark was the first candidate to set foot on Prince Edward Island's red soil during this election when he arrived in Charlottetown last Tuesday, the fifth of February. He began his campaign on the Island by appearing on CFCY's Contact program with Don Wilson. After giving metric answers to English questions asked by West Kent students, Clark continued to drag on his answers asked by other members of the Prince Edward Island community. Clark saved some of his criticism of Trudeau for the rally at Holland College Royalty Centre later that evening. Mr. Clark gave his campaign speech to a capacity crowd and was quick to remind everyone that he was the first leader to visit Prince Edward Island. He proceeded to defend his budget and knocked the Liberals for "Trudeau's trust me" policy. Every few moments Clark deliberately took a different stance to try to divert away from his image problem.

In retrospect, Mr. Clark's handshake and sincerity showed me that he isn't such a bad guy after all and that he really does care about the direction in which Canada is heading.



Just who do you think you are calling Joe Who?

Ed Broadbent was the next one to visit Prince Edward Island when he held his rally at the Charlottetown Hotel. He and his four candidates for the Island (two Santa's, a comedian with an Island accent and a fourth) outlined the NDP platform when Broadbent finally did arrive. Broadbent emphasized in his speech that it was time for a "real change" in Canada's government. Mr. Broadbent "graciously" gave an interview to the same kids that called Clark earlier in the week after his rally was over in the ballroom. One



Everybody says they like me. Why won't they vote for me?

has to really analyze Broadbent's policies before giving the third party a chance to experiment with the Canadian government.

Mr. Trudeau's spirit seemed a bit low when he arrived in Charlottetown on Saturday. It wasn't as if he wasn't as quick thinking as he usually is, but he seemed to lack the fighting punch that he once had. Trudeau criticized Clark's Budget saying that it "socked it to the people that can afford it the least." He said that while the middle and lower income people would get 16% increase in taxes, the big corporations would only get a 2.5% increase

in taxes. Also, while commenting on the 18 cent gasoline excise tax, he said we would need 71,000 dollars extra to run the hospital because of this senseless tax to pay for Clark's election promise for a mortgage deductibility program.



Everything is under control, boys, everything is under control.



## THANKS, UPEI

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With doubt sometimes you are smitten,  
You might think there's no chance for you, Son  
Why the best jobs haven't been finished,  
The best race hasn't been run,  
The best score hasn't been made yet,  
The best song hasn't been sung.  
The best tune hasn't been played yet.  
Cheer up, you and the world are still young.

-F. M. Dobson

There have been some bad times, but the most important to remember are the good times; and believe me, there has been many a good time.

I feel that a person who moves from one place to another, such as I did moving from Montreal to Charlottetown, has to leave the memories of his former habitat and begin another part of his life in his new environment. The most important part of this change is meeting new friends.

Now that I have left the University of Prince Edward Island I am leaving many new acquaintances and memories behind. I would like to thank the staff, faculty, and most of all, the students of UPEI, for many of these memories.

Thanks a lot.

Dave Dobson



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