

EDITORIAL

Two weeks ago I went to a political youth gathering. This gathering was organized to make recommendations to the government to which, hopefully, they would take heed.

Some strange things happened that weekend. After paying my dues and being allowed to attend (which I was doing for the newspaper) I was told that I or any member of my staff would not be allowed to report on the seminars.

I am not reporting on it. This is on my not being allowed to report on it.

Consider this act of censorship. First of all, here is a group of young people trying to influence governmental decisions. So how do they decide to do this? By making sure only they and the government know what is said. Oh but isn't this a wise way to influence politicians who listen to the voice of the group that screams loudest. After all, now if nothing comes of their work, only they will know and they'll save face.

Second of all, this fine group of upstanding citizens, many of whom complain about secrecy in government, decide to sneak off into a remote area of P.E.I. and discuss issues of concern to the public. If their hopes are realized, the government may act on their recommendation and some of them may even become laws. Why should the public know its laws beforehand? Besides, the public may think these youths were connected to one particular party if they said anything. God forbid; they may be accused of being (gasp) liberals! Horrors.

The last thing is the strangest. I would have been allowed to report if everyone agreed to it. (I should stress now that the organizer was completely impartial and I thank him for at least trying.) This did not happen. One person objected. Three more agreed with him, one saying he would be first to cause trouble. Everyone else was silent. Can you imagine that. The voice of four people denying information to at least 1500 people. It must be nice to have enough power to do that. It's strange someone would use this power to do that.

These people who voted against The Sun will possibly be the government in the future. Shades of fascism! I hope this kind of action doesn't continue. This is not a completely unrealistic thought. The fact these people attended such a seminar signifies a keen interest in government (with possible hopes of being in it, perhaps). Unfortunately, their personalities are stabilizing about now. Who knows. In twenty years from now, one of these youths may be our premier and a sudden urge will come over him to stamp "censored" all over the Gaurdian.

So The Sun was not allowed to print a story. Who cares? I sure as hell do. Who wants four people to stop the public from hearing what they should be told. Who cares if they approach the government backwards? Anyone who would like to see some of these recommendations taken seriously. Who cares if they did all this in secrecy? All those who would like to know what I'm kicking up all this fuss about, as well as anyone who wants to know who the government is listening to and what they are hearing.

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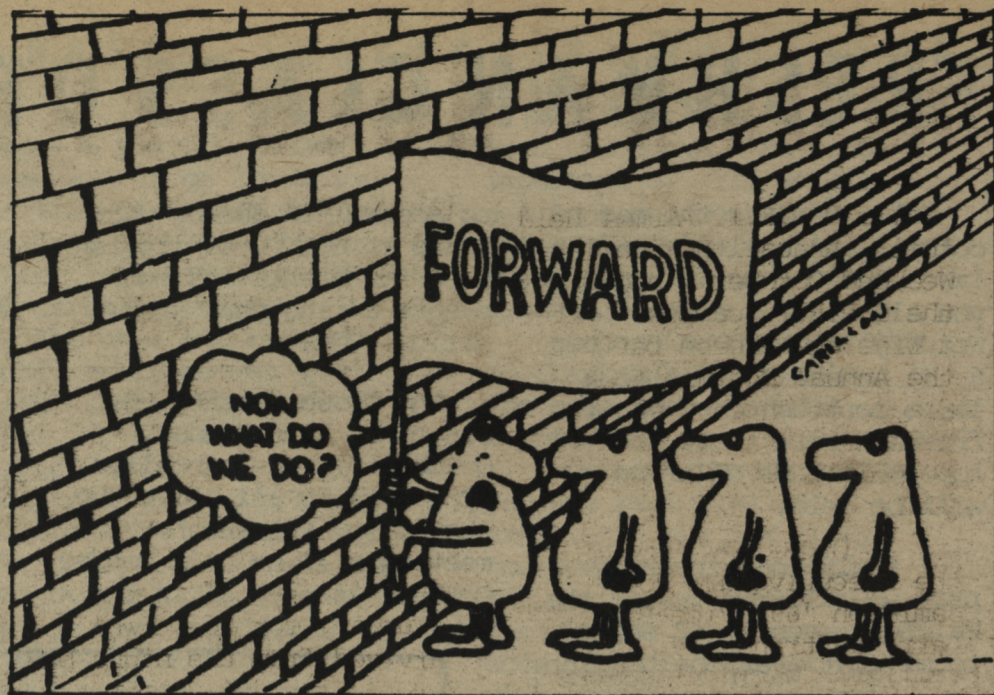
Dear Editor;

I wish to extend my congratulations to those who helped in planning the Harvest Ball. The hotel facility was decorated with a lot of care, good taste, and presented a pleasant atmosphere. The facility itself was a good choice as it was spacious and very comfortable.

The music was good, and it's always a pleasure to see Mary Ross's smiling face at the door.

Congratulations once again; we had a very good time and look forward to more of this entertainment in the future.

Sincerely
Marion Basha



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Dear Editor;

In response to your article "Discrepancies Noted, Board Needs Policing When Hiring Police" on page 2 of the Oct. 7th issue of the Sun, I would like to say that whoever wrote that article should look into the facts a little closer before printing such garbage in a student paper. Not only is the article full of crap from start to finish, it is also an unjustified slap in the face to the Personnel Board members.

The board is responsible for hiring and firing all members of the Student Union's sub-organizations. Persons applying for positions are interviewed by the five members of the board

which is chaired by Monica Driscoll. The Student Union Vice-President also sits on the Board and in the instance in question; hiring of Campus Police, the Campus Police Chief may also sit in on the interviews.

This year, the Board interviewed almost 50 students for Campus Police positions alone. The Board spent many long hours in interviews and discussion. The Board recommended to council the people they saw fit to hire and COUNCIL approved all of the Board's recommendations.

Now, I would like to ask the editor of the SUN or whoever is responsible for the article in the Oct. 7 issue: "What discrepancies have ap-

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