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totally untrue (what you say about Dr. Ozmon, for example) or so badly misinterpreted as to be worse than falsehood. Some of what you say is accurate-- we did look, finally, at only three candidates-- but none of the "they thought this of him" stuff is sound.

The failure to sign this article was either an act of cowardice, a show of poor form, or wisdom. I include wisdom because anyone from Dean Ozmon to Dr. Symons to the Committee members could sue the author for libel. Unfortunately the University, not the author or the paper, would wind up paying.

I suggest you cease such adolescent rumour-mongering. Do some healthy research, then print it. This does not apply to the Search Committee's ruminations on the various candidates (34 people were considered, not 100), because those discussions were quite rightly private and will remain so. Certainly your article is sound evidence that they have remained (largely) private to date. The Search Committee members are fairly well "stuck" in all this rumour-mongering. We can't, in decency, reveal what we did say without breaking confidences of member to member, member to candidate.

(Perhaps you will do some research on this subject of passing out information people can't respond to. The Realist, whence you cribbed last year's 10 year old porny Disney, had a good article once on Lyndon Johnson's recipe for successful campaigning-- spread rumours that your opponent "fucks pigs." Then see if he gets up on the podium to deny it.)

It is no breach of confidence to tell you that all six finalists in the Presidential Search were the subject of basically positive comment within the committee. The commentary on Dr. Meincke was more superlative than all the rest and he emerged clearly number one. Focusing on negative reasons for eliminating other candidates (wrong ones), as you have done, is both petty and "underdeveloped".

Shape up, Cadre, we need a newspaper on the Island.

In solidarity (if you're solid)

Gary Webster  
Presidential Search Committee

I do owe an apology to the readers of The Sun and especially the search for the President Committee for the way in which that article was written I apologize.

When I wrote the article, I did not mean for it to be taken to be the opinions of the search committee. There were actually only two of all the opinions that were expressed by the committee: one concerned by Dr. Symons's health and the other was the remark on Dr. Miller.

All other opinions were either

my own (although I only used one of mine, that which concerned Dr. Thibeault, which was reinforced by others) or those of people who know or had talked to the other candidates.

I may have been wrong in printing the article in the first place but I don't think I was. It should have been realized that any candidate who made it to the last six had to be exceptional. The point of the article was not to show how exceptional these gentleman were (since their position showed that) but to show why they weren't the ones for the job.

One of the worse mistakes committed was not putting the article on the editorial page. My inexperience in this job was the cause of that.

As for signing the article, it makes no difference who wrote it; the editor was the one responsible for printing it. The complaint is not so much that the comments were said (and every one of them was said) but that they were printed. The editor is the one responsible for everything that is printed in

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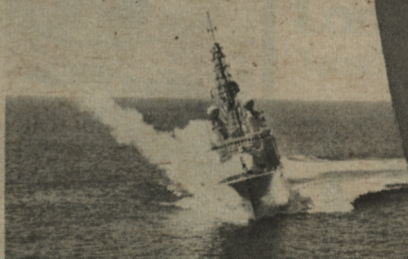
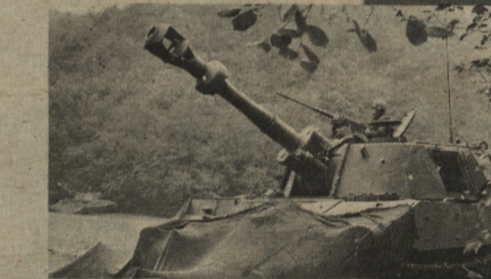
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