

Questionnaire

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1. What parts of the paper do you read?
Front page
Editorial Page
Sports Page
Columns (off the Cuff, Neil Hobstat)
News Features (Alcoholism, that word, etc.)
2. What interests you most?
3. How much time do you spend reading the paper?
Less than 15 minutes?
Less than 30 minutes?
More than 30 minutes?
4. When do you do the most extensive reading of the paper?
At lunch..... Between classes..... At home.....
5. Do you take the paper home?
How many other people read it?
Do you save issues?
6. What do you consider best about your paper?
What do you think needs improvement?
7. How often do you read the editorials in the paper?
Most of the time..... Sometimes..... Never.....
8. How often do you read Letters to the Editor.
Most of the time..... Sometimes..... Never.....
9. How often do you read Sports news?
Most of the time..... Sometimes..... Never.....
10. How often do you read the features?
(Focus, Alcoholism That Dirty Little Word, etc.)
Most of the time..... Sometimes..... Never.....
11. Should news from other campuses be reported
(C.U.P. copy)?
More..... Less..... Remain the same.....
12. What did you think of our Feb. 9 issue?
13. Suggestions for improvement.

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P.W.C. "College Times" Editor Impeached; Then Reinstated

By MIKE COADY

On Friday evening, the S.R.A. of P.W.C. held an emergency meeting at the request of one of its members, Mr. Brian Chambers, for the purposes of investigation of the reported fact that the P.W.C. student publication, College Times, was losing the financial support of certain merchants in Charlottetown. In a printed statement issued to those who attended the open meeting, Mr. Chambers observed that many traditional sponsors of the College were withdrawing their support from any or all of the college organizations due to "irresponsible behaviour on the part of a certain P.W.C. organization" (sic). In addition to irresponsibility, the staff of the "Times" was charged with inability to "communicate with the student body", mismanagement of funds and indifference. Consequently, Mr. Chambers felt it was his duty to move that the editor of the Times be impeached and removed from his office within 24 hours. The first half of the two hour meeting was devoted to discussion of the charges, with Mr. Foster speaking in his own defence. By reference to a poll taken before Christmas, to a report by the treasurer of S.R.A., Mr. Don Large, and to specific instances of articles printed and not printed, the editor showed the charges of non-communication, mismanagement of funds and irresponsibility to be at least inaccurate or poorly-founded, if not altogether

false.

In the second hour of the meeting, the students present were permitted to voice their opinions and a series of short emotion-packed and sometimes personally bitter speeches swayed the general consensus of opinion out of Mr. Foster's favour. At that point the issue was pushed to a vote both by members of the S.R.A. and by the students, resulting in Mr. Foster's impeachment.

In his statement on the meeting Mr. Foster said: "I was not given permission to speak during the second half of the farce. The assembly was obviously unaware of all of the facts and of the context in which they should properly have been viewed. I think the movement to oust me was meant as a humbling and apologetic gesture made to the bureaucrats who, it now seems, control the student press at P.W.C. I've been crucified upside down with my face to the cross." When asked if he thought there was any element of personal bitterness in the attack, Mr. Foster replied, "I can't prove anything but the mover of the motion, Mr. Chambers, felt that he had been slighted by the "Times" in the fall."

Mr. Chambers, in his statement, said: "I called the meeting as an inquiry. The motion forwarded was just an alternative I suggested for consideration by the S.R.A. I advocated a closed meeting to discuss the problem; the

President of the S.R.A. suggested that this was a campus issue. I didn't want the meeting to become extreme, as it definitely did." Mr. Chambers said that personal bitterness had not entered the question as far as he was concerned. "I was acting purely for the best interests of the students."

On Saturday evening, Feb. 24., in another two hour meeting, the facts were again reviewed at the request of Mr. Foster and statements by Mr. Alan MacLeod, a Charlottetown merchant, Prof. Bob D'Amato of P.W.C. and Mr. Horace Carver of P.W.C. showed conclusively that the charges directed against Mr. Foster were definitely false. In a vote, the ex-editor was reinstated with unanimous support by the S.R.A. In speaking of the meeting, Mr. Foster said, "The S.R.A. showed that it recognized its responsibilities by retracting and nullifying an admittedly hasty vote. The accusations or charges made the previous night were proven false and the accusation of irresponsibility was dispelled."

Mr. Raynor, the President of the S.R.A. had this to say, "The purpose of the meeting was, in the interests of justice, to grant an appeal to the editor. However, the vote to reinstate Mr. Foster was not a vote of confidence; rather it was an admission by the S.R.A. of a hasty decision which would endanger relations with C.U.S. and C.U.P."

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