

PM draws biggest crowd at UNB during campaign

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Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau and his wife Margaret arrived at the Student Union Building yesterday amidst the biggest turnout the campus has seen since the federal election campaign began.

The Prime Minister was met at the main doors of the SUB by UNB's Acting President Desmond Pacey, SRC president Roy Neale and members of the SRC.

Trudeau was accompanied by York-Sunbury Liberal Candidate Ray Dixon and N.B.'s Provincial Opposition Leader Robert J. Higgins.

After the official welcome in front of the SUB, the PM's party made its way through a pushing and shoving crowd that wanted to shake hands with the Prime Minister, wish him well in the election, get a glance at his wife Margaret or, for some of the females, the opportunity to steal a kiss.

A small crowd of Bob Howe supporters were lost in the confusion when the PM arrived. Any attempt they tried to make to distract the crowd went without notice.

In the ballroom of the SUB,

the Prime Minister addressed a crowd that not only filled the ballroom but the corridors surrounding the main room of the third floor.

"In the last four years the country has been together like it never has before," said the Prime Minister.

He said that we have been able to keep the country together because of Canadians.

The major portion of Trudeau's address involved fielding questions from the audience.

Asked why the province of Quebec was receiving 37 percent of the money allocated for the DREE program and the Atlantic Provinces only 30 percent, the PM asked the questioner what he considered a fair proportion.

Trudeau said since DREE went into operation in 1969, it has spent just under \$1-billion. Of this amount, he said, \$500-million was spent in the four Atlantic Provinces.

"On a per capita, DREE's spending is highest of all in Nova Scotia," said the PM.

In the 1968 Federal Election only one Liberal member was elected in Nova Scotia, one member from Newfoundland, zero members from Prince Edward Island and five members from New Brunswick, he said.

Yet, he continued, the Atlantic Provinces received half of the money allocated for the DREE program.

"DREE is not meant to play favorites," he said.

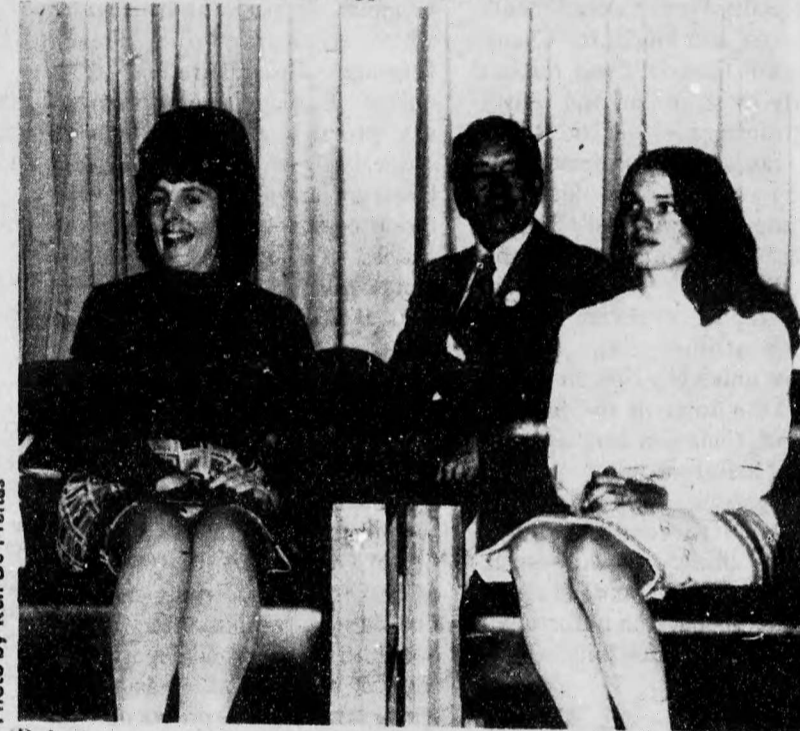
Other questions dealt with publicizing the amount and source of funds the parties receive for election campaigning, equalization grants, incentive grants to corporations and a final question which one student tried to direct to Mrs. Trudeau.

The Prime Minister responded, however, by saying that she was not campaigning and she would be coming home with him.

In concluding, the Prime Minister said in the last four years his party had introduced the largest

volume of legislation. Legislation which he termed in many cases was very "basic".

He said we have not done everything possible in every area, that's why we want to be re-elected.



Relaxing on stage in the SUB Ballroom while the PM addresses students are Mrs. Ray Dixon and Mrs. Margaret Trudeau.

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