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warmth and beauty, of the original.

The focus of the ceremonies was what the building had been to so many people and why it was important for historic buildings to be preserved. Dr. H. E. Gunning, President of the University, said that "a university must be oriented to the past, otherwise it is rootless, and perhaps finally, pointless." But it was the personal memories of the alumni gathered together which provided the understanding of how a mere building is valuable - that is, only as it serves to

concretely symbolize all the human relationships of the past with which it has been connected.

Miss Mamie Simpson, Dean of Women from 1951-60, related her feelings: "You see, I left a little bit of my heart upstairs in the room where I used to be wakened by the sparrows, and it has not changed ... there's a special sort of tie between the University of Alberta and its members, and also for all the girls who lived in Pembina and left it."

And, as Dr. Hohol said, only a certain number of the

memories connected with Pembina can be "related publicly." He went on to say that "a significant number of Albertans have been touched by Pembina Hall ... and I'm glad this restoration is not the type of thing that is just added as a historical footnote somewhere."

Although the events had a very salutary note of self-congratulation, no notice of what lies in the future for the other threatened buildings on campus was given. Dr. Gunning explained that, unlike Pembina, which possesses a steel frame, Athabasca and Assiniboia would have to be gutted out in order to be put in proper functioning capacity and that "no fixed decision has been reached as of yet concerning their futures."

Although Gunning stated that a decision concerning the future of Saint Stephen's College will be forthcoming within the month, Dr. Hohol explained that the provincial government can give no assistance for the restoration of Saint Stephen's "until all other parties have disclaimed responsibility for the building. That is, the university has been talking of placing offices in the building, if renovated, and apparently some ties with the United Church of Canada still remain. Until those ties are severed, the provincial government can take no action."

To question whether or not historic buildings should or should not be preserved is answered immediately in the minds and memories of the people who have gone before on this campus. As Mrs. Sparling said, "To me, Pembina can show its importance in this little story. One night I was wakened around 2:30 AM by two girls singing out front - one soprano and one contralto - and they were singing the song 'Little Gray Cat.' I put my head out the window to look ... it was a brightly moonlit night and the honeysuckle was shedding its blossoms over the girls' heads. And one of the girls called out to me and said 'Oh Mrs. Sparling, don't be frightened ... it's just that we had to come back.' And to me, that's how Pembina has always been."



PC candidate a smooth

by John Kenney

He's definitely a smoothy. He's 36 years old and endowed with T.V. good looks, an adept lawyer who just graduated from the ranks of the Cliche commission on violence in Quebec's construction industry. Flawlessly bilingual, he speaks forcefully and calmly, always articulate - and occasionally humorous.

The man is Brian Mulroney, a Montreal lawyer, who is one of the twelve (at last count Thursday morning) hopefuls in the P.C. Leadership race. He was in Edmonton Thursday at the Macdonald Hotel holding a small press conference as part of a 'familiarity' tour across the country.

The first and more obvious question for Mulroney, being in Alberta, was his feelings upon learning that Lougheed had announced his non-candidacy once again. "... relief is an understatement. I think if he would have run he would have won hands-down."

If he doesn't win the race? All hopefuls being optimistic and Mulroney being no exception, he fielded the question in a non-committal manner answering that it "depends on who is the leader." He added "I think they're all pretty good people in the race so far."

He was not unaware of the drawbacks as a candidate. "The fact that I'm not a member of

Parliament doesn't help," remarked. He has never been elected to a legislature and House on a day to day basis means I don't have the intimate detail of every bit of legislative. Left unsaid was the fact that never having been an M.P. M.L.A. also meant that his name had never been publicly bruised or slighted in any substantial way by the press mill.

It was hinted that his (36) might also prove to be an obstacle. "In the minds of some people," he replied, "yes, it could be a drawback. If I applied the age test to all people though ... would Washington have led the Continental Army?... would Columbus have discovered America?" He added the disclaimer that he didn't intend to match the stature of these figures, but just to make the point. Get the point?

"Our party needs a leader someone who knows both languages and the problems mean, you don't need a doctorate from the U of A to tell what's wrong." (In Montreal was "It doesn't take a doctorate from the University of Montreal...") He summed up with know both languages. I have a feel for the country. I'm in good health. I'm ready to serve."

As for popular issues abolition Mulroney "learned that the death penalty is not a deterrent that it is intended to be." His solution? "There should be a mandatory sentence of years with a non-reviewable policy - not subject to tampering by the Federal government."

Mulroney also thinks Brian Mackassey is "on the right track." His political assets enhanced by his wife who has been described as a "stunning beauty". They have a small child and she is expected another shortly. The picture of the political animal is now complete.

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