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# Vice-president and two reps-at-large in SRC race

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With ten students already elected to the SRC by acclamation, students will vote in next Tuesday's elections for a new vice-president and two representatives at-large.

Four candidates are in the running for the vice-presidential spot. They are Steve Mulholland (Arts 1), Gary Bizzo, (Arts 3), Peter Galoska (Science 2), and Chris Matte (Arts 1).

Steve Mulholland, whose past activities have included leadership training in the army, was first to enter his name for the position. Mulholland was on the executive committee of Orientation '71, and was chairman of Orientation Week this year. He is also Chairman of the coming Fall Festival, and is on the executive of Winter Carnival '73.

If elected, Mulholland says the following will be his primary concerns: 1. to move ahead with course evaluation plans; 2. to continue with Mike Richard's ideas on the Constitution Committee for reforming the SRC; 3. to fulfil Richard's previous commitments as vice-president; 4. to help continue to develop rapport between the SRC, students, student senators, and the students elected to the Board of Governors; 5. to keep his office open to students who have academic problems or problems dealing with the SRC.

Until the deadline for nominations was extended until Tuesday, it looked as though Mulholland might become vice-president by acclamation. But, he says, "I like the idea of competition. It means that more people will go

out and vote. The person who wins should have the support of at least some of the students."

"I know I'll be able to fulfil the expectations of the students," he added. "I hope to make the post one of respect, and be known to the students."

Gary Bizzo, who has in the past been involved with the SRC on the Saint John campus, and was president of the UNBSJ Student Liberals last year, says he is running for vice-president of the council because "I can't stand the idea of acclamation. It goes against the idea of a democracy." To add to this, he says, "I do want the position and I think I can do a good job."

Bizzo's campaign platform is primarily concerned with the restructuring of the SRC. He feels

that there should be a separate student council for each of the faculties, making approximately nine different councils with a president at the head of each council. A committee of presidents could be formed from this with a Secretary-General figure as a non-voting head or chairman of the Presidium.

"This would result in fewer hassles and more people involved in SRC affairs," Bizzo says.

"The Council of Presidents would look after inter-council business and monetary obligations (budget, finance, etc) It would look after the operation of total campus operations like the BRUNSWICKAN and CHSR. The council of Presidents could not bring up

and pass new business without first taking it back to their respective SRC's, making each decision voted on twice"

Bizzo says that he feels the SRC is presently "full of disagreement and people on ego trips", and that a greater distribution of power in a restructured council would offer a solution to this.

Peter Galoska, the only candidate for vice-president who is not in Arts, says he decided to enter the race for the position because "I've always been on councils in high school and I've always been interested in good organization." He, too, was disappointed that only one student

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ceive the rest of us who are his guests. There was a time when the colonel paid for this banquet himself with the result that anyone who did not have a large private

come could not afford to be a colonel. Now I just put out of my mind any thought of what this banquet is going to do to my mess and forget the bill I am going to have at the end of the month from the shop that has got my wife appropriately dressed for the occasion.

The guests are piped into the hall. When the pipes stop playing it is the Padre's cue to earn his dinner by saying Grace. The Hall lit by a combination of candles and electric light. At the far end of the Hall a single light is directed at a painting of "the thin red line". All ranks in the regiment

wear a thin red line on their heads and on their sleeves at all times. Between each course the pipe major or the pipe sergeant walks slowly round the room playing a traditional Scottish military tune. By the time this tune ended he will be standing behind the Colonel from whom he is entitled to receive a cup of malt whiskey. This the Colonel still pays for himself. The cup is ornamental silver. The Colonel hands it to him with the words "slàinte mór" which is Gaelic for "our very good health" and he drinks it at one go. We do not clap. Applause is signified by ringing the table with the palm of the right hand.

During the last course the pipe major's slow march will end up behind the officer most recently commissioned. His duty is to propose the Loyal Toast. That is the beginning of his initiation ordeal. After all those present have risen and drunk the health of Her Majesty the Colonel in his speech will address special words

of welcome to his wife and everyone present will applaud and nod in her direction. After that the ladies depart into another room while the officers are supplied with cigars. I have often tried to find out from my wife what the ladies talk about when they withdraw and I still have no idea. While the ladies have withdrawn the RSM will ask permission to dismiss the guard. For weeks beforehand the mess steward will have been compiling a list of what the favourite drinks of the officers and their ladies might be. His memory must be little short of phenomenal for when the ladies rejoin us everyone will be served

with their favourite drink. Those who do not drink are discreetly served lemonade.

What cannot be described is the sense of comradeship. The men who have formed the guard, the officers who have joined in this rite of intensification cannot fail to come away with a sense of

belonging to Scotland's military tradition and a sense of history in a place where so much Scottish history was made. Indeed Stirling is steeped in Scottish history. A

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## PLAIN TALK

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How does a student judge a political candidate? By the promises he makes to them as election bait? I doubt it. In fact, in the discussions I have had with students on campus over the past few weeks, I detect a serious concern about the future of our country, a pride in our emerging Canadian identity, and a determination that our nation should achieve greatness in our life-time. I detect a healthy skepticism among students about the ability of any political party to solve all our problems or deliver on all its promises. But I also have become aware of the widespread belief among students that, whatever the shortcomings of politicians and parties, Pierre Trudeau and the Liberal Party offer the best hope we have that Canada will squarely face the challenges of the 1970's.

This is no idle boast. Just look at the man and the party in action. That was our Prime Minister who stepped out of the shadow of the United States and recognized Communist China, showing the way to the Americans and vastly accelerating China's acceptance into the United Nations. It was Canada that ignored the racist slurs of the timid, and humanely opened its doors to refugee Asians from Uganda. It was our Liberal government that said "no" to Richard Nixon's demands for a continental resource policy that would sell out our resources to American industrialism. It was a determined Prime Minister Trudeau who stood firm against the separatist kidnapers of Cross and LaPorte in Canada's most critical hour. Those are things that make me proud to be a Canadian, and that give me confidence in our country's future.

But besides leadership, there is another compelling feature of Pierre Trudeau's government that, in my view, distinguishes it from the other parties. And that is its respect for the differences that exist among our people, and its determination that every region, every cultural group, and every individual may contribute to the shaping of our national destiny. That may sound like a vague generalization, but look at specific cases.

In all of the programs devised by the Trudeau government over the past four years, every effort has been made to give Canadians a new freedom of action, a right to participate in planning and executing projects. Opportunities for Youth, the New Horizons Program for senior citizens, the Neighbourhood Improvement Program, the Small Farms Development Plan, the Local Initiative Programs - all gave participants the chance to say what they themselves wanted to do, and provided federal funds to help them do it.

That, to me, is the essence of Liberalism. It is the recognition that the people don't want government doing everything for them. It is the determination that Canadians will be permitted to share in the task of building their own future.

Yes, a system like that is bound to be imperfect. There have been some slackers in Opportunities for Youth, there have been a few bad Local Initiative projects, and there have been corporate and other "bums" taking unfair advantages. But they represent a distinct minority. And what is the alternative? Will we turn everything over to government? Will technocrats and the civil service do better?

Let's face it. Our country is going to progress if government and the people work closely together. No government can "do better" by itself. Please join me in supporting Pierre Trudeau in Canada's march towards greatness.

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