

Dal NDPers contest election

Coffers low but hopes high

By GLENN WANAMAKER

The money bags are being emptied this week in the headquarters of the three parties contesting the October 13th provincial general election. While the NDP organization is trying to keep the empty money bags to a minimum, it is campaigning hard against the Liberal and Conservative parties.

DAL PEOPLE INVOLVED

The Dalhousie community has three professors and one student involved in the political whirligig - all for the NDP.

All three candidates are hoping to cash in on the increasing dissatisfaction the electorate has shown towards the two established parties. With the surprise victory of Manitoba's New Democratic party still playing sweet music in their ears, the candidates are waging spirited, but low-cost, campaigns. In NDP circles, hopes are high that leader Jeremy Akerman can pull off the same trick as Ed Schreyer.

Classics professor Bruno W. Dombrowski, economics professor, Alistair M. Sinclair, Barrett Halderman, former executive-assistant to federal leader Tommy Douglas, and presently in his final year of law, and K.B. Jobson, assistant professor of Law are the four aspirants.

Dr. Dombrowski, whose Halifax-Cobequid riding includes the Bedford-Sackville areas, says that if elected, he would see to it that "the inefficiency, inertia, patronage, and outright mismanagement of the present legislature and government will come to their long deserved end."

PROTECT AGAINST ANNEXATION

His immediate goal would be to protect the citizens' interests of this area against possible annexation to the city of Halifax. Annexation would be a satisfactory step but only if properly handled with a plebiscite.

Drastic measures will be taken against the prime contributors to the pollution of Bedford Basin, says Dombrowski, citing the city of Halifax as the largest. A recent pollution study termed the Basin "dead". He claims the city is responsible for 70%-80% of the present pollution.

SUPPORTS WOMEN'S RIGHTS

Women's Liberation have a supporter in Dombrowski, who insists on equal rights and equal pay with men. He called Premier G.I. ("Ike") Smith's proposed legislation on equal pay for women at the minimum wage level "medieval" and as "making women feel inferior".

Dombrowski's opponents in the election, Liberal George Riley and Speaker of the House, G.H. Fitzgerald, are not among his chief worries. He describes Riley as an "outsider" lacking concrete ideas on anything and G.H. Fitzgerald as just not very important. He prefers to run on his own merits.

The professor, who is also president of the Halifax-East Hants Federal Constituency Association of the NDP, gives himself a "good chance to win". His is equally bubbling over with confidence when talking about his party's chances. "We could make it in a sweep-in. Don't forget, nobody expected the NDP to win in Manitoba either."

One who is not given too much hope of winning (by his opponents at least) is Alistair M. Sinclair, NDP candidate for Halifax-Needham riding.

As an author of several reports on the economic policies of the city of Halifax and

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Regan's act
'Wows' Dal crowd

Liberal party boss Gerald Regan last week attempted to wave his magic wand over assembled Dalhousie students, assuring them of a better life under a Liberal government. The problems of pollution, labour, economic growth, and women were touched on in true political style - generalities. Throughout the campaign, Regan and the Liberal party have refrained from attacking the Smith government in its usual "positive approach". Things will be different under a Liberal government, he says, but never says how.

WAVING THE MAGIC WAND

The party's main concern seems to be an increase in economic growth for the province. "None of the parties can wave the magic wand to bring Nova Scotia up to the level of Ontario," he told the students. But he spoke as though this ideal should be achieved, and indicated his party would do something in that direction.

More industry, (obviously from outside the region, or country), more international trade and better labour-management relations are the way to achieve this ideal, he feels.

"We must develop our province to make it attractive to industry," he emphasized. Is he

really thinking about the people of the province? It is never clear.

On the subject of labour, the Liberals would like to see laws changed, although they do entirely not specify how. One method would be a system of referees. The referees would be chosen either by union-management or the department of labour, and would be available at short notice to deal with minor labour disputes.

NO "INFLAMMATORY STATEMENTS"

The Canso area fishermen's strike has been prolonged over six months because of antiquated labour law, in Regan's opinion.

He says he has not wanted to make "inflammatory statements" that might endanger the negotiations.

If the laws were different, he added, the fishermen would have been organized before the B.C. based United Fishermen & Allied Workers Union arrived.

Furthermore, upon election, a Liberal government would settle the issue within a month. However, the Liberal leader did not say how the strike would be settled.

He seems to have forgotten that at a rally in Sydney in July, his proposed "solution" to the fisherman's strike was roundly booed by the 700 fishermen and their supporters who packed the hall. In fact, Mr. Regan's reception was only slightly less boisterous than that for Conservative Labour Minister T. McKeough.

Pollution was another topic high on the Liberal agenda. There must be strict pollution controls, they say, but controls which do not endanger opportunities to attract industry. This completely ignores the fact that people are suffering from the effect of pollution daily, because companies encouraged and financed by the provincial government have set up shop in the province in the name of attracting industry to this "under-developed area".

Typical of his attack on the problem, is the idea that we must rectify the Boat Harbour situation (in Pictou County) because the government assumed responsibility for effluent control when Scott Paper decided to locate there.

WHY NO WOMEN RUNNING?

Questioned about his party's stand on women's rights, and why there were no women running under the Liberal banner, Regan replied, "I'm really in favour of women." He did not say for what. The only position the party has taken is equal pay for equal work, in an attempt to bring equality. Day care centres are also mentioned.

No other consideration is given to this section of the community, consisting of about 50% of the electoral group.

Regan is quite confident that his party can continue to wave its magic wand over the people of Nova Scotia, and win on election day.

Does it really matter who wins?

More tutors needed
for North-End kids

By JON PIERCE

Operation Out-Reach is in trouble unless more Dal students turn out to act as tutors to North End children needing help with their studies. A spokesman for the program issued the warning following a "disappointing" turnout of 25 for an organizational meeting Sept. 28.

"If education means anything to you, sign up," urged Christine Ghose, 4th year Arts, who is campus coordinator. Those interested may obtain a questionnaire from the S.U.B. information desk, and should fill it out and return it to the same place as soon as possible.

Christine said 25 tutors would not even begin to meet the needs of the program.

"There are hundreds, and perhaps thousands of children of all ages in the North End who need tutoring for one reason or another," she said. "For right now, we shall have to begin with the most serious problems - with those in danger of failing one or more subjects in school. But we would like to get to work with the average and even with the bright student. . . our goal is to help as many of these kids as possible get into university, and that means working with the better students as well."

Tutoring, which begins the first week in October, will be done in the students' homes in the Mulgrave Park projects on the North End.

"This way, the tutor will be able to see personally what kind of environment the student has to work in," Christine explained. As part of the work, each tutor will talk with the student's parents.

"In the past," she said (she has worked in a similar program in Melbourne, Australia), I would even have parents come to me, once they got to know me fairly well, and say their child was having problems in school because of this or that in the home."

Aside from the tutoring itself, Out-Reach includes a program of monthly meetings and guest speakers on a wide variety of educational topics.

Funding for necessary expenses such as tutor's carfare, books, and school supplies is from a Student Council grant of \$200, which Veith House has indicated it will match if more money is needed. Overall coordinator of the program is Ernie Rafuse, social worker at Veith House. Christine and Patrick Mabey are campus coordinators. Those wishing more information should call Veith House, 454-2821, or Christine Ghose at 835-9129.