

Grits gather to guile gullible

Neil Wiberg

Four Metro Liberal candidates in the February 18 election took to the hustings before a crowd of 75 at York last Thursday. The four exhibited a great variety of campaigning styles, but the message was the same: Joe Clark and the Tories are a disaster.

Rosedale candidate Anne Cools demonstrated an unorthodox approach. She told the audience that the public made the right decision in voting out the Liberals last May. She cited the defection of Jack Horner as well as the Liberal establishment's meddling in certain nominations as the reasons for anti-Liberal sentiment.



Candidate David Smith

She then turned her guns on the Conservatives. She stated that the word Tory originally meant bandit, and maintained that the brief Tory term in power shattered the myth that they can handle money.

Cools concluded by talking about women's rights. She criticized the Tories for only

having one woman in their cabinet and reminded the audience that women's rights pioneer Nellie McClung ran for Parliament as a Liberal.

Former Toronto alderman David Smith began his remarks by stating, "Joe Clark has no sense of purpose or not sense of direction." Smith, a candidate in Don Valley East, contended that

there is no evidence that Clark cares about the country, only that Clark wants to keep the Tory premiers happy by given away resources.

Roy McLaren, Grit incumbent in Etobicoke North, talked about foreign policy. He read from a prepared text in a plodding manner.

MacLaren decried Joe Clark

as "a man obsessed with a futile, pointless search to be different." Flora MacDonald's practice of imposing her idea of human rights on other countries was "naive and nonsensical."

Willowdale hopeful Jim Peterson discussed Canadian control of the economy. His speech was the most analytical and thought out of the four.

Peterson, a law partner of John Turner, argued that the Foreign Investment Review Agency should adopt a tough stand on multi-nationals. He called for increased spending on research and development as well as financial assistance to small business. He suggested strengthening those industries linked to resources.

OFS — Under attack

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The Ontario Federation of Students is coming under increasing attack from both the Progressive Conservative Party and francophone students. OFS holds its winter conference at McLaughlin College this weekend, where a new chairperson will be elected.

The organization has two main functions: first, it serves as a lobby at Queen's Park, and second, it organizes mass activities, such as demonstrations and the recent postcard campaign.

Recently, these functions have come under considerable criticism from the Progressive Conservative Campus Association. The Young Tories have accused OFS of embarking on an anti-government campaign.

David Angus, Youth Director of the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party, questions whether the average student perceived the OFS' demands for

low tuition fees and increased government expenditures, as reasonable in times of restraint.

Angus told *Excalibur*, "OFS keeps looking for a new mechanism or strategy. This indicates to me that their previous mechanisms were failures. Is OFS the true voice of the students? There has been a low turnout of voters at the OFS referenda. I do not think OFS represents the silent majority of students."

Another criticism levelled at OFS is that it does not provide adequate bilingual services to the thousands of francophone students in Ontario universities. Allan Golombek, OFS information officer, concedes that the French language services are inadequate and admits that OFS is looking for ways to improve these services.

In 1978, students of the bilingual University of Ottawa rejected by referendum a

proposal to become members of OFS. Golombek claims that a 10 per cent minimum turnout rule was too stringent. He also believes that bilingualism was not an issue during that referendum campaign.

However, Susann Camus, editor of the University of Ottawa

student newspaper, *The Fulcrum*, disagrees. In a recent editorial re-examining the rejection of OFS, Camus wrote, "The bilingual nature of the University and the unilingual nature of the OFS was one of the major reasons why students voted no."

Roommate wanted

Lauragaye Jackson

The energetic co-ordinator of the Centre for Handicapped Students, Judy Snow, is seeking a roommate for her Graduate Residence apartment. A quadruplegic, Judy would like someone who can give her special attention for a few hours in the morning and evening.

She is searching for a person who is willing to move in now,

and provide a one year commitment. The type of roommate she is seeking is someone with an interest in handicapped people, who would like to be involved in the services offered by York University. With Snow's strong involvement, she would certainly be an asset as a friend and guide to any new-comer participating in York's wide ranging recreational and educational programmes.

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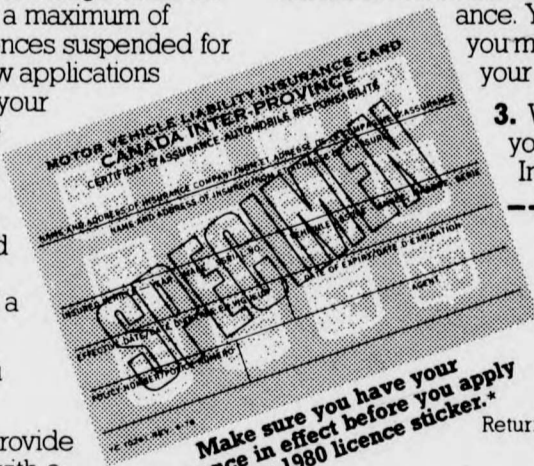
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