

Liberal candidates hit York to garner student support

Mike Guy

In anticipation of Stuart Smith's resignation as the leader of Ontario's Liberal Party, leadership candidates Jim Peterson, James Breithaupt, and John Sweeney made a campaign stop at York last Wednesday to gain the support of York Student Liberals.

Peterson, the only candidate to arrive on time, spoke strongly

about Ontario's economic woes. "Ontario is experiencing economic decline," he said. "Last year, we had a net migration of thirty thousand skilled workers. People are taking their talents elsewhere, because there is no opportunity in Ontario as there used to be.

"To accomplish our goals, we must keep the future in mind; we need renewable energy. And we

can't continue to export more raw materials than the amount of manufactured goods that we export."

Sweeney, attacking the Conservatives' funding of post-secondary education, suggested that the universities were part of the solution to the province's energy problem. He explained, "Universities are researching alternative sources of energy to petroleum. Their finds will definitely benefit Canada in the future."

However, according to Sweeney, university education is being damaged. "I worked for the Liberal party as a university critic, and I know that the budget cutbacks affect education in a qualitative way. Yet Premier Davis says our educational institutions are the best in the country. This is not true; Ontario stands last among all of the other provinces." In fact all the candidates agreed that Davis' government views education as an expenditure and not as an investment.

The speakers also agreed on a greater emphasis on preventative health care. Breithaupt spoke for all the candidates when he said, "We need preventative care and we must stop wasting billions of dollars on nurses who aid one patient when they could aid five patients at a time." Peterson believes, "More people should take the responsibility for their own health."

On the issue of rent control, the candidates disagreed. Peterson feels, "Politics and economics diverge on rent control. Rent should be subsidized by a tax shelter allowance." Sweeney, however, favors rent controls and said, "I wish we had sufficient vacancy so that we would not need to rent control, but until there is enough opportunity enabling our young couples to buy a house, we will need rent control."

As the meeting drew to a close, the candidates examined ways of improving the fortunes of the Liberal Party. "I don't believe in Pied Piper politics," said Peterson. "But we must start using sophisticated campaigning and polling techniques to compete with the Conservatives."

Sweeney added, "People are angry, frustrated, and fearful of society's future. They want a government who recognizes their problems."

I.D.A. will showcase N.Y. photographers

York University's I.D.A. gallery will showcase the work of more than 20 student photographers from the State University of New York's Stony Brook campus.

The show, which opens officially at 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27 is the second half of an exchange of students and work between York's photography department and its counterpart at S.U.N.Y.

The show will consist of more than 50 works by S.U.N.Y. photographers. It was arranged to let photographers on both sides of the border to get a taste

of what their neighbours are doing.

According to Chris Jackson, a York student who has been coordinating the exchange, the two schools have different fundamental philosophies about teaching photography.

"We hope the general York community will come out and see the show," he said. "It's always interesting to see what other people are doing. We received an excellent response on our show there are we hope York students will agree that it's a worthwhile project."



This shot is one of many from visiting S.U.N.Y. photographers

Finn means business

Emile de Manor

CYSF has once again chosen a new business manager. He is Tony Finn, 27, and a third-year RIA student.

Finn discovered the job through the RIA Society. "God bless 'em," says the soft-spoken Finn.

A very happy man, now that he is working full-time, Finn says that he would like to organize and streamline things so that "the students who I work for will eventually benefit."

Finn replaces interim business manager Gayle Rempel, who replaced Tom Thomas.

A friendly sort, Finn invites members of the York community to "feel free to drop in and see me anytime to talk about CYSF business affairs."



Finn is new CYSF manager.

University's bonds bomb

Berel Wetstein

In a report released to Excalibur yesterday, it was revealed that the university administration will be accepting a loss of \$650,000 on the sale of long term bonds.

The Finance Committee has recommended that the Board of Governors spread the loss over ten years so that the setback will appear as \$65,000 a year.

Howard Buchbinder, Chair-

person of the York University Faculty Association, commented on the recommendation, "This is an example of why there is animosity between the administration and the unions. We have to be economic detectives just to find out how much money the university has. This loss is equivalent to two per cent extra pay to the faculty."

George Bell, the administration's BOG representative, was unavailable for comment.



The money was rolling and so were the guests at York's recent Las Vegas Night. The big winner was the York Student Fund.

Vegas Night: CYSF hits the jackpot

Cameron Smith

As the term nears its end, students begin to buckle under the increasing pressure. They need some release; something to get their minds off the papers, the labs, the tests and exams that dominate their lives.

It appears that Las Vegas Night provided the break that students needed. The event, organized by the Council of the York Student Federation, Stong College and the York Cheerleaders, was held last Friday night at Stong.

Mark Pearlman, chairman of the CYSF Fundraising Committee, says that the project raised "something in the area of seven hundred dollars after expenses, and that money is going to the York Student Fund," who will in turn allocate the proceeds to certain projects sponsored by the York Fund Raising campaign.

"We're quite pleased with the money we made, considering the turn out," says Pearlman. "There were about 250 people there. The room can only hold 350 and we were hoping to sell out all the tickets, but it was a good turn-out."

Music flowed throughout the evening as Radio York kept the dance floor packed. The playing tables, staffed by the talented cheerleaders, were jammed with eager players. Money in their hands, hope in their pockets, the crowd gambled and danced until one A.M.

At midnight the lottery was held for the trip for two to Florida. The winner with ticket number 337 was a York Economics major, as yet unidentified. He was a popular guy for the rest of the night.

Asked to comment on the evening's festivities, patrons expressed approval. A Stong student, young, blond and virile, saw the event "as a great evening for ten bucks, avarice prevails." Lyn, a business major with European elegance, found the night out to be "a lot of fun, brilliant," with "gambling a very, very good idea." This, despite the fact that she, "lost for the cause."

The evening progressed, the Hall got steamy and the clock sped towards one A.M. As the staff began to clean up, we knew, as did the others, that it was time to cash in our chips.

Smiley frowns on constitution

Cathy Moffat

"One of the major problems in the process of the constitutional debate is that the people involved in it are also involved in the day to day governing of Canada."

In a talk sponsored by the political science student's association, Professor D. Smiley of York's Department of Political Science expressed this and other opinions on Canada's constitutional agreement. Although he was not at a loss for controversial topics, Smiley failed to provoke a strong reaction from the approximately thirty-five students present in the Vanier Senior Commons Room.

Smiley, who is a strong opponent of the Charter of Rights, stated that "it is not possible to guarantee rights", because basic rights are not clearly defined.

The professor opposes the inclusion of women's rights in the constitution. Suggesting that women's groups would be better off fighting in the legislative arena, Smiley seemed somewhat perplexed as to why women would want to have judges, who are mainly elderly men, defend sexual equality. "It is hard to dialogue with the court," was Smiley's mild observation. None of the listeners contradicted him.

Smiley is concerned about

Quebec's opposition to the new constitution and is not convinced that the package is best for "all" of Canada. "Although situations in Quebec triggered the constitutional debate," he believes the Quebecois have had little impact as "power brokers" in the decision-making process.

According to Smiley, women and natives were the only interest groups successful in influencing the agreement. Citing business groups, unions and disabled people, among others, he stated that many groups were unable to organize themselves and were thus excluded from the constitutional debate.

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