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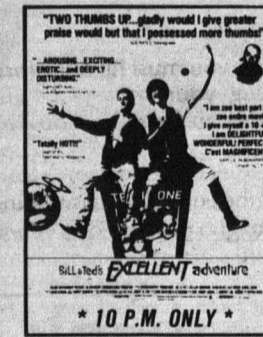
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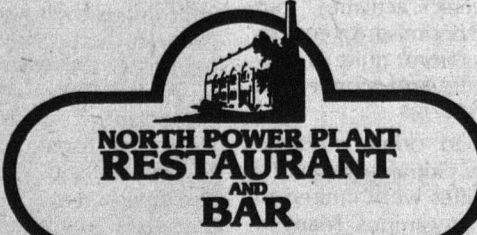
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freeze to death and I won't appreciate that at all."

Regardless of what discomfort lies ahead, some students accepted the forthcoming move with resignation.

"It seems like a good deal to me, the LRT's gotta go in there sometime. It's just a real tragedy that it's going to take until September '92," said Dwayne Donald, a second year fine arts student. "Besides which my hair will freeze up."

Humour aside, some students saw an even more dreary picture than trudging an extra block in the snow drifts. Rhonda Baxter, a fourth year arts student saw a potential safety risk in the move.

"The bus stop as it is now is dangerous enough, but when you get all those people having to walk further, it will only increase the hazard. It all seems very dangerous to me."

Still, while the transit users are preparing for a more arduous trip

to school, there are those who don't even take the bus that are bothered by the move.

"It's not a good idea to axe all that parking. There's not enough parking as it is," said second year science student Sita Gourishankar. But while the rest of us are freezing to death, or at least freezing our hair, there is no need to worry about Gourishankar, who admitted: "I actually don't care, 'cause I'll be in a warm car!"

Senate candidates squabble

by Norm Fennema

Seldom does one get the chance to enjoy free entertainment while becoming politically aware, but Tuesday's senate candidates election forum provided just such an opportunity. The six candidates in next Monday's first-ever Alberta Senate election appeared at the university law centre, presenting their views and providing an interesting deviation from the rigours of mid-terms for the curious few.

that "sending a message to Ottawa about the G.S.T. and fiscal responsibility is possible by changing the way our Senate operates," in effect giving it "effective veto powers."

Bill Code slandered Brown's approach, saying this Senate election is "not about that, not about G.S.T. but about Senate reform." Code attempted to differentiate his platform, saying "I want a united Canada, not a bunker-like mentality of retreating to the province and dodging the slings and arrows."

Canadian rather than Albertan."

Gladys Taylor, the sole female candidate, accused Stan Waters of using Preston Manning's name so often she's "not sure who's who," and said of Bill Code: "There are already 56 Liberal Senators in Ottawa... Bill would be number 57." Taylor believed she would be accepted in Ottawa "partly because I'm independent and partly because more than 54 percent of Canada is female. I survived the outback of Australia alone," she said, adding that this had prepared her for living in Ottawa.

Sponsored jointly by the Centre for Constitutional Studies and the Department of Political Science, the forum attracted almost as many reporters as students. Each candidate presented a three-minute spiel followed by an open discussion of the many issues which this campaign has brought forward.

Meanwhile the three independents, Ken Paproski, Tom Sindlinger and Gladys Taylor, spent much of their time discrediting Code for his Liberal Party affiliates.

What Mulroney will do after Albertans make their choice is unknown. When Mulroney demanded a list of candidates from which he could choose a senator, Getty responded by promising to send a list after the election in the order in which they finish. All the candidates cautioned Mulroney to accept the victor. "I can't imagine that the Prime Minister will deny an elected position. If he chooses to do so, his political future will be in jeopardy," said Paproski. Ken Waters demanded Getty to "just send one name, not a list." Code was more cautious, saying, "We'll see what the Prime Minister of Canada does with the list and then choose our action." Meanwhile, Taylor complained of her opponents rhetorical answers. "I feel like Snow White with the five mouths."

Senate reform has been a hot issue on and off since the original appointees of 1867 (the only ones elected on a bi-partisan basis) began to die off or retire. Recognized by most political theorists as being flawed and in need of reform, the Canadian Senate has often been referred to as the Prime Minister's Patronage Pool.

Stan Waters, representing the Reform Party, and Brown took much of the heat as well. Paproski directed his criticism (as well as his wagging finger) towards Code as he smeared Liberal Alberta Senators of the past who "stood by during the National Energy Program which drained Alberta of 60 billion. We should reject these party candidates," he continued, saying the choice was between candidates "directed by party politics or those representing all Albertans."

Sindlinger, one of the less confrontational speakers, continued the emphasis on non-affiliation, stressing that "97 percent of Albertans of voting age do not belong to any political party," and added that "the point of view we must take is

The need for a reformed Senate, though expounded by every candidate, was not the main focus of the discussion, as each candidate stressed instead his or her individual attributes. To stand apart in the voter's mind is essential, for many Albertans will probably not know even the candidates' names until they are asked to make a decision. Thus from the beginning the discussion centred on the different views of just what Senate reform entailed. Bert Brown, the P.C. candidate who made the news seven years ago by using his combine to write senate reform demands in his wheat field, expressed his belief



Senate Candidate Ken Paproski discusses one of the many issues of the first-ever Alberta Senate election.

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