

# HERE ARE YOUR CANDIDATES

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**Stanley Randall**

THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

Mr. Stanley Randall, member for Don Mills, and Minister of Economics and Development in the Ontario government, feels his chances of success in the present election are excellent. Here are his opinions on some of the issues.

## UNIVERSAL ACCESSIBILITY

Mr. Randall does not agree with charges that the student Awards Programme relegates education to the status of a privilege. He claims that nobody is denied the right to an education today. He feels that there will probably be some changes in time since education is moving rapidly.

Presently, however, education is a billion dollar investment in human resources, and universal accessibility would place the cost of education on the shoulders of the taxpayer, and require the government to cut investment elsewhere.

## STUDENT HOUSING

Mr. Randall was asked to comment on the work of the Ontario Student Housing Corporation in the light of recent accusations of failure on the part of OSHC to criticize the residence plans drawn up by a relatively inexperienced university faculty. Mr. Randall feels that too much planning can stifle effective action and that there is today a desperate need for action on residences.

Moreover, the OSHC was only formed in August, and, though much work has been done, the ultimate in student housing is yet to be reached. Under the programme, he explains, the residences will be run by the universities and not by OSHC.

On the subject of rebates, Mr. Randall points out that the cost of housing must be paid for one way or another, and any loss that is accumulated must be made up in taxes. (The argument has recently been raised that the OSHC should charge less for

university residence than for other means of accommodation in order to cut the already high costs of university).

## COMMUNITY COLLEGES

"...are something we've needed for a long time...a real first for Canada. The colleges give those who are not academically inclined a chance to develop their skills. Many thousands of people do not want to go to university. Technical institutions give them a second chance."

## OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Mr. Randall claims the government has built more public housing since January 1965 than has been built in the last 50 years; created 368,000 new job opportunities in Ontario since 1963; and added new industries at the rate of 175 - 200 per year. "I support the capitalistic system to my dying day...If Ontario is suffering from anything, it is suffering from prosperity."



**Gordon Ryan**

THE LIBERAL VIEW

Mr. Gordon Ryan, 34, an investment broker and vice-president of the Toronto District Liberal Association, is the Liberal contestant in Don Mills for the first time.

## UNIVERSAL ACCESSIBILITY

Mr. Ryan feels that university education should be free some day, but not at the present stage. University education should be extended, but the "Utopia" of free education is not in the immediate future.

Mr. Ryan favors faculty and student representation on university administrative boards in academic matters only.

## COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Mr. Ryan feels that Community Colleges are "not enough and certainly not a first for Canada." He would like to see education in general move toward the trends

being followed today in the semester system and law schools, where study is combined with experience in the field. It is wrong, he believes, to pigeon-hole students in a particular field of study, as the Community Colleges have been accused of doing to students, thus stifling ambitions to a university education.

Mr. Ryan is irked by students who question him solely on matters concerning education. "Aren't students interested in any of the other issues?" Students should interest themselves in matters which in a few short years will affect them as home owners and parents, says Mr. Ryan. One of these issues is urban problems.

## URBAN PROBLEMS

"People are flocking to urban centres now at such a rate that by the turn of the century, 95

percent of our population will be concentrated in the cities. The provincial government is closing its eyes to this."

Mr. Ryan sees leadership on the provincial level as the best solution to lack of capital in the municipalities. He recommends reorganization of the municipalities and points to the success of municipal reorganization in New Brunswick under Mr. Robichaud.

## HOUSING

Mr. Ryan feels that some form of HOME plan would be continued by a Liberal government on Ontario. But the present plan is only 'part of a plan', with the major portion of the population left out of it. He complains of too much 'red tape': often there is delay because the municipalities cannot service the land. The load must be taken off the municipalities by government servicing.

Mr. Chris Smith, architect and NDP challenger, believes his chances are "excellent".

## UNIVERSAL ACCESSIBILITY

"The taxpayer pays 80 percent of the costs of universities and yet he is often prevented from sending his own kids to university because of the high costs involved. I've talked to lots of people who simply could not afford to go to university." Mr. Smith is opposed to university grants. The NDP would replace university grants with free tuition - "I would think within the first year ..."

Mr. Smith would like the NDP to institute a series of State Universities whereby the students would not pay formal tuition or any part of the cost of education. The cost to the student would be valued in time rather than dollars. After a student has graduated or ended his post-secondary school education, he would be indebted to the government for the number of years he has remained in University. This, Mr. Smith feels, would halt the brain-drain out of Canada as the only way one could leave the country would be to pay all costs

incurred by the government.

## STUDENT REPRESENTATION

Mr. Smith criticizes the present structure of university boards of governors, on the basis that they represent only a small part of society - the business community. He deplores what he terms the "bureaucratic approach of the boards."

"I support the students and faculty". Mr. Smith is in favor of the petition of the faculty and students of the University of Western Ontario for direct representation on the board of governors. (The petition was revised by the board to a form unacceptable to the original framers of that petition - students would be represented by a rector chosen by the students but having been out of university for at least one year. The bill passed the legislature in that form.)

Mr. Smith believes that the views of students and faculty should be given the same priority as those of the president. "But they will not be under this government," he said. "We should teach the students individual responsibility but while at university he is not given the

responsibility."

## HOME

Mr. Smith has been working in housing since the early 50's. He claims that 95 percent of the population cannot afford to buy homes. The HOME plan is supposed to make houses available to the 'average' man earning \$8,600. But the 'average' man in T.O. makes only \$5,000, according to Mr. Smith. He claims the Conservatives took money from the OHC and put it into HOME - something which was not in the legislation - only to force lot prices up. The houses are stripped down, he complains that such necessities as kitchen equipment must be bought by the home owner himself. Mr. Smith says the government must purchase "cow pasture", not "Bramalea lots."

- The NDP would
- 1) provide mortgage money at five per cent up to 90% of total house costs;
  - 2) eliminate the 11 percent sales tax on home building materials
  - 3) assemble and service land on a large scale by public acquisition of the lands and sale to individual purchasers at cost.



**Chris Smith**

AN NDP VIEW