

# Davey takes aim at the Liberal heart

by Juanita Spears

In the foreword to *The Rainmaker*, Senator Davey informs us that he has lived his life for 30 years "at the very heart of the Liberal Party of Canada."

Written mostly from memory with the aid of some notes, Davey dishes out oodles of fine details right down to Michael Pitfield's preference for Monte Cristo cigars.

Yet, despite the wealth of information contained in the pages, the reader feels somewhat cheated; despite all the endless details, Davey never quite bares the "heart" of the Liberal Party to us.

However, the book for the most part is quite entertaining, in both an informative and anecdotal fashion.

Its overall tone is conversational, making it very easy to read. It chronicles Davey's political career from his time at Foster Hewitt's radio station, to national director of the Liberal Party, to Lester Pearson's campaign director, and through the turbulent years as political advisor to Pierre Elliot Trudeau.

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If you have ever wondered what exactly the Senate actually does, chapter 17, "Inside the Senate", will be of particular interest to you.

Davey not only takes us into serious private meetings and strategy sessions with the PM and his advisors, but reveals the lighter side of politics proving that a politician not only has to have "thick skin", but also a sense of humour.

To help prove his point the book is laced with political cartoons which poke both fun and an accusing finger at the author.

Davey stated in a Gateway interview that he did not set out to write a history book. But rather, because he had been in the thick of Canadian politics for so long, he felt he had some insights worth sharing.

One of his main concerns was to try to alleviate the public's growing cynicism towards politicians.

He succeeds in part, by showing us that most of those involved in the political rat-race are decent human beings equipped with foibles as well as attributes. And he does this, at times, with brutal frankness.

In fact, this frankness brought him and his book under heavy criticism from many Liberals and, in particular, John Turner loyalists.

Davey does not exactly paint a very favourable portrait of the Liberal leader. The most damaging being his account that Turner

wished to consult George Schultz in Washington before instituting opposition to SDI (Star Wars) as part of the Liberal platform during the 1984 election campaign.

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Davey also stated that he wished to battle Canadians' apathy towards politics. In particular, he was hoping to reach idle Liberals across the

country; rally the troops shall we say.

It is not surprising then that the final chapter is devoted to espousing small 'l' liberalism and Davey's views as to what the Liberal Party must do to make a comeback.

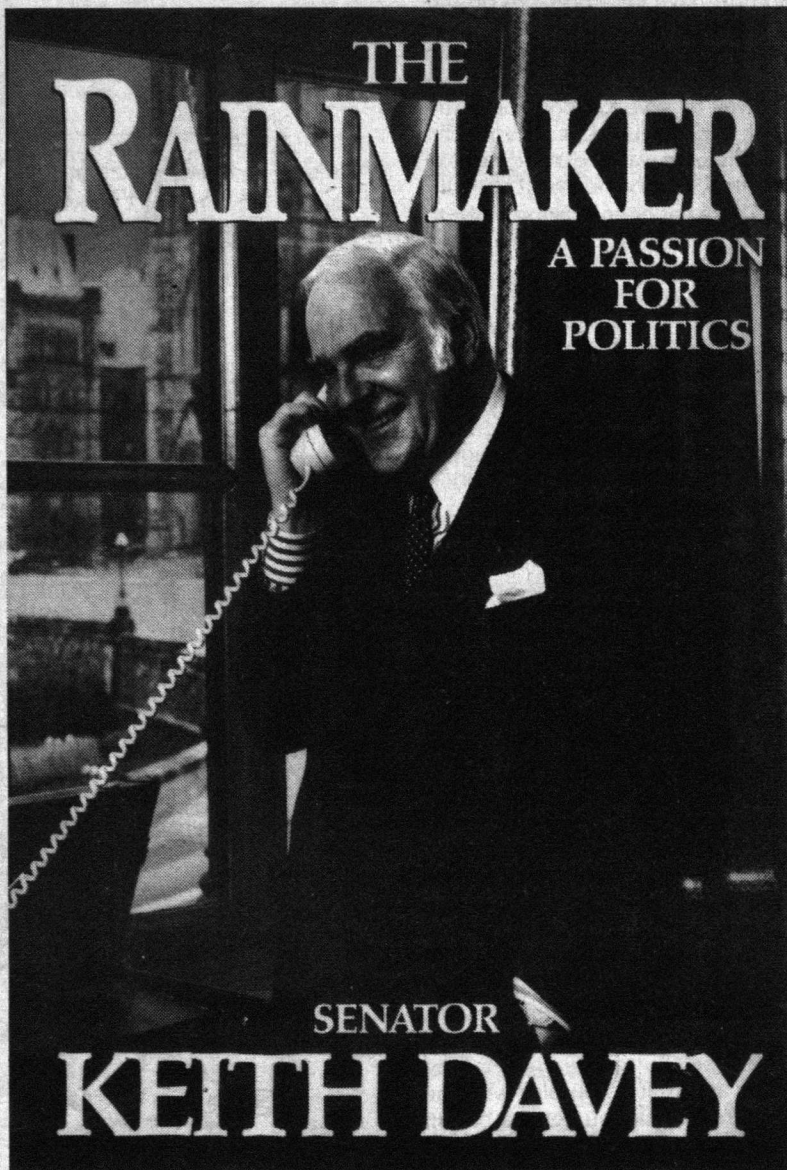
In fact, the very last line of the book states that "it is time for every last Grit to come to the aid of the party."

Despite the book's occasional lapses into the mundane, and perhaps even on occasion self-serving purposes, it does offer valuable

insights into the workings of modern politics.

Because it is written by someone who has run more election campaigns than anyone else in North America, one of its greatest contributions is the insights to the intricacies of the process of picking candidates, campaign strategies and in turn selling it all to the Canadian public.

It is a must for anyone who has an interest in Canadian politics — the pundit and novice alike.



## DIE Board decision

Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement (D.I.E.) Board Decision. RE: Request for Enforcement and Interpretation by Stephen Phillips A. Request for Enforcement

The Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement (D.I.E.) Board found that motion "c" as presented to Students' Council on 20 January 1987 conflicts with motion 22.3 adopted by Students' Council on 26 April 1983.

Bylaw 100, Section 18 states, that, "Robert's Rules of Order shall be observed at all meetings of Council, as well as any special rules adopted by Council."

It is stated in *The Scott, Foresman Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* (1981) at page 92, "... no main motion is in order that conflicts with a motion previously adopted at any time and still in force." Pages 291 - 292 state that:

... motions are out of order that present practically the same question as a motion ... that has been adopted ... and has been neither rescinded, nor re-considered and rejected, after adoption. If a motion of this kind is adopted, it is null and void.

Motion 22.3 has not been rescinded and is due to remain in force until 30 April 1987, pursuant to Bylaw 1700, Section 2.

The DIE Board is hereby obliged to invoke Bylaw 3500, Section 21 (b) and require that the Students' Council reconsider the conflicting motion "c" no later than the next meeting of the Students' Council immediately following the published decision of the DIE Board and motion "c" shall have no effect until it has been duly reconsidered and reintroduced pursuant to *Robert's Rules of Order*.

**B. Request for Interpretation**

Motion "c" as originally moved is as follows:

Oginski/Cooper - WHEREAS Students' Council realizes that students have a responsibility to directly pay for a portion of their education; and, WHEREAS Students' Council realizes that modest increments in tuition fees are necessary to maintain the paying of an appropriate portion of students' educational programmes by students; WHEREAS Students' Council

believes that dramatic increases in tuition fees would jeopardize the continuation of many students' educational programmes, **BE IT RESOLVED** that Students' Council recognizes the responsibility of students to pay for a portion of their education and concedes that a small tuition increase for 1987-88 is reasonable **WITH THE PROVISIO THAT** there are no cuts in the 1987-88 Province of Alberta operating grant to the University of Alberta. The motion was amended by Boston/Higgin, and the motion adopted reads:

Oginski/Cooper - WHEREAS Students' Council realizes that students have a responsibility to directly pay for a portion of their education; and, WHEREAS Students' Council realizes that modest increments in tuition fees are necessary to maintain the paying of an appropriate portion of students' educational programmes by students; and WHEREAS Students' Council believes that dramatic increases in tuition fees would jeopardize the continuation of many students' educational programmes, **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Students' Council recognizes the responsibility of students to pay for a portion of their education and concedes that a small tuition increase for 1987-88 is reasonable **WITH THE PROVISIO THAT** the Administration of the University of Alberta actively seeks an increase in private funding of the University and the Administration actively seeks to streamline the University without sacrificing the academic integrity of the University of Alberta.

The DIE Board found that motion "c" was thoroughly vague and non-committal. The DIE Board suggests that while Students' Council is reconsidering the motion pursuant to part "A" above, Council should also make an effort to define it so as to display a more accurate intent, capable of interpretation.

Respectfully submitted,  
DISCIPLINE, INTERPRETATION  
AND ENFORCEMENT (D.I.E.)  
BOARD

Scott A. Watson  
Chairperson (1986-87)

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