

Liberal leader says oil not the way

by Peter Michalyshyn

"It's hard to tell Albertans not to build their futures on oil," said provincial Liberal leader Nick Taylor at a Political Science Undergraduate Association (PSUA) forum Friday.

But that is exactly what Taylor is asking of Albertans. He said he doesn't accept Lougheed's conventional province-building strategy of selling non-renewable resources to develop an industrial society in Alberta.

"We must build on the 'utilities of the future,' in education, recreation and culture, he

said, instead of pulling industry out of Ontario.

Because the oil boom will be over in about 15 to 20 years, these industries will pack up and leave, Taylor said, leaving massive social problems in their wake.

Moreover, Alberta doesn't have a monopoly on resources. Newfoundland, Saskatchewan, B.C. and the Arctic all have oil or gas, he said.

"We're not the studs we think we are," he said. "You've heard your last Newfie joke," he added.

Taylor was critical of the

Alberta government for taking appreciating resources out of the ground and selling them for depreciating dollars.

He said he would only develop enough resources to pay for an expanded grain industry, tourism and world-class technology-exporting centers.

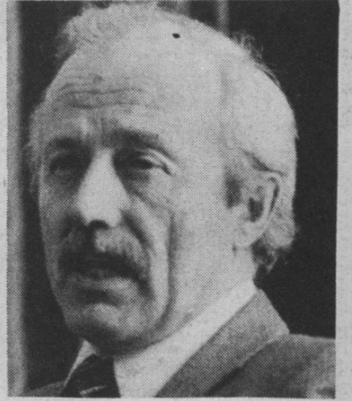
And he would use Alberta's control over resource production as a bargaining power over Ottawa's control over prices.

Asked about his near-election in a recent provincial by-election in Barrhead, Taylor said farmers understand his reasoning better than city dwellers.

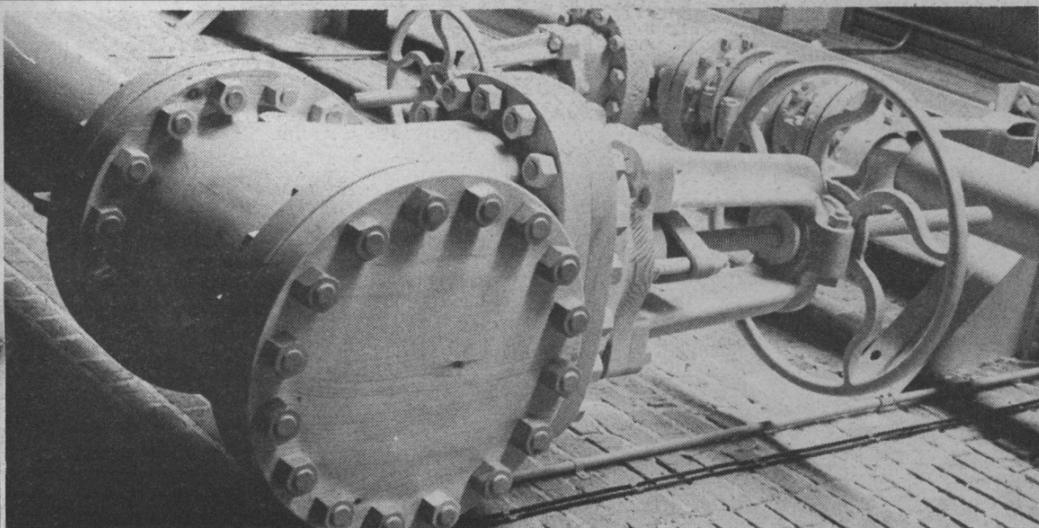
He said this is because farmers can see what Lougheed's government is turning the cities into conforming and unimaginative masses and subjecting them to a monolithic education system.

On the federal election, Taylor said it would be best for Alberta Liberals to have a "real mean bastard of a Tory running out of Ottawa."

This, he said, would hurt Lougheed's image of a fighter against the federal Liberal government's rape of Alberta's resources.



Nick Taylor



No, photo editor Brad Keith was not fooled by Bookstore art forgers again. This sculpture in wood, Pipe Dream, by Robert Iveson, is on display in the Power Plant.

photo Sue Jurczak

Library delays still a problem

by Julie Green

Complaints by library users about long lineups and slow check-out service have forced the library to upgrade its check-out terminals.

Limited access to the central micro-computer at check-out terminals caused lineups in the fall, says librarian to the university Bruce Peel. This problem has been partially alleviated by installing a memory device in the terminals, he says.

Books are processed faster,

but improvements are still necessary, adds the librarian.

A mini-computer which would speed up terminal reaction time has also been applied for in next year's budget, says Peel.

When the library was automated ten years ago, IBM check-out terminals were installed. However, these machines are no longer manufactured and the existing ones deteriorated, says Peel.

This summer the university

purchased Epic terminals. While the systems easily handled the summer flow, their drawbacks became apparent during the heavy winter session use. Because the terminals did not have simultaneous access to the micro-computer, lineups were created.

Complaints about the tardy service have ceased, says Peel. However, it's still best to avoid the peak hours from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. — if you are impatient with lineups, he says.

You pays your money

Who really knows how to call the election — political science professors or journalists?

The Gateway in its never-ending quest to answer this question contacted three political science professors and compared their predictions with three made by Gateway pundits.

And yes, we did it before the polls closed.

	Liberal	PC	NDP	Socred
The Profs				
Dr. Fred Englemann	134	109	37	2
Dr. Garth Stevenson	148	100	33	1
Dr. Allan Tupper	135	115	30	2
Gateway Pundits				
Gordon Turtle (editor)	139	105	36	1
Keith Krause & Jim McElgunn	141	107	31	3

And in a special category by themselves, Gateway sports editor Karl Wilberg's predictions. Ken Read will get 142 and the Canadiens will pick up two with Mackenzie King's mother getting a "ghostly remainder," according to Wilberg.

And the winner is . . . political science professor Garth Stevenson with a totally accurate prediction! (Stevenson included the one Quebec riding in which the election has been postponed, accounting for his one extra seat.)

And though the overall standing of the profs and the Gateway was the same, the Gateway claims responsibility for sports editor Wilberg's predictions and graciously concedes the contest.

Professor Stevenson will open his fortune-telling booth tomorrow.

Election results from CBC 11:00 p.m. news Monday.

Trudeau victory misses West

Regions polarized in Liberal sweep

Election analysis by Keith Krause and Jim McElgunn

"Welcome to the 1980s."

With these words, Prime Minister-elect Pierre Trudeau accepted victory in last night's federal election. Thus began another four years of Liberal majority government for Canada.

Liberal gains came early, as they picked up six seats in the Atlantic region. In Quebec, they annihilated Fabien Roy's Socreds, and only PC Roch Lasalle averted a total sweep in the province.

As expected, the Liberal majority was won in Ontario. The 18 cent per

gallon gas tax was the focus of discontent with the Clark government, and this dissatisfaction cost his party 22 seats.

However, victory on a national basis was marred for the Liberals by the regional polarization of the vote. Despite overwhelming support in Quebec and a strong showing in the Atlantic and Ontario, the Liberals failed to win any seats west of Winnipeg.

The overall result was: Liberals 148 seats, PCs 100, NDP 33.

The consequences for national unity of this regional split may be severe.

Western alienation is sure to be aggravated by the lack of adequate representation, although Trudeau may appoint western Senators to compensate for this deficiency.

But as the decimation of the PCs in Quebec indicates, this strategy is usually ineffective. Until the Liberals can reconstruct their party machinery at the local level, electoral success is sure to evade them in the west.

Unfortunately for both the Liberals and the West, their victory aborted long overdue moves towards a policy aimed at dealing with the new West. One result will be a clash with the oil-producing provinces over energy pricing.

Perhaps the only hope for a rebirth of a truly national Liberal party lies in

the leadership convention likely to be held in 1982. If the Liberals continue their tradition of alternating English and French-speaking leaders, they may yet choose a leader who can appeal to the West. During the period before the convention, though, there will be little incentive for Trudeau to make meaningful moves to appeal to the west.

Instead, the kind of stagnation apparent after his 1974 victory is likely to reappear.

One notable development in this election was the western surge in NDP support. Again, however, this election illustrates the regional nature of their support. Their two Atlantic seats were wiped out, but this was more than compensated for by eight new seats won in the West. But Ontario was once again a disappointment for the NDP.

It has also become obvious in recent years Canada's electoral system seriously aggravates regional divisions. This election graphically illustrates this trend.

Although they captured one-quarter of the vote, the Liberals only won two of the 80 seats west of Ontario. Another example of the electoral distortions is the chronic underrepresentation of the PCs in Quebec, the result of our one-member winner-take-all system. The NDP is as much a



victim of this as the other two parties. The stresses introduced by this inadequacy will eventually force us to adopt some form of proportional representation.

In the meantime, Canadians got the majority they seemed to want, but at a price. They dumped a man who could never quite convince them he was a genuine leader, in favor of a man who promised exactly what they wanted...no surprises.

Meanwhile, the Rhinos march on.

