

Education makes people easy to lead, but difficult to drive...

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...easy to govern, but impossible to enslave.

— Lord Brougham
1778-1868

Grits regroup

by M. Levenson

The Liberal party has "been to Hell and back", says Iona Campagnolo, and now is ready to accept the mantle of power again.

Campagnolo, President of the Liberal Party of Canada, spoke to a packed house at a forum presented by the U of A Liberal Association. She is in town to support Chris Seiersen, the Liberal candidate in the upcoming Pembina by-election, and took time out to demonstrate her commitment to the youth wing of the party.

She said the by-election is a "unique opportunity" to give temporary national prominence to the concerns of the constituency. Noting a trend toward a "fundamental re-alignment of governments in western Canada", Campagnolo expressed optimism regarding the outcome of the by-election.

Campagnolo said that the Liberal defeat in the 1984 federal election "was no surprise", and said that the pre-1984 Liberals had "become less democratized". Campagnolo described Liberal party efforts to re-establish grass-roots support: "The Liberals are not ideologues and are a federation, much like Canada itself," said Campagnolo. "It is a pluralistic party, capable of supporting many different points of view." The Liberal principles of

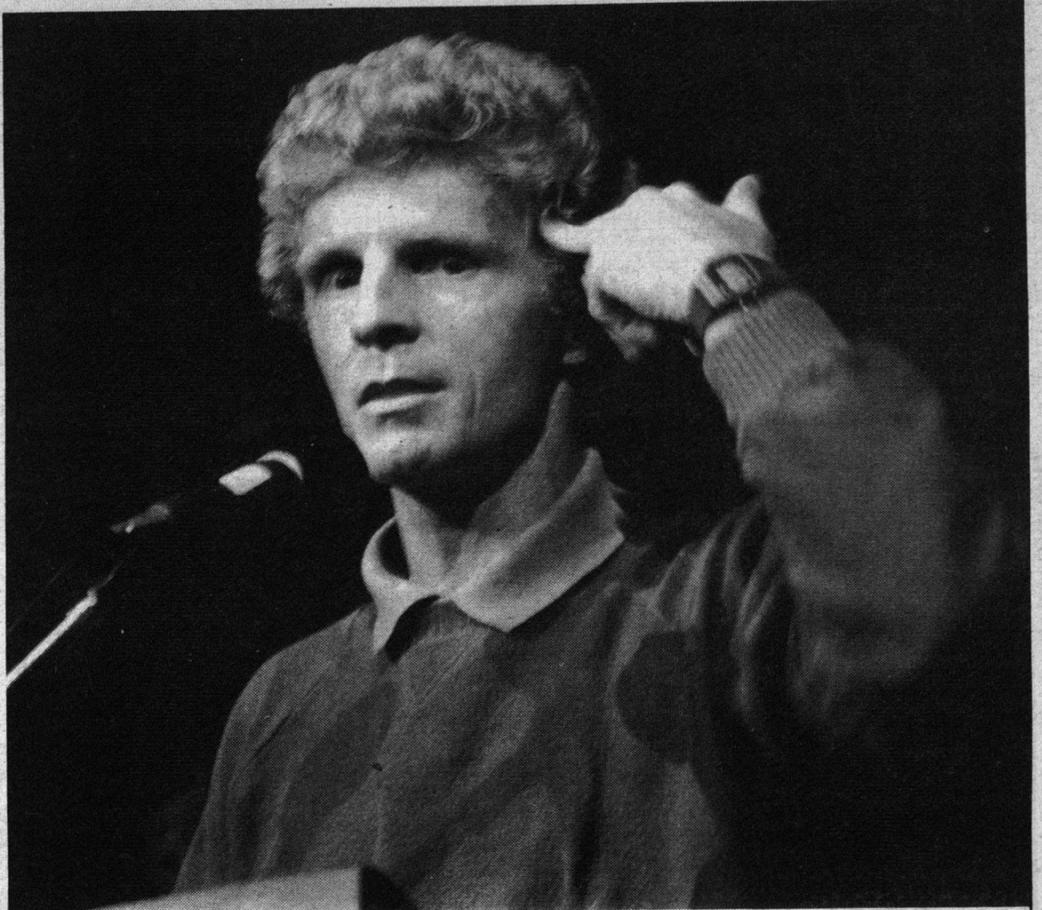
"equality, liberty, social, and economic justice" make it the best party for minority groups and women, she said.

Campagnolo claimed that over the past three years, women have lost the political and economic gains achieved in the previous 10, and suggested that the Liberal party is the logical choice for people historically excluded from policy setting. Her own presidency, said Campagnolo, showed the advances that the Liberal party had made in this area.

Campagnolo was restrained in her criticism of the Progressive Conservative government, noting that the PC move to adjourn the legislative session was "good politics, intended to allow the media to focus their attention on the upcoming Liberal convention."

Campagnolo directed specific questions on Liberal policies ahead to the upcoming convention. Claiming that the previous Liberal agenda had been fulfilled, Campagnolo stressed that it is up to the delegates to determine policy, and not the party executive.

The partisan crowd at the forum was surprisingly short of questions, thereby wasting a valuable opportunity to challenge the record of Canada's leaders.



Billy Hayes' motivation for attempting to smuggle hashish out of Turkey was greed, "with an underlying factor of stupidity." He told of his experience in Turkish prisons when he appeared in SUB Theatre Tuesday night. Story page three.
photo Keith Zukowski

Cautious Council cans controversy

by Greg Halinda

Students' Council indicated Tuesday night it wants to stay clear of international issues like apartheid.

Council voted 23-10 against Michael Hunter's amended motion, which would have council "endorse abolition of apartheid."

Hunter, Students' Union VP External, said, "I didn't take the vote as seeing any council members supporting apartheid. I'm sure no council member supports apartheid. Council is wary of the international arena because they've had their hands burnt before."

Students' Council set a precedent on voting on international issues at their May 20, 1986, meeting. A motion by Law representative Stephen Phillips to send a letter of objection to Canada's defence minister and prime minister was

quashed by a 19-1 vote. The letter was to condemn the Canadian government's support of a NATO decision to approve the production of binary chemical weapons by the United States.

Council's debate on the anti-apartheid motion continued for almost an hour. Arts representative Rob Splane took exception to Hunter's original motion, which read: "Be it resolved that Students' Council endorse and support those student organizations which work toward a peaceful abolition of apartheid."

Splane thought endorsing only clubs was not strong enough. He amended the motion to make it relevant to all U of A students and not just student organizations. "If we're going to support something, let's really get behind it," said

Splane. "Let's not take such a back-handed approach."

However, the thrust of the debate was whether or not to have council speaking out on international matters.

"I want to concentrate on domes-

tic politics," said Hunter. "We try to stay on things that affect our students on a direct level. But can you say that international matters, like arms control for example, don't ultimately affect students here? No."

Hunter adds, "I would like to find out the student consensus even though council voted down the motion. Perhaps we should have a plebiscite."

Extra academic fees challenged

MONTREAL (CUP)—A Concordia student is taking the university to court over an infamous 'academic materials fee', saying it was not part of the contract she signed when she registered.

Bettina Rosenberg, a second-year Women Studies student, said she plans to file a grievance in small claims court, and expects to win. "I don't think it was right to put this fee on," Rosenberg said. "If they had given us warning last year and out it on our contract, then I would have paid."

"But it is not on my contract and it is not an omission or something they forgot," she said.

However, Concordia official Lucie Beauchemin is convinced the university did everything in its power to inform students about the fee.

"We didn't hide anything from (students), and they were informed from day one," she said.

Concordia student council has agreed to foot Rosenberg's legal fees when the case comes to court later this fall.

Council co-president Karen Takacs is advising students not to pay the \$3.50 per credit fee.

"Our lawyer said students are not obliged to pay the fee," said Takacs. "Until a new agreement is entered with the students, the university has no right to change the contract."

Rosenberg, who is also a member of the council's board of directors,

said the fee is just the university's way of raising money for its expected deficit of \$9.5 million, a claim that university officials flatly deny.

"The university changed the fee three times to make it legal and get it passed by the government," Rosenberg said. "It is obviously just to cover the deficit."

Also, Rosenberg said she has never received or paid for any course materials in any of her

classes.

"Teachers don't give me hand-outs, and I've paid nothing other than for my regular books and tuition," she said.

If she wins, Rosenberg hopes other students will take the university to court, or that the university will postpone the fee until next September.

Beauchemin said the university will take a "wait and see attitude" until the case is decided in court.

Shelf shortage

by Linda Atchison

The University is considering a plan to extend the Rutherford Library, due to a need for more library space.

The plans call for the addition to be built on the west side of the library, which would place it in the area surrounded by the Arts Building, Rutherford North, and the Power Plant. Mr. Tim Miner, Director of Planning and Development at the U of A, says that some members of the Facilities Development Committee and the Board Building Committee are concerned about this location. He says that interference with pedestrian and vehicular circulation may be a problem. In addition, aesthetics must be considered since the building may block one side of the Arts building, and will require the remo-

val of trees in the area.

Miner believes that these problems are solvable, and towards this end, an architect was commissioned last spring to provide a report outlining solutions. Miner says that library expansion is now the "number one building priority at the university."

According to Mr. Peter Freeman, Chief Library Director at the U of A, there is no alternative to building the library in the proposed location. "We would rather not split up the collection," he says, "this would increase operating costs and create another physical location for the library."

The university is waiting for approval of funding from the Department of Advanced Education before proceeding with the plans.

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