

Business vs. people in civic election

If the public forums are any indication, the civic campaign in anticipation of the upcoming October 13 election is going to be a classic.

The confrontations experienced in the other meetings became more intense in the public forum for Ward 2 and Mayoralty candidates that was held in St. Bladimer's Parish Hall last night.

St. Vlad's is in a working class area, and so it was no wonder that, in spite of the disapproving glowers of the faded portraits of the Patriarchs of the Byzantine Catholic Order, the debate should become decidedly polarized between those candidates who chose to cast their lot with the people of Edmonton, and those who stood for the interests of the business elite.

The two major mayoralty candidates especially took opposing sides.

Nobody there seemed to take Mr. Holmes seriously, even though he did use his five minutes to lash out against underused school facilities, and the "negative thinkers" who talk about closing down the industrial airport!

They came alive to Mr. Kinisky. When he dared to raise the unpopular spectre of airplanes using the Industrial airport "plowing into homes and schools in the area, causing deaths, and devastation," he was greeted by jeers, hisses and shouts of "Aw, come on," from a lot of people who obviously thought he was making too much of little things.

In spite of the unfavorable reaction, Mr. Kinisky continued, "The injection of 350,000 dollars into the city economy isn't that great. It's being kept open just for a select group of Edmontonians, including those who just like to fiddle around flying."

"Edmonton society," he went on, "can be symbolized by a pyramid, with the big shots at the top, and the masses at the bottom."

"We in City Hall have to represent the people—we cannot respond to the demands of big money," he went on to say.

He finally lashed out at the Concerned Citizens group that had declared their backing for Mayor Dent. "They're nothing but the Chamber of Commerce

wearing a political cloak, and you can bet your boots that any successful candidate that they're backing will be listening very closely to them after this election," he said.

Mayor Dent took the microphone to declare his unqualified satisfaction with the way that things have been going in the city of Edmonton, and to "correct people who think that we've accomplished little".

To prove the above negative thinkers wrong, His Worship listed such accomplishments as the new AGT Building, the Clover Bar Power Station, the Rosslyn Reservoir, the "serious consideration" of public housing, and the Coronation Swimming Pool. "The list," the mayor said, "is endless".

According to the Mayor, kids shouldn't bother Hudson Bay Co. Managers. They should be given places to go.

He also took the chance to slam his major opponent. "A certain alderman who said he couldn't live on \$20,000 a year recently voted to pay certain workers \$1.75 an hour (the repeal of the Fair Wage legislation)"

Finally the Mayor affirmed his stand on the side of an expanding, prosperous city. He declared that he was all for growth, that he wanted a city in which workers and workers children could find work.

The applause from the working people was thunderous.

Some of the aldermanic candidates were magnificent.

Dave Ward, incumbent, took the stand to declare the question, "Why am I running," a good question. He also took a strong stand for the retention of the Industrial Airport, stating that he couldn't stand people who referred to "deaths and this and that and everything else".

We are just as good as the Americans, he said. "If they can have airports in the middle of their cities, why can't we?"

Jane Weaver spent most of her time enumerating her experiences

in American (Maryland) politics. One of her main platform planks concerned the development of the Great International Airport into a "free port".

Cecil Rhodes, told the assembled working people that he was very concerned about them, even though he is a businessman. He warned them about a freeway that was going to be built on 113 St.

Mr. Reilly, another businessman, lashed out at apartment builders and land speculators. He denied the necessity for a rapid transit system, and said that Edmonton could be served quite well by express busses.

Tom Baker spent most of his time slamming Julian Kinisky for

making nasty comments about the Concerned Citizens group. He is being backed by the group.

Vic Sedo spoke agonizingly about the "loss of control that Edmontonians have been experiencing over themselves and their children." We need a rebirth of responsibility in Edmonton, he said.

Percy Wickman, of recent CUPE fame, spoke about the lack of representation for the working people of Edmonton. The Industrial Airport was one example of the sort of priorities that city council has held. If anything this illustrates not pride, but stupidity, he said. If elected, he went on, he would represent the people and not the business elite of this city.

Boreal Institute

If you've ever been lost in the centre wing of the Biological Sciences Building, you might have noticed some show-case displays of Eskimo crafts. These are put up by the Boreal Institute for Northern Studies which is now part of the university. The Institute is located in CW-401 (right across from the cafeteria). It is open from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday.

The Boreal Institute's activities include research, the management of the library and information centre and the publication of articles dealing with Northern studies. These publications are available from the Bookstore.

The Boreal Institute's studies are mostly short-term projects carried out in the north through funds from the federal Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development methods. At present, a staff of

four scientists in chemical engineering, systems ecology, economics and anthropology are involved in the project.

The Boreal Institute library used the Universal Decimal System adapted for use in Polar libraries. The 20,000 volume collection which includes conference papers, maps, and pamphlets is presently being expanded. Though the main area of interest is in Canada's north, material from all circumpolar countries is being accumulated. The library is open from 8 am to 5 pm to all faculty students with northern interest as well as the general public.

An informal discussion group called the Boreal Circle has been established as well to provide a meeting place for interested people both from the University and the community. Membership is open to all interested persons through annual subscriptions.

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in particular were good investments for insurers until February, 1969, when militant students and Montreal police, while using Sir George Williams University computer building as a battle ground, turned the computer complex into a two million dollar heap of scrap metal.

While the long term effects of this move by the CUA cannot yet be estimated, university officials feel the insurance industry is tackling the 'vandalism' problem ass-backwardly. The University people are now suggesting, rather belatedly, a counter-proposal.

But it's too late, since the CUA has already unilaterally made their decision and are in a position to stick to their guns because they are the insurers with the most experience on Canadian campuses.

CUA will negotiate deductibles, however, but only with universities with huge insurance budgets and a long peaceful history.

Many universities are now deciding to insure non-CUA companies, or to take a combination of CUA and non-CUA policies. But they still feel that it is their duty to strengthen their own campus security and should not be penalized if their own situation does not warrant higher premiums.

In other words, university administrations are finding it easier to switch insurance companies than to squash student discontent down to a level that the CUA finds acceptable and profitable.

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