

For those of you who were not fortunate enough to have attended the meeting of the six candidates for the Federal ridings of Hillsborough and Cardigan in Duffy Amphitheatre on Tuesday, October 10, - well, too bad; you lost one way or the other and probably both. You not only lost a free evenings entertainment but you also lost the chance to familiarize yourselves with the candidates and their programs (or lack of them). For more of the same, tune in again this Tuesday evening when the candidates for the ridings of Egmont and Malpeque will be on the "hot seat" in Duffy.

Now! How in the hell do you write an article on this candidates' meeting that will do it justice and at the same time be as unbiased as possible? The answer? You don't! We must confess that the article will not do the meeting justice nor will it be unbiased. So, in our inadequate and definitely slanted reporting, what we are attempting to do is to provide information and general impressions derived from our own personal experience. In this way, we hope that those of you who were not there will be able to gain some insight into what took place and be able to form some sort of opinion about the people, parties and policies of this federal election if you have not done so already.

For the sake of convenience and space, then, what we have done is to summarize the candidates opening remarks and then to list each one's stand on what we thought were the major questions raised by the audience. Please remember that these are our own impressions and that, therefore, nothing should be taken as a direct quote from any of the candidates.

ELECTION

HEATH MACQUARRIE, PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE, HILLSBOROUGH

Mr. MacQuarrie said that he was mainly concerned with unemployment and the methods used by the Trudeau government to combat it. He also criticized the Liberals for not dealing with the question of a constitution for Canada. He felt that a constitution was a necessity and would facilitate legal entanglements between governments.

IAN GLASS, LIBERAL, HILLSBOROUGH

The Reverend Glass based his stand on what he felt was the progress initiated in the province and in the country by the Trudeau government. He cited the construction of new homes in the area and of the physical expansion of the university itself. He also stated that the Opportunities for Youth programme was a prime example of the government's concern with unemployment and with the nation's youth.

ETSEL ROSS, NEW DEMOCRAT, HILLSBOROUGH

Mr. Ross stated that as far as he was concerned there was no difference between the Liberal and Conservative parties and that both had failed to do the job adequately.

FACTS and FANCIES

ACQUINAS RYAN, NEW DEMOCRAT, CARDIGAN

Mr. Ryan began by stating that he was an ex-Liberal who had bolted the Liberal Party when he came to realize that it was inflexible to new people and new ideas. He spoke with passion of his trials within the Liberal Party and criticized it for its hierarchial practices. He stated that the New Democratic Party was a "people-orientated" party, unlike the other parties. He also called upon all political parties and candidates to publicly reveal their sources of financial support. He felt that this could add even more insight into the operations of the "Corporate Welfare Bum" that N.D.P. leader David Lewis has been criticizing in his campaign. (At this point, Mr. MacDonald, the Liberal candidate, was so involved in the meeting that he just couldn't help yawning. If he was smart, that would have been his final statement for the evening.)

ALBERT FRASER, PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE, CARDIGAN

Mr. Fraser stated that while he personally had some sympathy with certain planks in the N.D.P. platform, he felt that the Conservatives and not the New Democrats had the only chance of replacing the Liberal government at the present time. He also felt no need to deny the corporate link between the two major parties and the business community. According to Mr. Fraser, he was hoping to deal with problems in the agricultural and fisheries sectors of Cardigan riding.

DANIEL MACDONALD, LIBERAL, CARDIGAN

Mr. MacDonald also expressed interest in farming and fishing problems and stated that he had already taken action to remedy some of the ills in these industries through his former position as provincial Minister of Agriculture. He expressed confidence in the Trudeau government and pointed increased grants to education and the construction industry as examples of progress. He also supported the methods used by the Department of Regional Economic Expansion to attract industry to this province.