

# Mac grad student Dickson Bailey NDP choice in Halton-Wentworth

Halton-Wentworth New Democrats have chosen Dickson Bailey, a 25 year old McMaster University grad student to challenge Liberal Norm McGuiness and Progressive Conservative Bill Kemppling for the seat now held by M.P. John Morison. Morison was defeated by McGuiness at his own party's nominating convention in March. Bailey scored a first ballot victory Monday night over two opponents, Burlington housewife Sophie Thompson 38, treasurer of the Halton West NDP Association and 18 year old Walter Daschko, editor of the award-winning

Nelson High School newspaper "The Flagship" for three years. A fourth nominee Ted McDonald, unsuccessful NDP candidate in Halton-West in the 1967 provincial election declined. Needing only 38 of the 73 delegate votes for a first ballot win, Bailey polled 43. Totals for the other two candidates were not announced.

**In trouble**  
Following his nomination, Bailey told the meeting public opinion polls have not been complimentary to Prime Minister Trudeau. "He's in trouble," he said.

Although most of the experts are predicting either a summer or fall election, Bailey speculated on the possibility of an election in the Spring of 1973 with Finance Minister John Turner leading the Liberals.

"Mr. Turner is a powerful member of the cabinet," Bailey said. "If the polls stay as bad as they've been, who knows what may happen?"

On the race in Halton-Wentworth, Bailey admitted it will be a tough fight, but suggested all three declared candidates carry the same liability in that they are relatively unknown.

"We lost our deposit in this riding in 1968, but then we were fighting the Trudeau personality and an incumbent," he explained.

He said he feels Trudeau will be a liability to the Liberal party in this election.

Bailey tabbed McGuiness as his chief opponent, since the Liberals are the incumbent party in the riding. He said he would welcome the entrance into the campaign of a candidate from Paul Hellyer's Action Canada party. Former Hamilton Ti-Cat football player Ron Brewer has announced himself as an Action Canada candidate, but has not said which riding he will run in.

**Refuses comment**  
Bailey refused comment on the provincial NDP weekend decision to dissolve the party's waffle wing, but did say he agrees a party organizing within a party should not generally be accepted.

In his nominating speech, Bailey charged the NDP is the only party which has stated unemployment is neither necessary nor desirable. He also said only the NDP has recognized that old age pensioners are human beings and that the party is committed to provide them with something adequate.

"Our party is working for a more worthwhile expression of human needs and concerns," he said.

Mrs. Thompson claimed many facets of life in Canada are becoming intolerable and that many Canadians aren't even aware the country is being sold out.

"We're becoming tenants in our own basement," she told the meeting.

She offered herself as a candidate on a full time basis.

**Law used**  
Daschko, an active member of the Ukrainian community, who was arrested at the Kosygin demonstration in Toronto and subsequently acquitted charged that under the Trudeau ad-



HALTON-WENTWORTH NDP candidate Dickson Bailey chats with wife Priscilla and Halton West NDP candidate Walter Mulkwich, after scoring a first ballot victory at the riding's nominating convention in

Burlington Monday night. Bailey, 25, will oppose Liberal Norm McGuiness, Progressive Conservative Bill Kemppling and possibly an Action Canada party candidate in the next federal election. (Photo by D. Gibbons)

## NDP offers

# Three awards for Trudeau from Bleeding Heart group

John Harney a York University teacher and an NDP candidate for Scarborough West told 40 NDP supporters Monday night that an association he helped found was about to confer three individual honors on Pierre Trudeau.

Speaking on behalf of the "National Association of Bleeding Hearts" he said the Order of the Lily Liver would be conferred on Trudeau for his chicken hearted response to the challenge of foreign ownership and the Americanization of Canada.

"Through the association has long considered Mr. Trudeau a candidate for the honor, the cringing policy he and his cabinet advanced last week guaranteeing non-interference with the most alarming aspects of the American takeover of the Canadian economy has made him a candidate deserving beyond question," he said.

**More honor**  
The P.M. was also honored with the Rhubarb Leaf Cluster for his earlier creation of a "spineless" Canadian Development Corporation as well as earning the title Commander Callous Casuality, Second Class. The last award was presented because of what Harney termed "particular" disservice to Canadian unity.

In a more serious vein, Harney attacked the federal government for not taking a clear stand on

economic independence and passing the buck to the provinces. Harney knocked the Toronto Star for promoting NDP policy between elections and turning around at election time and urging readers to vote liberal.

**Run own show**  
"As a Canadian I want to run my own show. If we can't control our own economy we can't plan to provide for our people" he said.

Harney said rumors were out that Toronto garbage men wanted to drive limousines but all they wanted is a liveable wage. He said an eight per cent hike in the first year of the contract would amount to three cents per household. "With a total service budget of \$200,000 city hall tied up the city saying they can't afford the increase."

International Nickel took \$200,000,000 after taxes out of the country in 1970, Harney said indicating that same amount could operate the city of Toronto for a year.

He told NDP members that the Canadians had invested \$11 billion dollars in pension plans

and received only three to five per cent interest. Companies invest profits as they see fit, but only four per cent goes toward residential mortgages.

**Mortgage rate**  
He indicated this money could be invested in residential mortgages and by doing so, drive the mortgage rate down by two and a half per cent. He explained homeowners had to work an extra three years just to pay off the additional two and a half per cent interest on a home worth \$28,000.

Noting that he wasn't belligerent, Harney said his goal wasn't to take over Montana but to provide the fairest government in the world and have no poor people in Canada. "We have to tell ourselves that is what we're fighting for and all Hell will break loose."

**Don't disband waffle**  
Commenting on the move by the NDP provincial executive to disband the Waffle group as a party within a party, Harney said he wouldn't support such a move but suggested setting them up as

an affiliate of the NDP similar to the way the Fabian Society is an affiliate of the Labor Party in Britain.

This is Harney's fifth attempt at federal politics. He ran three times in Guelph and then in Scarborough West in 1968. He lost the most recent election to David Weatherhead, Liberal MP for that riding.

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NDP CANDIDATE for Halton Steve Alcock chats with veteran campaigner and candidate for Scarborough west John Harney at the nomination meeting Monday in Milton. (Photo by B. Burt)

## Young candidate unopposed Alcock wins NDP nomination

Without any fuss or fanfare, about 40 New Democratic Party followers named Steven Alcock, a 21-year-old Oakville man as their choice to contest the federal election. He'll run against Liberal MP Rud Whiting and Tory Terry O'Connor in the Halton riding.

Alcock was the only one nominated at the meeting in the UAW Hall in Milton Monday night. In a brief, off the cuff speech Alcock told his supporters he had begun his campaign that afternoon when he visited a Burlington High School.

**Outlines problem**  
He outlined the problems that faced society and submitted the NDP policies were the only ones to offer a real solution to the problems.

Alcock said Pierre Trudeau had disappointed many people with his failure to strive for the just society he had promised in 1968. Policies dealing with farm, economics and minority groups were among those Alcock said

he'd elaborate on in the campaign.

**Casual**  
The lanky youngster attended the meeting in blue jeans and a v-neck sweater. After the meeting he said he was surprised and honored to represent the NDP and discounted any thought that he might be running as a token candidate. "I intend to win. We have to win or before long, everything will be lost."

MP Whiting is expected to run again when the next federal election is called, although he has not yet been nominated.

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