

Liberals make Peterson the agenda

The loosened, shirt sleeves rolled up, Premier David Peterson took the pool cue in hand and slowly sighted for a shot.

He wouldn't want to rush it. The name of the game was to give the television cameras time to catch the best angle.

Finally, he sent the cue ball rolling. It clicked against the three-ball, which in turn rolled to the side pocket - but didn't go in. Peterson had missed.

It is probably the only thing in this election campaign he'll miss.

In fact, contrary to NDP Leader Bob Rae's protest that this race won't be a "coronation and a summer stroll," that is exactly what it is turning out to be.

Whether it be taking a pool shot in an Ottawa senior citizens' centre, or wading through an enthusiastic crowd of partisans in Peterborough, this is a man on a roll.

Conservative Leader Larry Grossman's sarcastic references to Peterson's "Hi, how are ya?" campaign miss the point that people enjoy seeing Peterson out there shaking hands with voters.

It is evident even when Peterson moves through a non-partisan crowd, as I watched him do at a Brantford picnic, or on a Toronto

back street, for example that people want to meet him.

ELEGANCE There's a certain elegance to his style no matter what he is doing, whether putting on a pair of red running shoes, as he did in London, or dunking a beauty queen in a tub of water, as he did in Cornwall.



Queen's Park

By Derek Nelson

It is clear the Liberals went into this campaign with the intention of making David Peterson the agenda.

And they've succeeded brilliantly, partly because the Grits gave the province two years of what most people feel was competent government, and partly because of Peterson himself. In Public, he comes across as personable, warm, open, generous, attractive to women, but a bit of a jock to men.

In fact, if you leave out his rather weird funny bone - which relies

heavily on the slighting reference, and causes people to titter nervously when it backfires - there probably isn't anything about Peterson the campaigner that needs changing.

Peterson likes to stress his Norwegian roots, but that is a subterfuge suitable only for the age of multiculturalism.

With the distinguished touch of grey to his television anchorman-style hair and the contact lens that replaced the horn-rimmed glasses, with the red tie and the athletic frame, Peterson looks and acts the quintessential WASP yuppie.

Even his politics are yuppie - he talks of "bringing people together," putting the "community ahead of all," of trying to make government "open and accountable," of being the "servant of the people."

Mind you, this sweet reasonableness never gets down to specifics. Peterson never really discusses the extra-billing doctor or the QC lawyer or the small businessman facing pay equity of the unilingual anglophone being trampled in Peterson's march into the future.

He won't even be firm on free trade, where, knowing how badly Prime Minister Brian Mulroney is perceived in the public opinion polls,

Peterson prefers to run against Mulroney rather than his provincial opponents, Grossman and Rae.

FUZZY STANDS

Even Peterson's so-called "tough stands" are fuzzy, as in Brockville where he defended bilingual services against 20 pretestors. He stood tall and alone, with nothing behind him except the total Canadian political and media establishment - "bring on the bigots," reporters joked as they left the campaign bus there.

But Peterson still wouldn't say if he plans to bring in official bilingualism in the next four years.

Yet, his ambiguities on policy don't seem to bother people. They were impressed with how he performed during his two years as premier, they like his style right now, and they trust him to do right by them in the future.

And that's why the Liberals are going to win big Sept. 10.

Distinct choices

The election campaign in Ontario has a little more than a week to go and distinct differences are showing up among local party candidates.

Walt Elliot, Dave Whiting and Fern Wolf have all proven to be committed, determined and eloquent speakers. But each of the PC, NDP and Liberal candidates are providing voters with clear options when they go to the polls Sept. 10.

Let's first start where the candidates are similar. All are for programs to help clean up our environment and all pledge to do what they can on the local scene about dumps, quarry landfills and water.

All of the party campaigners support our farmers. Although party platforms may vary on the type of support that is required, the intent is very similar.

As far as personal styles go, each candidate has a different way of getting their message across. Dave Whiting wants to be perceived as a strong voice, a man who won't be a puppet, stressing his previous political experience on a local level.

Walt Elliot talks a lot of about being a team player for a party which has a record of achievement and moderation. Loyalty, party leadership are his watchwords.

Fern Wolf in many ways mirrors her leader Bob Rae. When she speaks she seems genuinely concerned and sincere about social and economic injustice and the need for reform. The common folk can't be overlooked, she stresses.

Where are the most distinct differences? Ask the candidates about auto insurance, bilingualism, free trade and education. Each has a different vision about what is right for Ontarians.

The candidates are all individuals and deserve to be chosen as much for their own opinions and character strengths as for what their leaders say.

Scrutinize the candidate well and choose carefully who best represents your feelings and interest.

What others say

Clubs more open

Hurray for major breakthroughs!

The Orangeville Kiwanis Club is leading the way with this week's unanimous vote to admit women to the club.

The issue of men's and women's clubs is a long-standing one. And now the Charter of Rights makes it even more relevant...and interesting.

A discussion with the Orangeville service clubs about four years ago saw spokesmen admitting that women hadn't been and likely wouldn't be permitted to join. Now some said that with a degree of chagrin, others were quite firm.

Then comes change. And it is coming now. The clubs are beginning to open up; to change their traditional policies.

No one likes exclusivity and that's the way the clubs are. We can all appreciate the fellowship and service they represent. At the same time, it seems a contradiction to talk about service to a community as the focus of a service club, and yet prohibit certain members of the community from joining and thus contributing that restriction isn't just based on sex, some of clubs restrict membership to certain segments of the population, i.e. business people even down to categorizing professions and permitting only one member from each.

Obviously there's nothing wrong with social clubs that are there for fellowship. But when it comes to serving the community surely everyone should be eligible.

Right or wrong, that means in the case of the Kinette Club that they can't even pass their own budget, the Kinsmen do it for them because they're responsible for it.

"It's from years ago," a spokesman said. Yes indeed. Let's face it, admitting both sexes to a club isn't a traumatic experience; it won't render the club useless. Instead it should open the door to more people and more ideas and more fellowship. That doesn't sound all that bad.

Optimist president Terry Heavens sums it up nicely. "As long as they (members) are willing to work for the community it makes no difference who they are."

-Courtesy Orangeville Banner

Election quiz



Editor's notebook

By Dave Rowney

Ho hum election you say? Nothing of substance to listen to? The same old story? Hardly!

Summer elections may cause an extra amount of complacency among potential voters. But is it really a good enough excuse to say "I'm on holidays" when someone asks you about provincial politics?

To reward political keeners and to encourage those concerned about politics and government The Herald is offering a quiz to test your knowledge of the local candidates and issues.

Try your luck and see how well you do.

- 1. One of the parties in Ontario has moved up from third to second place after two consecutive polls were conducted. Name the party?
2. Premier David Peterson called the election for Sept. 10 and said free trade was the most pressing issue. True or False?
3. Which of the party leaders is advocating a stricter school curriculum with uniform testing?
4. How much is the provincial election going to cost each of us? a) \$1 per person b) \$3 per person c) \$10 per person d) \$15 per person.
5. This current local candidate fought and lost two elections against

a former Tory cabinet minister who lives in Hornby. Name the candidate.

6. The Progressive Conservative candidate Dave Whiting for Halton North feels that strong local leadership is the main campaign issue. True or False?

7. Which candidate is a single parent and works for Northern Telecom?

8. Name the most pressing issue for Halton North which all candidates have consistently addressed in interviews and at all-candidates' meetings?

9. Official bilingualism is a platform all of the parties agree on. True or False?

10. Name the party which has promised a \$2 billion fund to deal with industrial dislocation due to a free trade deal with the United States?

ANSWERS

- 1. NDP
2. True
3. True
4. \$5 per person
5. Liberal/Will Elliot
6. True
7. Fern Wolf
8. Landfills in quarters; water quality
9. False
10. Progressive Conservatives

Now, tally your score and rate yourself.
0-4: politically unaware
4-6: eligible to vote
6-8: a discriminating voter
8-10: a political junkie



Thomson News Service

Citizens' forum

Tourney parking problems

Dear Mr. Mayor:

On August 7, 8, 9, 1987, we held our 7th Annual G.L.P.L. Tournament. For the last couple of years our tournament has had 32 teams participating. These teams consist of 16 to 18 players each, plus a minimum of two coaches per team. Georgetown Ladies Powderpuff League has 12 teams in this tournament, and the remaining 20 teams come to Georgetown from Acton, Milton, Mississauga, Brampton, Caledon East, Orangeville, and as far away as Midland.

Our problems are many. Most of these problems are overcome every year. One major concern yearly is the parking situation in and around our Fairgrounds. This year the parking situation was worsened by the closure of parking facilities behind Park P.S. We completely agree with this closure due to safety hazards with the new children's playground situated there. Many vehicles did park in the zone designated off of Park St. but because this area is small and not a proper parking lot, it was unable to hold as many vehicles as it could have if council had not turned a proposal by the Recreation Department to turn a seldom used baseball diamond (called the Armories Diamond) into proper parking.

A major problem arose due to not enough parking facilities. A police officer came to our tournament organizers and requested all vehicles parked on the South side of Princess Anne Dr., west of Park Hyde Dr., be moved for they would have been towed away) because Princess Anne Dr. had been reduced to a single lane in this area and the ambulance had to back up about 3 times because of this situation. The number of teams playing, we were lucky to be able to contact the proper drivers in a reasonable amount of time and the vehicles were moved.

Sir, this parking situation continues throughout the baseball season. There are many people who play baseball, many people who like to watch baseball, and many people who like to come to the fairgrounds to jog around in the playground Most Monday and Wednesday evenings, it is almost impossible for an ambulance to come into the fairground via the Park P.S. entrance without taking the chance of

having to back around parked vehicles. On behalf of the G.L.P.L. I believe it is time for council to recognize this parking problem, and agree with your recreation department that changes must be made in the parking facilities for the Georgetown Fairgrounds.

Yours truly, Pat Morley, President - Georgetown Ladies Powderpuff League

Average person is a minority

Dear Sir:

During the All Candidates Meeting held at Sacre Coeur Church in Georgetown; the people of this area had the opportunity to learn more about Dave Whiting for the Progressive Conservatives, Walt Elliot for the Liberals and Fern Wolf for the NDP. Without a doubt all Candidates deserve credit for sharing their views and intentions with the voters.

Frankly, the all candidates meeting was enlightening. As I listened to promises regarding "equal rights" for visible minorities, for French speaking Canadians, "the average worker", union workers, etc. it was disturbing to say the least. If our country believes we are all equal then why do distinct groups

required their equality specified. It appears the average person has become a minority; perhaps it's time a coalition for average people was developed so that they will be as equal as the so called minorities of this land.

It's an undisputed fact that Canada's population is a mosaic of nationalities, religions and political opinions. Why must we state each nationality or religion as a minority must be equal to all the other ethnic and religious minorities that form the population of Canada. As this divisive action accelerates; we are losing the most ignored minority of this country: The Canadian.

Sincerely Yours, Maria Greifeneder

Public works weren't stumped

Dear Sir:

A few weeks ago it was necessary to contact the Public Works. An old tree stump border line of my property had an 18 inch hole on both sides. This was very dangerous for small children and household pets. A racoon was frequently chewing on the stump, plus damaging the lawn and flowers.

A gentleman came the following day after it was reported. The next day he returned with a gentleman

from the Union Gas Ltd. The gas line was very close to the stump. Also another old stump at back of the property was decaying, causing all types of insects.

The gas lines were all marked very clear for safety.

Stumps were removed immediately after, with no damage and the hole filled.

Thanks to all, J.A. Maidment.

30 years ago

The 15 graduates of Harrison Public School are preparing to enter Georgetown High School next week. Among the graduates were: Rosemarie Hole, Joyce Fleming, Trudy Bellingham, Wayne Sproule, Richard Miller, Don Ballingal and John Guyett.

Six Georgetown residents travelled to Great Britain this week on a special flight chartered by the Silverthorne Legion of Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Sid Hulme, William McClements, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Dickie and Neil Wallace will be touring the British Isles for about one month.

Two Georgetown cattle breeders contributed to a shipment of 92 first calf heifers en route to Lima Peru, this week. The cattle will be shipped from Oakville to Banco de Fomento Agropecuario del Peru, Lima and then dispersed among various farms in that country. The Peruvian government is hoping to bolster Peru's livestock by importing the high quality cattle. The Georgetown breeders were: A.H. McKane and W.H. Robinson.

The Esqueving Agricultural Society announced this week that the Fall Fair will be held October 5. Georgetown's fair is more than 100 years old.

15 years ago

Georgetown-Chinguacousy Concert Band was a winner in competition at the Canadian National Exhibition Sunday. The band, under the leadership of Ray Ellis, captured first place in Section Three with a score of 168 points.

A grade seven student from Georgetown has some artwork on display at the CNE's Better Living Centre. Patti Ann Timmins' work was singled out by judges as some of the best artwork submitted by young people in the country.

A Georgetown man has told council that Esqueving Township may be encroaching on his property. George Tomlinson of Confederation Street intends to erect a fence on the property.

Father Andre Simard, pastor of Sacre Coeur Church, has returned with members of his congregation from a trip through Quebec, the Maritimes and the North Eastern United States. Fr. Simard organizes a summer trip every year.

10 years ago

Norval residents are "getting ready to march" and fight for town water instead of suffering with dry and polluted wells. Hugh MacFarlane, president of Norval Community Association, said Thursday.

North Halton Meals on Wheels has hired a new co-ordinator and is planning to expand service to Acton residents, director Ruth Poulus said Monday. The group was in serious financial trouble in early June, but donated money and re-organization have corrected the problems. The new co-ordinator is Georgetown resident Nora Vikauskas.

About 30 residents told council Wednesday they do not approve of a proposed development for a cluster of homes on Edward Street by Merity Developments. Spokesman David Ruebeck said the homes, covering a 3.82 acres of land will increase traffic, devaluated existing properties and cause unnecessary environmental changes.

Daryl Johnson won the draw for a Ronald McDonald watch at Sunday's McDonald's Summer Nature Hunt.

5 years ago

A recent report shows that morale in the House of Commons is the lowest it's ever been. Brampton-Georgetown MP John McDermid agrees. "I have heard from several liberals that they feel they are just there to vote," said Mr. McDermid.

One of 43 contestants in the Ontario Dairy Princess pageant, Marilyn McNabb, made it through the semi-finals Monday evening. The Halton Dairy Princess was the Ontario Guernsey Queen last year.

Film crews finished filming in Georgetown for the Terry Fox movie on the weekend. Production members were amazed by the lack of extras from Georgetown. One production person tried to entice people to set by announcing over the loud speaker at Zellers and Loblaw's, but shoppers seemed uninterested.

The Georgetown Girls Pipe Band celebrates its 40th anniversary this year as one of the oldest all-girl pipe bands in North America. The band will hold a commemorative ball September 25.

In your opinion

The best of summer ball



Mark Fedchushyn: "I liked hitting and catching. I liked playing first base and pitcher, too."



Marilyn Alcorn: "The kids had fun; we had fun."



Chris Sheppard: "I liked the action."



Benjamin Swanson: "I liked pitcher the most - I caught all my fly balls there."



Elizabeth Sheppard: "The kids were involved in something and they were having fun."

QUESTION: What did you like the most about baseball this year?