

Alliance leadership candidates aim best shots at Liberals

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Day said people have told him they expect four things from a leader: trust, respect, experience and communication with all Canadians.

The theme of inclusion was threaded all through the debate, with Long saying he's convinced there are millions more silent Canadians who are of like minds with the Alliance.

"These people are so frustrated by a prime minister who is so out of touch

by what matters to them," said Long, who maintained that voters must choose a leader to win, not come in second. "The Liberal free ride in Ontario is over."

Manning - who called the Ontario Liberal MPs the "101 Dalmatians in Ottawa" - said he did the "risky thing" by refusing to hide his head in the sand and move toward creating the Alliance. The ground gained in Ontario, he added, is proof of his leadership and

message.

"The political challenge facing the Alliance is to hold on to its base in the west and expand in Ontario," said Manning. "The question is whether we can win in Ontario and points east."

Martin agreed with Manning how vital it is to elect a leader who can sell Alliance policies across the country, especially those dealing with healthcare, taxation and education.

"I am sick to death of people not getting healthcare when they need it, but when the bottom line allows it," he said.

Day said Ontarians are not a breed apart and share the same concerns of other



John Stachow

Canadians. He was quick to point out, however, that while Ontario is vital he has not forgotten about citizens further east for a moment.

"When I talk about win-

ning the majority in Canada, I include Quebec," said Day, who spoke the only French of the evening.

For his part, leadership race newcomer Stachow was a one-trick pony throughout the debate, blaming every Canadian ill on the banks and decades of government collusion. It got to the point where snickers from the crowd preceded Stachow's answers as people anticipated, correctly, his predictable responses.

When asked specifically how the Alliance can drum up numbers in Ontario, Manning said vote-splitting between the Alliance and Progressive Conservatives must end.

Martin stressed the necessity of bringing together Tories, disaffected Liberals and fiscally responsible NDPers, as well as the "majority of Canadians who are turned off politics."

"We need to articulate solutions and have the guts to implement them," said Martin.

In the end, all five candidates painted a picture of a country being held back from its true and rightful place in the world both economically and socially by the current government's dishonesty, inaction and timidity.

Thursday's debate was sponsored by the Oakville Alliance Riding Association, with support by Alliance ridings in Burlington, Halton and four others in Hamilton.

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Employer and Students, Join Us In Celebration Of Hire A Student Week!

By: Heather Clay

Prepare yourself Oakville, because excitement is on its way! The Human Resource Centres of Canada for Students are busy with activity and excitement as Summer Employment Officers across Canada prepare for the events about to occur in June. June is an important month for students and for employers looking to hire students. If you are wondering why this particular month is so important and what all the excitement is about, your questions can be answered by a simple phrase: "Hire A Student Week".

"Hire a Student Week" and "Hire a Student Day" are annual promotions sponsored by the Human Resource Centre for Students. The events held during this week, June 5-9 2000, are an attempt to reach and educate employers of the free services we provide to businesses and households looking to hire students. Hire a Student Week is a time for the Summer Employment Officers to concentrate their efforts on going out into the community to thank those employers who have created jobs for students and to recruit new employers. This is accomplished by educating employers on the services we provide and of the benefits of hiring summer students. Employers who are interested in hiring students for the summer can post jobs for students for free with our centre, making that job posting accessible to all the students who enter our office looking for employment. During Hire a Student Week, Summer Employment Officers host community awareness activities and events in order to generate new student jobs. These events are a fun way to promote the centre and to thank employers who hire students. The activities and events can range from barbecues and employer contests to carnivals and tree planting. Hire a Student Week events in Oakville this year are as follows:

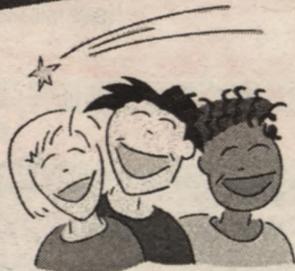
We will be starting off with the official Hire a Student Flag raising at Town Hall and with a proclamation from the Mayor to begin the week's festivities. Tuesday June 6th is Hire a

Student Day in Oakville and is when we will be holding our FREE BBQ. The barbecue will be held in Towne Square at 12:00 pm. We want to thank Oakville employers for creating jobs but don't forget: the free barbecue is for students, homeowners and local business merchants as well as our employers. Everyone can join us in celebration of Hire a Student Week with our free barbecue so drop by and get involved in the community! Throughout the week the Summer Employment Officers here at the Oakville office will be volunteering our time at different non-profit organizations as a way to give back to the community and employers, as well as to promote volunteering as a good way for students to gain experience. This year we will be going to the United Way, Community Living, the Lung Association and the Oakville Humane Society. At the end of Hire a Student Week we will be holding a draw for employers. All those employers who post a job with our office during Hire a Student Week will be entered into our draw to win a prize, so if you are looking to hire a summer student now is the time! Hire a Student Week brings a lot of excitement to the Human Resource Centres for Students and to the community of Oakville. If you're looking to hire a student or if you're looking for a summer job, come take part in our week of fun as we celebrate Hire a Student Week.

Finding students summer jobs is our number one priority. The Summer Employment Officers of the Human Resource Centre for Students will be all over Oakville working very hard to find students work.

For more information on time, place, or location of the events planned, or to get involved and help us celebrate call us at 845-3601.

You can also find Summer Employment Officers at Chapters on Dorval drive on June 12th. Come by and visit us between 7 and 9 pm. We hope to see you there!



Join us in Towne Square at 12:00pm on June 6 for a free BBQ to celebrate Hire-a-Student Week! Watch for the Hire-a-Student flag at Town Hall all week! For more information please call:

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Contestants will be crying out loud

Applications continue to come in for the job of Oakville Town Crier.

According to the Clerk's Department, several applications have been received while others still have yet to be registered.

All those in the running, however, will compete in a head-to-head competition as part of the Oakville Waterfront Festival on June 25th.

The competition will take place following the Oakville Symphony afternoon concert on the Heritage Stage in Lakeside Park at the foot of Navy Street.

The vacancy is open to Oakville citizens who are 18 years of age or older. Application forms are available at the Clerk's office, 1225 Trafalgar Rd. or by contacting Pat McPherson at 845-6601 ext. 3136.

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