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# Percy Wickman takes potshots at Tory platform

by Shelby Cook and Martin Levenson

"We don't owe Don Getty nothing." said Percy Wickman, MLA for Whitemud.

"He wasn't kind to the l iberals when he called a quick election ... if he wants a seat, make him work for it. We owe it to the party to run a candidate."

Wickman was candid in his account of the recent provincial election. He gave a post-mortem analysis of the election to about forty Liberals Monday afternoon in SUB.

At the forum he suggested that the turning point of the election campaign came when Getty refused to debate Wickman, and the Liberals placed a man dressed in a chicken suit in Getty's place at the debate.

Wickman was convinced that Getty would "step down and reconsider his political future (after his defeat in the recent election)." He gave most of the credit for

his success to his campaign work-

ers, and stated, "Lance (White, Liberal candidate for Edmonton Calder) had an organizational breakdown ... It helps to have a candidate with a profile, as well as good organization."

Wickman's own campaign "started out small, with only twelve people, then increased to one hundred people."

The riding of Whitemud drew the most people out to the polls, with a total of 62 percent of the constituents showing up. Strathcona grabbed second position, and Goldbar came in fourth.

He was optimistic about the Alberta Liberal Party's future, and called for the Liberal caucus to create a task force that would develop a "blueprint" for Alberta in the 1990s. He stressed a "Liberal agenda of forming a global masterpiece for the year 2000."

Regarding his possible caucus responsibilities, he said that Laurence Decore wants him to be the "critic of municipal affairs ... and if (former mayor of Calgary) Ralph Klein becomes the minister, we'll have fun!" He has also been considering the environment critic's portfolio.

The final tally of votes gave Wickman a 352 vote advantage over Getty, according to the Alberta Electoral Office.

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Kelly said he asked for the retraction because he did not want to be misrepresented. "I didn't want them to jerk me around and misrepresent me knowingly. This isn't a boys town this is the real world," the professor said.

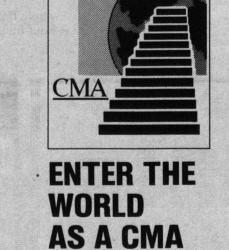
The Kelly family was harassed after the executives' comments appeared in the Edmonton media. "We received four threatening phone calls late last night," he noted.

The calls came after midnight. The first caller said he would get Kelly: the second said "You better get your shit together and stop talking to the media"; the third and fourth callers hung up in Kelly's ear.

"We disconnected the phone after that," he said.

Vethan and Welsh were appalled when they heard about the calls. "It was irresponsible and amateur of people to resort to that type of action," Welsh noted. After the SU executives with-

drew the statement, they and Kelly agreed to leave the issue in the hands of officials from the Garneau community league and the U of A inter fraternities council.



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