

University Model Parliaments Predict Minority Government

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OTTAWA (CUP) — If university model parliaments foretell the future political scene in Canada, then Canadians may look forward to a future of minority governments in Ottawa.

To date, 17 minority governments — 14 Liberal, two Progressive Conservative, one New Democrat — have been elected, but within hours most have gone down to defeat. Their downfalls centre around three controversial issues: should Canada have a "distinctive flag" or retain the red ensign; should Canada join the Organization of American States; and should the voting age be lowered to include those between 18 and 21?

These issues not only split the same political clubs across Canada, but split memberships in Liberal and PC clubs. "Politics doth make strange bedfellows."

DISPUTE OVER FLAG

For example, Bishop's Liberal government's speech from the throne established the red ensign as Canada's national flag. At the Eastern Ontario Institute of Technology all but three PC's (including the PC Prime Minister) and three Liberals (including the Liberal leader) voted for the adoption of the red ensign. St. Mary's Liberals, on the other hand, have called for a new and distinctive flag.

Another contrast was the voting age question. To opposite parties, from the city of Halifax, the Dalhousie PC's and the St. Mary's Liberals did agree on the retention of the present voting age.

Harmony was found on one issue, at least, amongst all Liberal and NDP clubs — Canada needs a medical health plan. The UBC, McGill and University of Montreal Liberals, Waterloo Lutheran and Carleton New Democrats are an example of this harmony.

VARIED WANTS

There were extremes too that are worthy of mention. For example, EOIT's PC's and UBC's Liberals wanted an Ombudsman — an extreme socialist policy. If this does not satisfy your curiosity, how about the New Democrats at OAC campaigning for nuclear arms!

Some other programs that caught the imagination of university politicians were: A Canadian Peace Corps (Waterloo Lutheran), a federal Department of Education (Carleton) a national pension plan (McGill), abolition of the death penalty (University of Manitoba), legalized abortions (McGill), 60 per cent Canadian ownership in investments (University of Montreal), a federal-provincial secretariat (Laval), a Canadian sports council for Olympic teams (EOIT), and free lunches at Ryerson.

Sharon Sholzberg, Liberal PM at McGill, told CUP that the McGill PC's were planning to replace Mr. Diefenbaker with "Teddy." "Please bear with us" was their slogan.

When asked about the Liberal's strong showing in Quebec, Miss Ann Booth, national director of CULF, replied, "We won the province where one would expect radicals to take seats. Perhaps the Lesage-Pearson image helped."

This image not only helped, but university Liberals at Loyola and, Sir George Williams actually polled over 70 per cent of the popular vote. According to Eugene Lapoint (Liberal PM at Laval), "It was Rene Leveque's campaign on our campus which helped us win." Pierre Delude, Liberal President of the University of Montreal, also commented on Mr. Leveque's popularity. "Mr.

Leveque. "To heck with Leveque, the students endorsed our policies at the university." McGill Tories actually campaigned against Mr. Leveque. "To heck with Leveque, vote Conservative."

What about the campaigns themselves?

Barry Oland, PC PM at Dalhousie, stated, "We Conservatives did not try to snow the voters with party platforms. We fought the campaign entirely and positively on our own issues." When questioned about Mr. Diefenbaker, Mr. Oland retorted, "We stayed away from Diefenbaker entirely." (At the recent PCSF convention, it was the delegates from Dalhousie that led the attack on their leader.)

CARLETON SPEAKERS

Michael Powers, secretary of the Liberal Association at Carleton, told CUP that they presented "one speaker every two weeks and two every week prior to their elections." Speakers sponsored by the Liberal club included the Hon. Paul Martin, Douglas Harkness, Miss Pauline Jewett, Real Caouette and John Diefenbaker.

Ryerson's campaign was "very quiet" according to Allen Isien, PC 1st vice president. In his opinion, "The NDP won because they emphasized sin on their posters."

From Quebec CUP learned that elections in that province are "provincial in character, flavor and in voting habits." Eugene Lapoint confirmed this statement. "Every year at Laval, we alternate our elections between a federal and provincial election. This year was a provincial election year. Consequently, it was too bad for the Tories, as they have no provincial party in Quebec."

Results to date:

Maritimes—

Dalhousie—minority PC government, upset over previous Liberal campus. Popular vote—PC 47 per cent, Liberal 32 per cent, NDP 21 per cent.

Acadia—minority Liberal government, upset of former PC campus. Liberal seats 17, PC 13, NDP 10.

University of New Brunswick—minority Liberal government. Liberal seats 20, PC 17, Christian Atheist 13.

St. Francis Xavier Junior—minority Liberal government. Liberal seats 14, Social Credit 8, PC 5, NDP 3.

Dalhousie Law—minority Liberal government. Liberal seats 39, PC 33, Socialist 30.

Quebec—

McGill—minority Liberal government (former majority Liberal government). Liberal seats 29, PC 15, NDP 12, Communist 4.

University of Montreal—minority Liberal government. Liberal seats 46, Separatist 20, Union National 18, Socialist 11.

Bishop's University—minority Liberal government. Liberal seats 26, PC 12, La Frange (a right wing party) seats 11, NDP 10, Social Credit 1.

Sir George Williams and Loyola Liberals received over 70 per cent of the popular vote on both campuses.

Ontario—

Carleton—Liberal seats 21, PC 9, NDP 8, Other 3.

Ryerson—NDP government over former PC campus. NDP Popular Vote 33 per cent, PC 31 per cent, Liberal 30 per cent.

EOIT—first parliament elections resulting in a 50 per cent popular vote for PC's. PC seats 16, NDP 7, Liberal 6.

Waterloo Lutheran—minority NDP government over former Liberal campus. NDP seats 26, Liberal 23, PC 11, Social Credit 5.

Federated Colleges of Guelph—minority PC government. PC seats 11, Liberal 10, NDP 4.

University of Western Ontario—minority Liberal government, upset over PC campus. Liberal seats 29, PC 22, NDP 6, Independent 3.

Queen's—minority Liberal government, another upset from a PC campus.

University of Toronto—minority Liberal government with a difference of 250 votes between first place Liberals and third place PC's.

University of Windsor—strong majority Liberal victory.

McMaster—minority PC victory. PC seats 18 (declared government), Liberal 18, NDP 15.

Western Region—

University of Manitoba—includes Brandon College—minority Liberal victory. Liberal seats 25, PC 21, NDP 7, Independent 7.

University of Saskatchewan—minority Liberal government.

University of Alberta (Calgary)—strong Liberal victory, winning 23 out of 23 seats.

University of Alberta (Edmonton)—very weak Liberal minority.

University of British Columbia—minority Liberal government with official opposition NDP, Social Credit 3rd, PC 4th and Communist last.

If we are to assume that the Liberals and Conservatives held onto the universities they won last year, taking into account those universities not yet heard from, here are the results as compiled by CUP:

Liberals	won 24	lost 2
PC	won 6	lost 4
NDP	won 2	lost 0

Council Reps Elected

Barry Goldwater Defeated

B. Goldwater got only three votes in the race for science representative to council.

Richard Treleaven sci 2 was elected as next year's science rep. He received 126 votes.

Robert Langridge, sci 2, came second with 115 votes.

There were 12 spoiled ballots in the election for science representative. The three votes for

Goldwater were counted among this number.

Andy Brook, arts 3, was elected as arts representative to council, on the fifth count of a preferential ballot.

Don Jackson was second and Bill Salter was third.

Dentistry elected John Stamm as Students' Council rep.

In the Dentistry Club elections, Gordon Thompson was elected president and Joe Gris was elected vice president. Carl Haurish will be the new secretary treasurer.

Social convener will be Brian Andrews and sports rep will be Matt Heschuk.

Darlene Easton was elected by acclamation as physiotherapy rep.

Secretary—Joan Bonner ed 2
 EUS rep to Wauneita—

Yvonne Walmsley ed 1
 Social Convener—Jane Patrick ed 3

Vice-Pres. — Maureen McHale ed 3

The positions of men's and women's sports rep were not filled.

EUS Elections Held Fri. 13

By Larry Krywaniuk

Friday 13 proved unlucky for some Ed and EUS students but lucky for others. Results for the contested positions were close and showed the following:

Pres.—Peter Seward, ed 2

Professional Rep. — Sylvia Smith ed 2

Ed rep to SC—Nelma Fetterman ed 3

EUS rep, to Wauneita—Mabel Cameron ed 3

The following were filled by acclamation:

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