

Filliter Expresses Importance of Party Unity

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Barbara Baird Filliter of Fredericton was elected leader of the New Brunswick Progressive Conservative Party at a leadership convention held in Fredericton over the weekend.

Filliter is Canada's first female leader of the Conservative Party.

After defeating Hazen Myers of Sussex with a seventy-four percent margin, Filliter stressed the importance of party unity by clasping Myer's hands over

her head on stage following the voting.

The unity of the party was apparent throughout the day. Energy levels seemed high and there was a larger turn-out of voters than had been expected.

People at the leadership convention spoke with great enthusiasm for Mrs. Filliter and her politics. The general opinion among members at the convention was that Filliter "would give Frank (McKenna) a good fight come next election."

The question of whether or not a women could

successfully run for premier in an ideologically conservative province became less important as the afternoon wore on for people at the convention.

For a number of these people, they feel the PC party of New Brunswick has made a strong start on building the party. In addition, it is felt that there is a renewal of political unity that is a major thrust for the New Brunswick Tories. And if this past convention is any indication, the P.C. party of New Brunswick is moving in the right direction.

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Barbara Baird Filliter

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frequent the various social establishments and another one I would swear has a hell of a time jogging!

It was time for the finale, the traditional kickline of the R 'N B. Smartly dressed men and scantily (yet tastefully) dressed women alined the stage and the glowing Dr. Downey blessed us with his blinding presence. Thunderous applause met the dancers as we all leapt to our feet (partially due to the fact that our legs were numb from sitting) and slowly queued out the door.

The 43rd annual Red 'N Black Revue was a success and the atmosphere of a 2/3rds full house and terrible equipment did not do them justice. A definite must on Thursday or Friday where a much better show is expected because of the change of location (as Richard Renaud put it "A mansion where each actor has his own room, sauna, and personal masseuse"). Bravo Tara Scott, Richard Renaud and Peter Shaw (organizers) for a really fine show and Bravo performers for your determination and showmanship. Truly a memorable event for UNB.



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