

"You can paint the map of Alberta Tory blue."

The Gateway

— CBC Radio, summing up last night's election.

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ALTA PCs: ALL BUT 1

by **Dragos Ruiu**

Canadians can look at Brian Mulroney's smiling face in newspapers across the country as another PC majority government goes to Ottawa. The House of Commons will be made up of 170 PC, 82 Liberal, and 43 NDP members, as of midnight Monday.

In Alberta, all but one seat went to the Tories. In a surprising outcome, NDP Ross Harvey took the Edmonton East riding — the first NDP ever elected in Alberta.

Edmonton Strathcona was — as predicted — a close race, but the PC's Scott Thorkelson pulled ahead and won; with the NDP in second, the Liberals in third, and with some showing made by the Reform Party.

Southern Alberta was solidly in support of the Tories, but the PC's lost a lot of the popular vote in Edmonton, with two ridings hotly contested and one lost. Both Edmonton Strathcona and Edmonton North showed very strong NDP support but ultimately went to the PC's.

Nationally, the PC's had surprisingly strong backing in Quebec, exceeding all predictions. The PC showing was poorer in Ontario where they lost 28 seats over the last election.

The NDP steam-rolled Saskatchewan and split the BC vote with the Tories.

A surprisingly strong showing was made by the Reform Party

with approximately 17 percent of the popular vote — votes that came directly from previous PC support. Preston Manning had a notably close race against Joe Clark.

The NDP had major losses in Manitoba, previously an area of strong support for the party. Their losses in Manitoba were swallowed up by the Liberals.

The big Liberal disappointments were several ridings in Quebec and BC. Ridings the Liberals hoped to win in BC were taken by the NDP. The Reform Party was cited as a 'spoiler' influence in the West. The major shift in popular vote in the West has been to the Reformers.

Popular prof loses position

by **Kevin Law**

With a less than clear explanation, a highly rated and extremely popular mathematics professor was dismissed from his teaching position by the faculty of science.

Dr. Hadi Kharaghani had been a sessional math instructor within the department of mathematics for nearly ten years. Last year Kharaghani applied for a full time assistant professor position, and although his application was recommended by a selection committee, the application was turned down by the Dean of Science.

According to an inter-depart-

mental letter to Kharaghani from Dr. Doris Badir, special assistant to the president, the Dean of the faculty of science, Dr. J. McDonald, turned down the recommendation because "it is the Dean's opinion that the Department of Mathematics should be searching for a younger candidate with a very high research potential."

Dr. Kharaghani is 44 years old and claims to have published 12 research articles in the last four years.

The matter is presently before the Human Rights Commission,

and for this reason, McDonald, and Dr. Peter Meekison, university vp academic, refused to comment on the case.

Kharaghani remains confused about the reasoning behind the decision. Normally, a selection committee reviews all applications for a position and then recommends someone to the Dean. "They looked into all applicants for the position and came up with my name. It was someone outside, who is not actually a mathematician, that decided I am not the candidate the department was supposed to pick," Kharaghani said, referring to McDonald.

Kharaghani noted that while a faculty Dean has the power to veto a selection committee's decision, he usually does not interfere. "They trust their colleagues and they normally respect their decision. This was an exception and they turned down the recommendation of the department," he said.

When asked if the selection committee is usually allowed their recommendations, Dr. Lynn Erbe, chairman of the math department said, "I think probably in most cases, yes."

Kharaghani maintains he had no problem with the math department in the nearly ten years he taught there. However he notes there was a problem with the faculty of science with regard to research grants. As far back as 1985, the faculty "denied to grant my application for research grants on the basis I would not be hired the year after," he said. An inter-departmental letter dated December of 1985 supports this assertion.

While Kharaghani is disconcerted about being denied a full time position, he is equally perplexed at being denied another



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The Democratic Process

Business student Elizabeth Giebelhaus exercises her right to vote at poll #6 across the street from Lister hall.

sessional appointment. He alleges quality of teaching has been compromised. "Teaching didn't count for anything in the Dean's decision; being a top teacher didn't mean anything for him."

Kharaghani notes that in the teaching evaluation forms of the last three years, students highly rated his abilities. "I did not have one case where they (students) disliked my method of teaching," he said.

There is abundant support among the students that Kharaghani taught. A petition has been circulated by the students affirming the high quality of Kharaghani's teaching and presently has ap-

proximately 550 signatures.

Duane Baker, a former student of the math professor, organized the petition because "he's the kind of person who obviously has a lot of support. It just needs to be organized."

Baker also had harsh words for teaching evaluation forms. "A petition should be unnecessary. The evaluation forms should have done the job," he said, adding, "It seems evaluation forms are invalid. Professors who are completely useless and get black marks on their evaluations are still teaching. But a professor who is rated excellent gets fired."



Rob Galbraith

Gord Thibodeau and the Golden Bears split a home and home series against the Calgary Dinos last weekend.

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