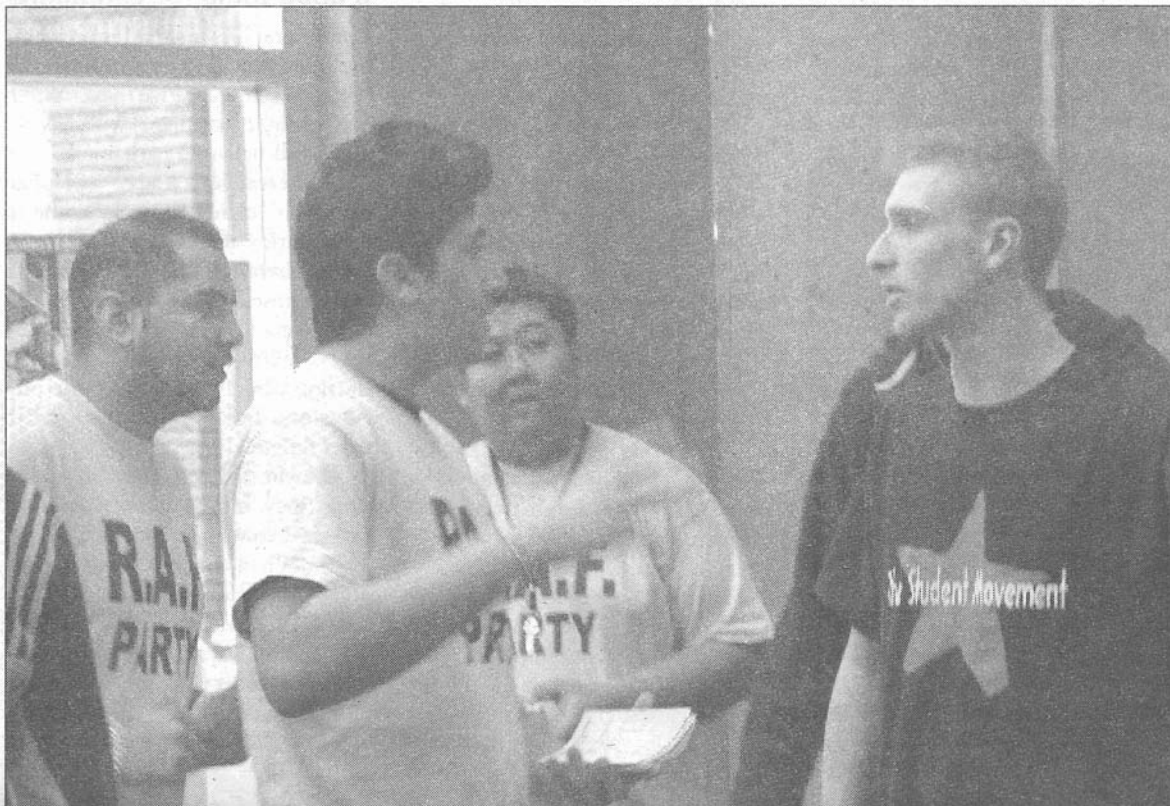


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KSA election heats up



Instructor loses MP bid

By Daniel Wilson
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NDP candidate and Kwantlen instructor Nancy Clegg failed in her attempt to become an MP for the riding of Newton-North Delta, losing by only 700 votes on Monday, Jan. 23.

Clegg, who will now return to teaching at Kwantlen, placed second, behind Sukh Dhaliwal of the Liberals and ahead of Phil Eidsvik of the Conservatives. Clegg and Dhaliwal traded places throughout the evening as results poured in from the 194 polls in the riding, but in the end, Dhaliwal was declared the winner.

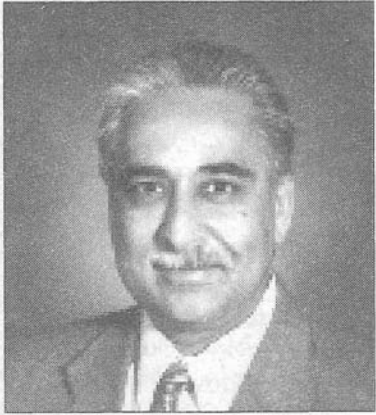
"I can't pretend this isn't a great disappointment," said Clegg, during her concession speech Monday. "This is not the speech I hoped to be making. We worked so hard... and we thought we were going to win. We were a bit of a surprise, but



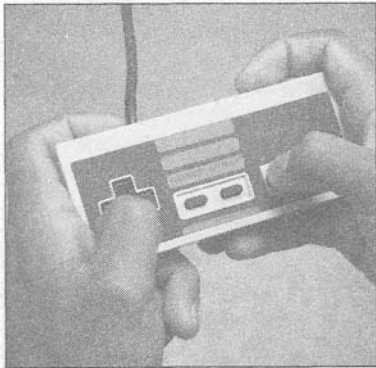
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A confrontation erupts on election day between members of the RAF party and members of the Student Movement Party. The dispute was eventually resolved by the Chief Returning Officer, Amar Randhawa in a discussion with all of the parties involved.

Heated campaign escalates into a verbal outbreak on the Richmond campus on election day

By Joseph Ng
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The Kwantlen Student Association election results are in and the Reduce All Fees Party have swept the polls.

But, the success of the party hasn't ended controversial issues that continue to surround it: allegations of misappropriation of student funds, hiding the budget and springing an illegal student election, which is normally held in late February or March, on opposing parties.

Neither did the storm show signs of losing momentum on election day.

More claims were made by opposing parties that the Reduce All Fees Party resorted to threats and forms of intimidation in order to sequester other party campaigns.

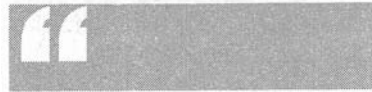
At one point the battle boiled over into a shouting match between Reduce All Fees Party members and Student Movement Party members in the first floor rotunda of the Richmond campus.

"They were asking me if I wanted to go outside, or settle this or let's go take a walk," said R.A. Scott, a Student Movement Party member. "To which I responded you're an embarrassment. This is politics.

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ing to do my job here for the time being and here you are acting like a street thug."

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The skirmish began earlier in the day when the Student Movement Party and the Reduce All Fees Party began campaigning 10 to 15 feet away from each other.

Students were being mobbed by candidates, who were handing out baked goods and doughnuts, as they entered the choke-point that leads to the main stairs of the Richmond

building.

"There's always little things like that," says Aaron Takhar, former R.A.F. representative and chairperson of the student association.

"From what I understand it was between two guys and there was a heated exchange between them two."

"The chief returning officer came and settled it and they shook hands afterwards."

Amar Randhawa, the chief returning officer, was in charge of running the election.

Randhawa eventually settled the disagreement in a discussion with all parties present.

"The other campuses ran very smoothly over the two days with no problems," says Randhawa.

"There was an issue in Richmond but they took it up with me and we had a discussion outside."

"I told them there should be no innuendo thrown around... none of this bantering... and they eventually shook hands. Formal complaints are being lodged."

Still members of opposing parties are dissatisfied with the results calling the whole election process "grossly negligent."

Kulvir Gill, Richmond R.A.F. Representative, was not available for comment.

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...the end of a week of a campaign, but sometimes, national trends sweep over a local campaign."

Clegg, who was visibly upset with the loss, took comfort in the victories of her fellow NDP candidates, who won 29 seats in the election.

The Conservatives won the election, but with 124 seats, have only enough to form a minority government. The Liberals finished with 103 seats, the Bloc Quebecois with 51, and one independent candidate was elected.

This was Clegg's second time seeking a job in Ottawa and it's possible she will run again in the future.

"I'm sorry that I will not be in Ottawa, but I will continue fighting for the values we share," she told supporters. "As Tommy Douglas famously said, 'I'm wounded, but I am not slain. I shall lay me down and bleed a while, then rise and fight again'."

While many voters, tired of the corrupt Liberal government sided with the Conservatives, in this riding the Liberal candidate was voted in to replace a incumbent Conservative who elected not to run this time, due to a scandal of his own.

Gurmant Grewal, who became MP for the constituency in June 2004, later claimed he had tape recordings of Liberal officials offering himself and his wife jobs with the party if they left the Conservatives.

Grewal's vacancy left the field wide open for the three would be candidates in Newton-North Delta.

Dhaliwal finished with 15,006 votes, to Clegg's 14,306.

Attempts to speak with Clegg following the election were unsuccessful.

KSA election results: RAF Party on top

Kwantlen students have spoken: the Reduce All Fees Party will be in charge of running the KSA

By Daniel Tam
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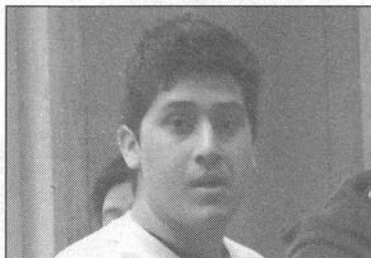
The results of the 2006 Kwantlen general election were finalized last Tuesday, with the Reduce All Fees (RAF) Party scoring the most votes from Kwantlen students. Kwantlen students elected RAF Party member Danish Butt president. He beat opponent Mat Huff from the Student Movement Party by over 200 votes.

The position of director of each of Kwantlen's four separate campuses went to members of the RAF Party. Dilshad Cheema, Kulvir Gill, Andre Lesur, and Ajay Cheema have been named directors of the Surrey, Richmond, Langley and Newton campuses respectively.

Harpreet Ghuman and Almo Abusbea of the Reduce All Fees Party were elected women's liaison and LGBT liaison respectively.

Ken McIntyre represented the Liaisons for You Party and was elected as disabilities liaison, while Michael Van Fleet of the same party was elected to be the First Nations liaison.

The complete results:



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Kulvir Gill, new Richmond campus director.

PRESIDENT:	
Butt, Danish (RAF Party)	676
Huff, Mat (Student Movement Party)	474
TREASURER:	
Atwal, Joey (RAF Party)	483
McLellan, Christie (CSI Party)	180
Mumford, Rob	89
Pelegrin, Sara-Lynn (Student Movement Party)	317
VICE PRESIDENT INTERNAL AFFAIRS:	
Khatri, Jaivin (RAF Party)	712
Onusko, Nicholas (Student Movement Party)	444
VICE PRESIDENT EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:	
Atwal, Jason (CSI Party)	194
Mann, Harvey (RAF Party)	592
Scott, R.A. (Student Movement Party)	367
VICE PRESIDENT EVENTS & STUDENT LIFE:	
Coan, Lisa (CSI Party)	160
Gill, Bik (RAF Party)	628
Uppal, Amrit (Student Movement Party)	340
SURREY CAMPUS DIRECTOR:	
Cheema, Dilshad (RAF Party)	623
Koonja, Ashveen (CSI Party)	146
Tutt, Sean (Student Movement Party)	382
SURREY CAMPUS MEMBER-AT-LARGE: (top three)	
Butt, Madiha (RAF Party)	707
Chezenko, Jesse (Student Movement Party)	329
Chow, William (CSI Party)	187
Fareed, Shameel (RAF Party)	563
Hannah, Matt (CSI Party)	203
Sidhu, Mandy (RAF Party)	589
Trinh, Vy (Student Movement Party)	299
RICHMOND CAMPUS DIRECTOR:	
Gill, Kulvir (RAF Party)	542
Little, Stephanie (Student Movement Party)	332
Woo, Johnny (CSI Party)	110
RICHMOND CAMPUS MEMBER-AT-LARGE: (top three)	
Dieudonne, Cassandra (CSI Party)	271
Hopwood, Kayce (CSI Party)	310
Sandhu, Harm (RAF Party)	701
Takhar, Stefan (RAF Party)	696
Tran, Brian (RAF Party)	715
LANGLEY CAMPUS DIRECTOR:	
Hollick, Denny (Student Movement Party)	398
Lesur, Andre (RAF Party)	518
LANGLEY CAMPUS MEMBER-AT-LARGE: (top two)	
Griffiths, Nathan	412
Lesur, Stephanie (RAF Party)	734
Sturko, Nadine (RAF Party)	616
NEWTON CAMPUS DIRECTOR:	
Cheema, Ajay (RAF Party)	597
Movsessian, Arka (CSI Party)	156
Tambis, Jason (Student Movement Party)	329
NEWTON CAMPUS MEMBER-AT-LARGE: (top two)	
Kahlon, Sunny (RAF Party)	635
Mann, Amrit (RAF Party)	597
WOMEN'S LIAISON:	
Bruce, Kailee (Liaisons For You Party)	398
Ghuman, Harpreet (RAF Party)	629
DISABILITIES LIAISON:	
McIntyre, Ken (Liaisons For You Party)	
Yes-	622
No-	287
FIRST NATIONS LIAISON:	
Van Fleet, Michael (Liaisons For You Party)	
Yes-	670
No-	378
LGBT LIAISON:	
Abusbeaa, Almo (RAF Party)	
Yes-	639
No-	378