

# Win leaves Mrs. Hughes tired, proud

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"Harry got two hours of sleep, and I got three." Pat Hughes said yesterday afternoon in her husband's campaign headquarters in the Lord Baltimore Hotel.

But the wear and tear of the victory celebration Tuesday night and early yesterday did not show on the wife of the Democratic nominee for governor.

Mrs. Hughes was quiet and composed. She seemed more surprised than elated by her husband's success, although she was proud.

Mrs. Hughes, 48, is trim, dark-haired and pretty.

"I enjoyed campaigning," she said. "But I'm cautious, and I told Harry not to get too optimistic. The workers were optimistic, and everywhere Harry went he was hearing good things. I kept reminding him that they were his own people."

Mrs. Hughes labored full-time organizing volunteer workers. "We had been so busy trying to raise money that we hadn't done much about volunteers. But we finally worked up a good network of zip code chairmen to disseminate literature and organize appearances."

She believes that her husband's success might be based on his "being himself" rather than being guided by public relations firms. "The contrast of his being quiet and to the point might have done it for him," she said.



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PAT HUGHES

"That was interpreted by some young reporters as a lack of energy. Tenacity is a form of energy," Mrs. Hughes said.

Mrs. Hughes said she met her husband while she was a student at Bryn Mawr College. "He was at the University of Maryland and would come up for weekends," the former Patricia Donoho said.

They married in 1951 after she graduated and while he still had a year to go

in law school at George Washington University. During that year, Mrs. Hughes worked at what is now the National Security Agency, and Mr. Hughes worked at the U.S. General Services Administration in the day and finished law school at night because his G.I. bill benefits had run out.

They moved to his hometown of Denton on the Eastern Shore where he practiced law before winning a seat in the House of Delegates in 1954. Four years later, he won election to the state Senate, where he served until 1970.

In 1971, the Hughes family moved to Baltimore when Mr. Hughes was appointed the first secretary of the Department of Transportation. They own a town house in the Village of Cross Keys.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes have two daughters, Anne, 24, a teacher who lives in Frederick county, and Elizabeth, 22, who graduated from Harvard University in June and has entered the University of Maryland Law School.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes are still members of Christ Episcopal Church in Denton. "Harry was brought up a Methodist," Mrs. Hughes said, "and I was always an Episcopalian."

She said she did not have any special plans or projects if Mr. Hughes wins the general election against Republican J. Glenn Beall, Jr., in November. "I haven't thought about Annapolis yet," she said.