Ratcliff is new prez

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Kevin Ratcliff, a fourth-year business student, is the new president of the UNB student's union. He defeated his opponent, Eugene Chown, by a vote of 716 to 340 during polling Wednesday.

"All right!" was Ratcliff's immediate reaction to the news of his victory Wednesday night. He said he had been confident he would win and felt Mr. Chown's chances were hurt by an interview with him published in a special election issue of the Brunswickan Tuesday.

Ratcliff said he has, as yet, no specific plans for major changes within the SRC. He said he has until January 1 to familiarize himself with the organization and see what needs changing. In general, Ratcliff said he wants to make the office of SRC president more accessible, and said he found the "closed-door" policy of past SRC presidents very undesirable. He said he would try to make himself available more often.

Ratcliff said he first thought about running a month ago, when he was approached by some friends to run. His resignation as station manager of CHSR becomes effective January 1, the day he officially takes office as SRC president. Ratcliff said he is remaining in office at CHSR until that time so a suitable replacement can be trained. Although Ratcliff has not met his fellow executive, he said he anticipates no problems such as those which caused a rift among council executive this year. Chris Smissaert, Ratcliff's friend and campaign manager, said he feels Ratcliff is open-minded enough to listen to any point of view and deal with a problem before it develops.

Lloyd Tozer was acclaimed to the position of vice-president and Akumu Owour was acclaimed to the position of comptroller when nominations for these positions closed last Wednesday,

Meanwhile, Beth Quigg defeated opponent Nancy Wight 614 to 444 in voting for the position of representative-at-large. The new engineering reps are Susan Lynch and John Cadwell, with 131 and 73 votes respectively. Also in the running for engineering position was Kimberley Gould who received 59 votes; Andre Dicaire, who received 33 votes; and Dwayne McLaughlin, who received 28 votes.

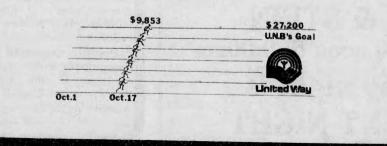
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UNB student Andy LeMesurier was one of several people who gave the 'give of life' at Red Cross blood donor clinics last week. Kevin Backs Photo