

# Finnan is new prez

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Gerard Finnan, Susan Lynch and Andy Young will form the new executive of the UNB Student representative council.

In the presidential race during elections Wednesday, Finnan beat his nearest rival Steve Kitching with 652 votes compared to 367; Richard Riley gained 147. Finnan won at all polling stations except Head Hall and the Main Gym, where Kitching won; and Ludlow Hall where Riley won.

Rupert, the write-in candidate gained 135 votes; however, he received no votes at all at Ludlow, MacLaggan, Lady Dunn, McLeod and Main Gym polling stations.

In total 1301 votes were cast for the presidency; about 22 and a half per cent of eligible voters participated, up from last year's 13 per cent.

Susan Lynch more than doubled Randy MacDonald in the vice presidential election, 741 votes to 306. MacDonald did however, gain the most votes at Head Hall, 37 to 16.

The comptroller race was somewhat closer, with Andy Young defeating David LeBlanc 507 to 453. LeBlanc was tops in

four of the 12 polls, including McConnell Hall, where voter turnout was heaviest. Other heavy turnouts were in evidence at the SUB, Head Hall, Tilley Hall, and Lady Dunn.

Carol Ann Foley has a one-year term on the Board of Governors with 564 votes, compared to 346 and 320 to David Kay and Michael Crawford respectively. Foley led at all polls but Head Hall where she tied with Kay for 54 votes, and Ludlow Hall where Crawford had a landslide. Crawford is a first-year law student and gained 39 votes at Ludlow, with Foley and Kay getting 8 and 7 votes respectively.

Life president of the 1982 graduating class is Lynn Fraser. She had 96 votes and beat Rick Wallace who had 81, and Bev Hickman with 69 votes. All three candidates however claimed an equal number of polls.

The class of '82 vice-presidency was decided by a mere 12 votes. Colleen Fianagan with 112 votes downed Lynn Simms; again though, poll results were not standard.



Photo by Greig Morrison

An exuberant Gerard Finnan celebrates Wednesday night

Grad class secretary treasurer was also close, David LeBlanc edged James Caven, 120 to 100. Susan

Brideau won most polls for valedictorian and ended up with 114 votes over Katie Lyons who had 100 and Beth Quigg with 35. Quigg, topped the polls at the Main Gym, and Lyons came first at Tilley, and

the SUB, and tied with Brideau at Ludlow.

Except for the graduating class positions which were very uncertain, the results were what most people expected. Finnan had a very strong base in first-year students as he was orientation chairman. Lynch and Young campaigned on the same lines as Finnan.



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# Referendum annulled

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The SRC has voted overwhelmingly in favor of declaring the referendum concerning SUB renovations, which was put to the students Wednesday, to be invalid.

At an emergency council meeting yesterday, it was also decided that the results of the vote not be released. The ballots will not be counted, and they have been destroyed.

The controversy stems from the wording of the question that was put to the students which was not precisely the same as that passed by the SRC on September 30. Several councillors expressed concern that the wording could possibly have confused students in that the question did not fairly represent what the SRC had approved.

There was also some ques-

tion surrounding the legality of posing a question to the campus which was not identical to that which the SRC had approved. In essence, it was deemed that a referendum had not taken place at all.

The changed wording was in the sentence stating, "... to be used for carrying out renovations and improvements. . .", rather than the wording the SRC approved, saying, "... to be used for the presently proposed alterations and renovations. . .". Objections were voiced concerning the deleting of "presently proposed".

The scenario began September 25, when David Kay, chairman of the board of directors of the Student Union Building, approved the suggested wording of their proposal, which had been worked out by their solicitor. "We sent the wording to James

O'Sullivan, vice president (finance and administration), who sent it on to Gordon Petrie, the university solicitor," Kay said. "On September 29, we made our presentation to the student council at Saint Thomas University who considered the proposed wording." The words "presently proposed" were added by the STU student council so that they could protect themselves from future bonds to the agreement. Kay said the board then made the same proposal to UNB "with the same wording as that which STU had come up with, since they would be voting on the same issue." The SRC accepted the wording.

"The approved wording was then taken to O'Sullivan and Petrie October 1." Kay said. On October 8 he said he received a letter from O'Sullivan advising the board

of the recommendation that the words "presently proposed" be dropped, since the plans are at present only suggestions, and not proposals. "We stress though that this was a recommended wording for the formal request from the SRC which would be going on to the Board of Governors who ultimately have the final say, and not necessarily a wording for the referendum for the students."

Kay said that the board did not "request that the wording be changed. Mr. Petrie suggested the change because what we have are conceptual plans and not proposals." He said that the issue "is in the student's interests. It is in ours to stand up to the obligation. We will put in writing anything to bind us to the concept, as it was always our intent to align to the proposal."

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