

STU SU unofficial VP Finance to be appealed Election Results

President - Carrie Ricker: 345
- Rob Suffron: 265

VP Administration - Nathan Benson: 212
- Tanya Clark: 194
- Jeff Embleton: 177

VP Activities - Andrew Keleher: 182
- Ang MacLean: 131
- Robin Martin: 176
- Dennis Saunders: 37
- Laura Wallace: 78

VP External - Tracey Adams: 361
- Cristy DeMerchant: 225

VP Finance - Linda Cogswell: 242
- Kyle Jensen: 205
- Allen Price: 150

Valedictorian - Ian Brodie: 34
- Sally Cogswell: 15
- Linda Gionet: 25
- Eva Nash: 13
- Gina Raymond: 8
- Karen Strang: 14
- Christine Wolstenholme: 29

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- Steven Hinkley: 201
- Caroline Lyles: 67

Expansion and election trivia

- Since 1994, the Yes side for SUB Expansion at STU has gained five percent, rising from 42% in favour to 47% in favour. (The vote in 1994 was for a \$15 mandatory SUB Expansion fee.)
- 32% of STU students voted in the election. This is 10% higher than the most recent voter turn-out at a UNB Student Union election.



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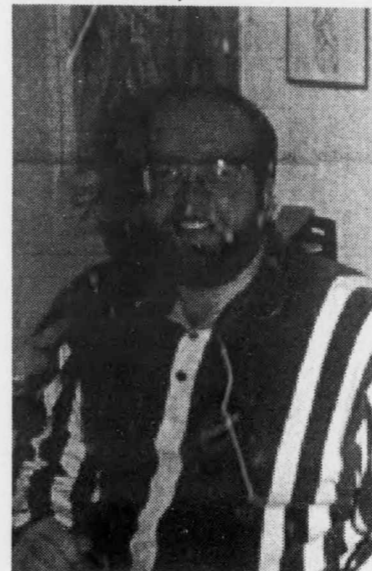
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by Cynthia Kirkby
Co-News Editor

At least one appeal will be made as a result of Wednesday's election at St. Thomas University.



VP Finance Allen Price
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VP Finance, Allen Price, who was re-offering for the position, entered *The Brunswickan* office before the vote had been tallied, announcing that he intended to appeal the result. He had drafted a letter to Chief Returning Officer (CRO) Brent Trenholm, explaining his reasons for the appeal.

"The biggest reason was a letter printed in the Aquinian on election day," he said. He added that this letter had been approved for publication by Trenholm, and by Rachel Taylor, the Deputy CRO. "It was decided to print the letter, which I thought was inappropriate especially considering it came out on election day. I'm appalled that the Aquinian would print that letter. It's a breach of fiduciary duty."

He noted that he wasn't the only candidate who might have been unfairly harmed by the publication of the letter. "It created an unfair atmosphere for all the candidates mentioned in the letter... It's obvious that this may have had an effect."

Another reason for his appeal, he explained, "is the fact that one of the ballot boxes was left unlocked. Also, on at least one occasion, the polling station set up in the Edmund Casey building and the polling station in George Martin Hall ran short of VP Finance ballots. In speaking with students, I was led to believe that there were several students who did not and were not able to vote because of that."

Price intends to take his appeal through the Student Union because of unusual circumstances concerning the student advocate Jeff Price. "Ordinarily in an appeal procedure, a student would, in addition to talking to the CRO, talk to the student advocate. However, the student advocate has been shown to be partial on many issues and I don't believe that I can go to Jeff Price in good faith. Therefore the only option I have is to go through Student Council and possibly seek legal advice with regard to an appeal."

Melanson and Clark on money matters

Should student fees be raised?

by Gordon Loane
Brunswickan News

SU President candidate Jeff Melanson says one of his top priorities, should he be elected, is to take a close look at how the SU spends its money.

"Students should know where every dollar of their student fee is being spent and there should be no grey areas. I intend to put the SU on an accountability first basis," he said in an interview with *The Brunswickan* last week.

"Students will then feel the SU is working for them, so they will feel their money is better spent. It's a feeling that has gone by the wayside in the last few years," he said, referring to the Lamrock and Estabrooks Administrations among others.

If elected, Melanson also promises to look at SU re-structuring proposals over the summer months with a view to saving money and in the long term reducing student fees (which now stand at \$102 per year).

"If a full time position is created for the President, this may involve cutting back the General Administrator's post to half-time," he said. "I believe there are many areas around the SU where money can be saved."

Meanwhile, Melanson's opponent Jeff Clark is not yet sure whether

student fees should increase this year. "I think if we need to raise them, they will need to be fully justified."

Clark feels UNB's student fee is reasonable at the moment.

He said there are different philosophies at different universities about the level of student fees. "At Dalhousie in Halifax the SU fee is around \$130 a year, I believe, while at the University of Saskatchewan it's just \$26 a year," Clark said. "So UNB seems to be about in the middle as far as student fees are concerned."

Clark also says any re-structuring proposals that might be looked at, should he be elected President, will

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information I've received it doesn't look like there's enough that went wrong."

Rouse added that he hoped that STU wouldn't lose its place on the SUB Expansion Committee, and that STU students would still be welcome. "We're going to have to seek some direction on where we're going to go quite quickly because if we wait again until fall, it's foreseeable that we won't be able to access the SUB. It's a possibility that's been raised by [UNB President Dr.] Robin Armstrong - I think both SUS wouldn't want to see that."

However, UNB SU President Kelly

include no changes in the current full-time SU office staff component which now stands at five.

"Staff areas are fine for now from what I can see," he said. Clark does say that re-structuring proposals will centre around the composition of Council itself.

He plans to include residence representation on council and wants elected Councilors to become more pro-active.

He suggests Councilors should chair SU Committees for example. "It would give them extra responsibility and they might feel they are actually contributing more," he concluded.

Lamrock, who had expected to win the referendum "handsomely," disagreed on both points. He stated that the priority now is to continue to plan, without STU. "The Committee is now UNB only. UNB students have put 2 years and I think \$760,000 at least into it. Planning should go on."

"But if one campus says we want it and another says we don't then clearly the ones who pay for it are the ones who should get the exclusive use of it. I think we have the money and the mandate to go ahead and get the space for UNB students to use."



Election time, including at The Bruns. Perhaps Robert Fernandes is running for Editor-In-'Chef'?
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