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## High voter turnout elects Jim Smith

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The highest voter turnout in recent years marked Wednesday's presidential election which saw Jim Smith elected for a three-month term.

The five presidential candidates attracted almost 37 per cent of the possible student vote.

Final election results were:

C. Pratt	400
B. Melanson	454
J. Smith	587 elected
D. Saulis	290
A. Hildebrand	153

The total number of voters in the race was 1,929, with 45 spoiled ballots.

Smith said the students showed a considerable amount of interest in the election and hopes to learn in his position as president.

He had no specific statement at the time as to any issues he planned to bring before council.

"I intend to look into banking and bookstore hours," said Smith. "I hope to have the hours extended to Thursday night or even Saturday morning."

When asked if he was surprised that he took the office of president, Smith replied, "No, I wasn't surprised. I don't have a conceitist attitude. I had a feeling."

Smith believes that the majority of his supporters were from the education society and many of his friends on campus.

Capturing the seat of Engineering representative by twelve votes was David Smith, a third year survey student. Results were:

Out of 236 voters, twelve ballots were spoiled.

Smith expressed his thanks to all of his supporters and hopes students will confront

him with possible problems.

Smith showed his interest in issues of NUS, student aid, student parking, and housing.

"I am looking forward to working with old and new members. I plan to do my best in

meetings and work toward a better understanding between the SRC and students," said Smith.

Jim Smith voiced his views on further issues previous to the election.

Although an off-campus student, Smith at one time lived on campus and feels it is not difficult to get accommodation. He further believes if the administration admits more students it will be necessary to find solutions to the housing problem.

Smith intends to continue trying "to establish an SRC forum in the Brunswickan" where he will discuss issues according to a question-answer format. "In addition", he stated, "I would like to see instituted the position of student public relations officer, who will make full use of the media resources to inform the students of all SRC and related events."

Smith is in favour of greater use of security on campus in unlighted areas and plans to look into the possibility of better lighting. "I



Presidential election winner Jim Smith.

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feel that student security should be of the utmost importance to the administration."

On student aid Smith feels that the New Brunswick loan should be reduced to \$700. He thinks this should be the case all across Canada.

Smith said he believes that both alcohol and non-alcohol related events should be instituted. He further remarked that he would like to see more coffee houses.

Smith said he hopes "to unify the operation of the SRC." "I would like to see all the members working together to achieve common goals."

Two business administration representatives were elected, Stephen Berube, a first year student was elected the half-term representative and Beth Phillips, a second year student, was voted in as full-term rep.

Results were:

B. Phillips	124 elected
M. McCracken	44
S. Berube	92 elected
J. Dunphy	90
Spoiled	9
Total	359

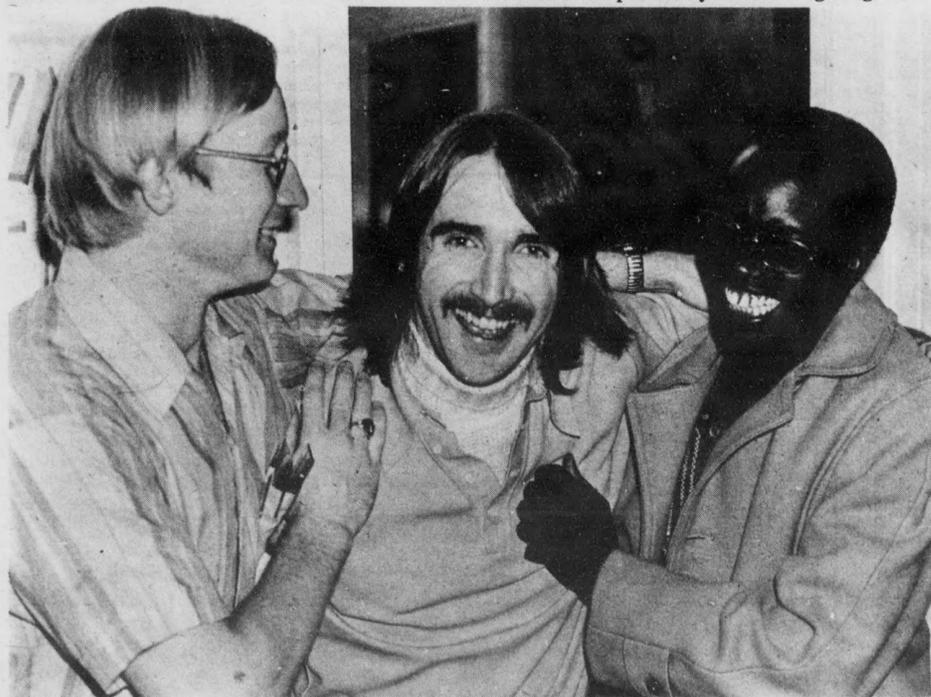
"I'd like to pledge my full support in Jim Smith as I feel the SRC must function as a unit and there is no room for division within the SRC as a body," stated Berube.

"I intend to make myself more visible around Tilley third floor, so that at least you'll know what I look like."

He expressed his wish for students to feel free to discuss any problems with him.

Beth Phillips was not available for comment at the time.

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New Engineering rep Dave Smith celebrates with V-P Gord Kennedy and Comptroller Wence Batanyita following the final vote tally in the SRC election held last Wednesday.