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...than a young conservative.

Pierre Trudeau

Decisive victory for commerce student Gruber new SU vp finance

by Lucinda Chodan

Voters have provided the Students' Union (SU) with its third vp finance and administration in eight months.

Willie Gruber defeated interim vp finance Glen Gallinger 811 to 315 in Friday's SU by-election. However, the 1149 students who voted make up only about five per cent of the university's student population.

Returning officer Sue Savage said she was surprised by the voter turnout. "I would have expected a slightly higher turnout for a by-election, but it definitely indicates a strong preference. It's doubtful whether any more voters would have changed that."

"However, that's a really small portion of the electorate. For vp finance, I would have expected more than that."

About 25 % of the student

population voted in last February's election.

Commerce student Gruber defeated Gallinger by a clear margin in all polls. He showed particular strength in CAB (173-36) and in V-Wing (79-35). The closest race occurred in Faculte Saint-Jean, where the margin was only one vote (6-5). The largest turnout was also in CAB, where 209 students voted.

In other by-elections Friday, about 125 students voted to elect General Faculties Council (GFC) science representatives Karen Boodram, Catherine Johnson, Gord Kirk and Richard Roe.

The science seat in Students' Council will be filled by Fred Popowich. Popowich, with 104 votes, defeated other candidates Erik Fenna (81) and Richard Roe (31).

The last-minute resignation of education representative to GFC David Head made the GFC education by-election

irrelevant. Robin Kramar, Rob Porkka and Edmund Metatawabin were all elected by acclamation to the positions.

Gruber pleased with win

Long-term financial planning and a strong policy for the Administration Board are the main concerns of the newly elected Students' Union vp finance and administration.

Willie Gruber, a fourth-year Business Administration and Commerce student, says he's pleased with his by-election victory.

"I'm happy to be here and I want to do a good job," he said in an interview with the *Gateway* on Monday.

Though it's difficult to step into the vice-presidency in mid-term, Gruber said he expects

help from the rest of the SU executive.

"I haven't had any problem with them in the past and I don't anticipate any in the future," he said.

And although Gruber said he has no specific plans yet, *Continued on page 10*



Willie Gruber

SU continues funding war

by Gordon Turtle

A new Students' Union committee to organize against cutbacks has been formed by vp external Tema Frank.

According to Frank, the new committee met last week and elected a chairman and a vice-chairman. Boris Wiggers, a third-year science student was selected as chairman, and commerce student Kenny Mah is vice-chairman.

A name for the new committee has not been selected yet. Originally labelled the Committee on Inadequate Funding, the group decided to drop that name. Frank says they will likely be called the Cutbacks Committee. The name of the previous Students' Union anti-cutbacks group was Committee To Oppose Tuition Increases and Cutbacks (COTIAC), but that name was also dropped, Frank says, because of its negative connotations.

Plans for action were also discussed. One of the group's priorities will be to build up support for the campaign in rural areas around the province. The

group also hopes to conclude interviews with department chairmen that were begun last year by COTIAC.

The committee hopes to involve the various faculty associations in their campaign. "I hope the groups will participate," says Frank, stressing that it is important for each group to realize that cutbacks affect every faculty.

Frank also supports the Students' Council directive to the executive which demanded them to make the cutbacks issue a high priority concern. "It's a great idea," she says. "The issue is certainly an important one with students."

Opposition to tuition fees will not be ignored by the committee. "Tuition fees are a sub-problem of cutbacks," stresses Frank. "If funding were adequate, tuition fees would not have to be raised."

The group hopes to increase its membership from fifteen with a large turnout at today's meeting. The meeting will be held in Room 280, SUB at 3:30 p.m.

More nuclear leaks found on campuses

MONTREAL (CUP) — Concordia University's neutron generator has been leaking neutron particles into the basement of a campus building since 1976 and will continue to do so until corrective measures are taken.

The problem is a flaw in the containment area around the generator which has allowed minute amounts of radiation to escape into an unused telephone relay room in the basement as well as into an outer laboratory.

The Atomic Energy Control Board (AECB), which licenses and inspects the generator, has been aware of the leaks but says that as long as the machine is not run constantly and neonets up an office outside a lead door where the leaks were detected, the neutron escape is minimal and within their limits.

But the Canadian Coalition for Nuclear Responsibility (CCNR) has called the situation unsafe and demanded that the generator not be used.

"I think it's really irresponsible to be running this thing in a school," says CCNR member Joette Lorion. "Who can say that in 10 or 20 years somebody won't get leukemia. We just don't know the effects of low radiation."

The neutron generator which has only been run lately to check for leaks, was primarily used to study what dosages of radiation should be given in the treatment of cancer.

The generator will not be used for its regular projects until the leaks have been stopped, says Nelson Eddy, as associate professor of physics involved with operations of the generator. *Continued on page 10*



University students seem to be getting younger every year. But these kids were only on campus for a day with a school tour. Official celebration of the International Day of the Child is tomorrow.