

And now for something completely different..

Ladies and Gentlemen the campus of UNB presents the annual SRC election, where men and women compete with each other by trying not to be acclaimed to their position....

Newsflash

This year's election of an SRC President will not have just one candidate running but two. Election fever is running high as the campus anticipates this outcome on Wednesday, November 14. It has been officially announced by chief returning officer Tim Gorman that Perry Thorbourne and Doug Varty will vie for the Presidential nomination.

And now back to programs normally scheduled for this time. "A Night at The Opera".

The posters are up and the election campaigns are going strong (or so one hopes). November 14 is election day for the campus. Some students may be aware of the fact and shrug it off as rather passe news - others may not care. This year however, there is a definite need for students to be a conscious and aware voting body. Unlike last year, where the presidential office was acclaimed, there are two students of equal calibre vying for the presidency of the student union. It's a welcome sight after having put up with little or no choice in nominees in the past couple of years.

Student apathy has always been a sore point on this campus, especially during elections. It is comforting to be faced with a decision which must be made on the basis of candidate ability and their prospective policies and goals.

One of the candidates running in Election 1979 is Perry Thorbourne, a man who has kept himself active within the university community for his participation within numerous committees such as Senate, SUB Board, Student Standing and Promotions, Student Services and now the

Orientation Committee (of which he has proposed to opt out of depending on the election results). Certainly he presents himself as a man well-qualified for fulfilling the office of president. Yet the question prevailing his nomination has

been whether or not Thorbourne will be able to present himself as an involved president with his hand into so many committees. Will he be able to commit himself to the job at hand totally?

Doug Varty is Thorbourne's opponent. As a former director of CHSR, Varty has shown himself to be an equally strong candidate. His approach, however, differs from Thorbourne's in that instead of concentrating on past and present experiences, Varty is campaigning on a policy and goal approach, ranging from a promise to eliminate the president's summer salary of \$125 per week to a broader representation of committees on the SRC.

The choice will be a difficult one to make but hopefully the students on campus will be taking a serious look at the goals and the people running before making their choice.

We at the Brunswickan, after extensive meeting and reviews of the prospective candidates, feel that Doug Varty is the man for the office. Although we will probably be receiving a lot of feedback from some individuals about the evils of bias, it is time that the paper should take a stand when the election candidates are of the calibre that they are. Varty is a man of action who has shown himself to be a leader through his experiences with CHSR and their plans to go FM. His ideas for the role of president and the goals he plans to strive for reflect someone who is willing to be involved while in office. It's time we swept out the cobwebs of inefficiency upstairs and replaced them with an effective government in which there are concerned and genuinely involved students operating a council which truly reflects the interests and desires of the UNB campus.

Thorbourne unfortunately does not look like the man for the job. His involvements throughout the campus are too numerous to allow him the time and commitment needed for the position. As we stressed in last week's editorial, conflicts of interest are unhealthy in any circumstance. Adding the office of president to the list of his credits might look good for Thorbourne, but his approach and character lack dynamics. There are too many complaints coming from the student body at large concerning little or no action from the SRC, let alone the lack of assertiveness from their fearless leader. The choice on November 14 will be yours - take the time to familiarize yourself with the

issues at hand and how the candidates appear to feel about them. The Brunswickan took the time, and after much debate and discussion decided it was high time the paper took a position. Our choice will be Doug Varty on election day ... we hope yours will be too. Let's see a man with an assertive nature and the desire to make a student government an effective and working body.

Doug Varty is the man. He stands for change, a change that could and just might shake the apathetic nature that has predominated this campus for so long.

