

Controversy surrounds elections

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This week's Student Union election has been the subject of much controversy. Plagued by rumours of a lack of ballots, and a formal complaints on its organization, the running of the election has been regarded by some as anything but smooth.

In an interview with *the Brunswickan*, Larry Long, Chief Returning Officer for the recent elections said that there had been no formal complaints about a lack of ballots, but that he had received a complaint from Cathy Steele, a candidate for the Valedictorian position.

In a letter to the editor ap-

pearing in this week's *Brunswickan*, Steele claims that she was told that the election date had been changed from Nov. 18th to the 25th. This change of dates did not actually take place because the election time had been designated by Council. Steele found out to her surprise on Monday night that the elections were being held on Wednesday, and that they had not been postponed to the 25th.

Commenting on the complaint, Long said that he had contacted the candidates to inform them of the change; and that Steele's not being informed was at most a clerical error. The reason for changing the

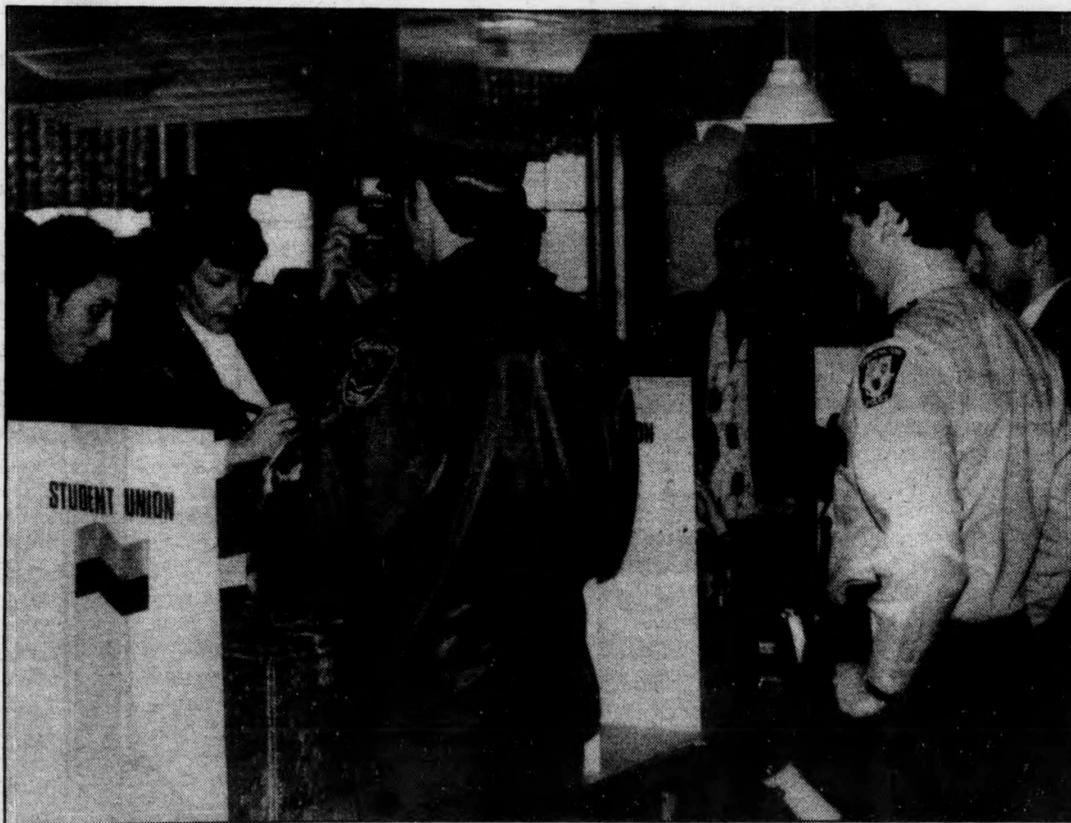
election date was to give the candidates two weeks of campaigning after the closing of nominations. The nominations deadline was extended from the 4th to the 10th, but it is not known whether it was brought about by an act of Council, or of the Executive. Jane Arnold, Student Union President was unavailable for comment.

Long told *the Brunswickan* that the job of CRO was to see to the running of the election, like making sure there were enough poll workers at the polls. He feels that there should be a separate committee to look after the promotion of the elections; Long added that "there just isn't enough

time to promote, produce, and supervise the election, and be a student."

In response to Steele's complaint, Long said that he would review the complaint and make a recommendation which will be forwarded to

Council for a final decision. In the event that Steele succeeds, the Valedictorian ballot will be considered invalid. The report will be made available next week, citing the recommendations for Council to decide upon.



Conspicuously absent from Wednesday's Student Union elections were Fredericton City Police, and hordes of reporters, not to mention John Bosnitch.

Results

	S.U. Reps.
B.O.G. (Nov. 88) Larry Hansen	Arts Bill McCardle
B.O.G. (June 89) Wayne Carson	Education Ian Kitchen
Senate (March 88) Petra Thanisch	Engineering Scott Clements Andrew MacNabb Anthony Scott
Senate (Nov. 88) Ramsay Anderson	Science Carl Burgess
Senate (Nov. 89) Morag Duncan	Grad Class Secretary Treasurer Nora Mair
Valedictorian Heather McNaught	

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