

Election turnout poor

By BRUNS STAFF

An approximate twenty six per cent turnout for last Wednesday's Student Representative Council elections remains constant with the UNB tradition of student disinterest. An approximate 1300 students voted out of a possible 5009.

The University of New Brunswick is no longer a member of The National Union of Students (NUS). In the referendum held synonymously with the elections. Students of the University voted against rejoining the organization. The results were 681 against, 644 for and 13 spoiled ballots.

In voting for Vice President Internal, Albert King led with 671 votes. Lynn Wentworth drew 498 votes and 68 ballots were spoiled. Susan Shalala was elected Vice President External with 670 votes. Andrew Waver drew 483 and 74 ballots were spoiled.

Students elected to the Senate were David Barlett, 635 and Jeffrey Dobson with 482 votes. Ninety one ballots were spoiled.

In the voting for Representative at Large, Paul Meyer led with 393

votes. Also elected was Beverly Doherty with 335 votes. Eighty nine ballots were spoiled.

In interviews following the election successful candidates had the following comments:

Susan Shalala, VP External: I'm really pleased with the results and intend to start work tomorrow by going through the files and getting everything organized for my term.

Albert King, VP Internal: "No comments, no real issues right now, I have no idea what's going to happen. I want to wait and see what will happen."

Paul Meyer, Rep at Large: "Everyone must be as surprised as I am. I suppose a lot of people including me wondered why I did it. I think it's easy to criticize a group such as the SRC from the outside, they're eminently criticizable. I'm interested in seeing what it's like from the inside, what kind of problems they have."

Beverly Doherty, Rep at Large: "I'm really pleased."

Newly elected senators Barlett and Dobson were not available for interviews at press time.

Defeated candidates also had several comments to make. Andrew Waver, contestor for VP External said about Susan Shalala, "Now that we have her, let's support her."

Lynn Wentworth, contestor for VP Internal: "Congratulations to Albert". She said she was surprised at the poor turnout.

Another UNB tradition was upheld this year with the large number of candidates elected by acclamations.

Claire Frapp is Arts Rep, full term. Deana Ketcheson is Arts Rep half term. Elected by acclamation for Engineering representatives were Timothy Colwell, half term, and Daniel Davis full term.

Computer Science Rep is Andrew Jones, BBA Rep Nancy Gallant. Paula Lancaster is representing Nursing, and Judy Loo, Forestry, Rep at Large, full term, is Andrew Steeves.

Vacant positions are Education Reps (three) and a Graduate rep.

Chief Returning Officer Alex Kilbaki Muriithi former VP External had several comments about the elections. "I thought it



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would be better than that" said Muriithi referring to the low student turnout. He said it is a lower percentage than this time last year and the year before, although slightly higher than last springs election turnout.

"It's a pity that the students are letting apathy take over and control their lives" said Muriithi. He advised students to think twice before they decide the Union is of no use to them.

He voiced the hope that the

future would be brighter. Referring to the end of his term as VP External, Muriithi said "I want to thank the students for letting me serve them for a year and even when I go home (Kenya) I'll never forget the experience. Thanks a million dollars to all UNB students."

The Brunswickan would like to thank Muriithi for his co-operation in the past year with the newspaper, and commend his efforts at fulfilling the role of VP External.

Murray pleased with election results

By JEOFFREY IRVING



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SRC President Jim Murray

The President of the Student Representative Council said in an interview after the SRC and Senate elections that he was pleased with the turnout at the polls. The percent of the UNB turn out matched the national average of voters at all university elections of approximately 28 percent.

When asked about the NUS referendum Jim Murray said that he was very happy the NUS people were turned down. The actual figures were YES 644... NO 68... SPOILED 3. Murray said that he had been worried because of the massive campaign, launched by a non-existent committee called UNB NUS, that distributed about 15,000 leaflets all over the campus. "I was worried that people would ignore what I had said about NUS previously and that because of this pro-NUS campaign it might stay in", he also

said he saw it as a reaffirmation of the faith the students have in the opinions of their student leaders. President Murray added that he was really pleased that the students could see through the campaign and voted them out.

When asked his opinion on the new VP Internal Albert King Murray stated that he had worked with King in the past and looked forward to working with him again this year. "Albert has devoted much time to the Council and the Forestry association. He has shown to me that he is genuinely concerned with the students' opinions and that is of primary concern."

When asked to give his view on the new VP External, Jim said "Susan is some what of a new comer - to council, but I have had the pleasure of working with her brother last year, who put many

hours behind his part in the Student Union. I'm sure that Susan can add much to the Union and I look forward to working with her."

In a comment about the new Representatives at Large on campus Murray said that he looked forward to cooperating with them and looked forward to positive results from them. The Reps at Large are Beverly Doherty and Paul Meyer.

Jim wished the new student Senators, Dave Bartlett and Jeff Dobson, all the best of luck in their positions.

As a final comment Murray said, "For the future I see the Union revitalised to the point that student opinions and concerns will be truly represented in the political circles on campus. Chashevs to NUS!"

NUS rep says SRC withheld information



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NUS rep Dan O'Connor

knew there was a Calgary conference.

O'Connor said that the methods NUS uses to relay information to the students are considered inefficient by some members. The organization works through the individual student unions.

He said UNB has placed itself in a difficult position. UNB has withdrawn from all of the national student organizations saying that due to government cutbacks in education they cannot afford to retain membership. "Yet", said O'Connor, "it is these organizations which are working on and trying to remedy these problems."

O'Connor said the student turnout for elections is by far the lowest yet for a NUS referendum. He noted that it was under these circumstances that the referendum was defeated.

In view of the relatively minor victory of the referendum (681-644) O'Connor said he hopes to keep in contact with the students of UNB. He said that NUS wants to work on the type of information the students of this university should get. He also voiced the hope to talk with Susan Shalala,

newly elected VP External about where the problems between NUS and UNB lie, and how to achieve possible remedies.

O'Connor said he wished to keep in contact with The Brunswickan on the basis of an exchange of information. The

Brunswickan agrees this would be beneficial.

O'Connor said that Jim Murray, SRC president must have ideas on how a national organization should work. He added "He didn't give any ideas when I was there."

"There is still a need for a

national organization", said O'Connor "and UNB still needs that organization. However, in UNB's case it is obvious the practical and not the abstract aspect should be worked on."

O'Connor's parting words were "Only time will tell how UNB does without the organization."

Part-time students vote

Former Chief Returning Officer Alex Kilbaki decided that part-time students were eligible to vote in the SRC elections last Wednesday.

Kilbaki made the decision as a result of a misunderstanding on the day of the election.

Several part-time students were refused permission to vote, although they had paid the \$46 student union fees.

On consulting the by-laws Kilbaki discovered two contradictory by-laws. One said part-time students were ineligible, the other said "any registered student at the University of New Brunswick Fredericton who have paid the

required student union fees shall be members of the UNB Student Union!"

Therefore, part-time students who had paid their fees were eligible said Kilbaki.

STU election results

Two hundred and seventy students at St. Thomas University recently elected three Fourth-year Arts students to serve one year terms on the University's Academic Senate. The October 5 elections saw 36 percent of those eligible to vote cast their ballots.

The new senators are: M. Helen Branswell, Phyllis R. Murray, and

Jerry W. Christensen.

In balloting at the University on October 12, Maureen Audit was nominated to fill the student seat on the Board of Governors. She is currently serving as president of the University's Student Union. A total of 266 ballots were cast representing 35 percent of the eligible voters.

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