

Seven vye for rep-at-large

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The rep-at-large seat has turned out to be one of the most heavily contested in the election. There are seven candidates, and each student gets two votes. When ballots are counted, the candidates with the most and second most votes will take the two seats.

Hope Nagle

Hope Nagle is a third-year business student. She has been involved in orientation for two years, and is now on the executive as comptroller. She has also been on the winter carnival committee for two years; and is familiar with the SRC, having attended most recent meetings. She is a member of the business society, and has also been on a residence executive.

Her position as orientation comptroller takes much work, she explained. Even though the event is not until September, she attends meetings each week. She has to deal with large sums of money in this capacity, but is also involved in planning the events. In the past, Nagle has been a group leader.

She has worked in a bank for several summers, and this would prove her trustworthiness in an elected position she said.

Nagle said, "I think I would do a good job," and said she is particularly interested in the position. One of the problems she sees is the need for some sort of renovations to the SUB, not necessarily though, those originally proposed.

Among the problems she has seen in the past with the SRC, was the lack of a good chairman, but she feels that the new chairman is doing a good job. She criticized the way that certain people, "... jumped on everything that everyone says." She said though that these people are also adding a lot to the council. Nagle said there would not be so many people running for the election had student interest not been increased. She admitted though she did not think much about the Student Party.

Fraser Dickson

Fraser Dickson has been representative-at-large for a year, and is up for re-election. Previously, few people shared his interest in the job, he said, however this time, there are many more people in the running.

He has also served on the board of directors of Campus Services Limited. He said this organization is expanding to enable it to bring big bands to the university. In conjunction with this, he has served on the entertainment committee which among other things, has

arranged the extravaganzas.

Dickson is on the study committee reviewing submissions for SUB renovations; also he has served on the non-alcoholic events committee. He stressed the importance of this saying there are many students under 19; and the SRC constitution calls for at least 7 non-alcoholic events per term. Recently this has not been fulfilled said Dickson, but he hopes to see that it is in the future.

His prime interest for being on the SRC is the committee work, he explained. He said he is not there for the politics. He pointed out a few issues council should be dealing with in his opinion; the SUB renovation issue, and Student Union dues. He said Council is being changed for the better.

He criticized the Student Party, calling it ridiculous, and voiding the whole purpose of the Student Union. He claimed it was, "Bosnitch and his pets" and said it was just a farce.

Dickson said he was glad other candidates have shown some interest in council, although he claimed that some were not serious. He said there are no issues people vote for, they only vote for their friends. He did not predict though, that the voter turnout in the elections would be higher than normal just because there are more candidates.

Filip Vanicek

Filip Vanicek says he has high ideals he would like to see established. "The university, or any environment, should be run by its members," he said, and added, "students don't know what is going on, and have no say." He feels all decisions should be made by the students; they should have the right to decide about appointments, honoraria and tuition fees, he said.

In this respect, he said, the Student Party is the best thing to happen on campus. He said the party, of which he is information secretary, is the first example of students really getting together.

Politics in the Student Union stinks, claimed Vanicek, and students are not respected members of the community. He said the Student Party platform, the major organ of the organization, shows an example of organized participation, badly needed to raise prestige, efficiency and order on campus. The party is the only valid way of accomplishing this, he claimed.

Among the major things he would like to see done, are a complete reorganization of the Student Union,

He admitted there was some opposition to the party but said he was pleased to see reac-

tion. "People make jokes about anything new," he claimed.

Vanicek has been involved in the UNB tennis team, the Tae Kwon So Club, the Modern Students' Society, and the debating society which he helped organize in his first year. He has been on the Creative Arts Committee of the university, and has been involved with the UNB Chamber Music and Jazz Festival.

He said he was never involved in the SRC before because he did not think there were any people who thought like himself. He now believes that there may be even a majority of such people and all the wrong people are in charge. "Now we are together, let's get moving," said Vanicek.

Elizabeth Lynch

Elizabeth Lynch has been a member of the Winter Carnival committee for two years. She was in the Red and Black Revue for 1980 and was on the executive last year. She also was involved with orientation '81, and has held the SRC arts seat for half a year. She said she is running for rep-at-large this time because she feels it will give her a broader representation, instead of just one faculty.

Lynch said she has no specific platform, but wants to see students becoming more involved. The SRC, she said, is getting better; it has been getting a bad name from what people had been reading in *The Brunswickan* and hearing on CHSR. It is not all fighting, she claimed.

Lynch cited the various things the SRC is doing, mostly in committees. The Student Aid Committee, the Constitution Committee, and the Non-alcoholic events committee are examples she gave of what the SRC is doing for the students.

She said she is the best person for the job because she is the most experienced. "I have an idea of what I can give to the students," she said; although she wished the best of luck to the other candidates. "I will represent students, the way they want to be represented," she added.

There are no specific issues in this election Lynch said; many of the recent issues, such as the Thorbourne loan, and the orientation report have already been dealt with.

When asked what her feelings were about the Student Party; her only response was, "What Student Party!"

John Jerney

John Jerney, a computer science student, said he took an active role in high school politics. Since he came to UNB he has been very active in the debating club, having attended

a national and an international contest. He said he also plans to be a member of orientation 1982.

Jerney is a member of the Student Party, which he feels is good due to its platform. He said it is based on principles and ideology, and will help students get the proper things they need. He acknowledged though, that it would be nice if the SRC executive would accept the platform. The platform, to which all student party members contributed, is Jerney's number one concern.

He said that presently there are many unacceptable inadequacies in the SRC, and many improvements are needed. He sees much that can be done in the way of increasing open-mindedness, and reducing bias. He criticized the past performances of the incumbents in these respects. "Engineering rep John Bosnitch is taken too personally," said Jerney, people should vote on ideas, not personality.

There are three main issues, which in his eyes must be looked at by the SRC, and which he will try to do something about if elected. He is opposed to high honoraria, and would like to see some reduced, and others eliminated; he would not however, like to see them totally eliminated. Jerney would like to see, a bit of work put into the SRC constitution. His third aim is to see Campus Services improved and expanded. He would like to see more work put into bringing more big attractions to UNB. In this respect, President Gerard Finnan agrees with him, he said.

Jerney would like to see tuition fees stay at their present level, with no increases. Although it would be ideologically nice to see them reduced to zero, he said; in the present system, this would not be practical or feasible.

He wants greater voter turnout, and is glad so many seats are being contested. He added, "It is important to have interest in student affairs, I am glad students are showing more interest."

Kent Guptill

Kent Guptill, a fourth year engineering student, has been involved in a large number of activities. He is now a residence proctor, and has been on the Student Police, on the house committee, and on the orientation committee. Two years ago, he was engineering rep. on the SRC.

One of his major responsibilities now, is general manager of Campus Services Limited. He has held that post since September, when he first joined the corporation. He said this takes a lot of work, about two hours a day, much of this

time spent answering phones in his office.

He said he likes to see students involved in student affairs. He is glad to see the interest in the elections the Student Party has brought, even though he is not a member.

His major aim, if elected, is to represent the student body. He said he wants to improve communication, between student government and the students. "Better quality, and more quantity of events at UNB," is another of his aims. He said he would like to take a look at other universities to see what they offer; he would like to hold events that students would not normally have access to.

He said he would like to see improvements in the SRC, such as less bickering. He said the student government is here to improve things and make the university a better place to live. Students as a whole, working together can do more than individuals said Guptill.

One thing Guptill would do if elected, he said, would be to research student aid. He would like to find out what a student can afford in these times of rising tuition. He said he does not want to be a radical about this though.

Michael Pringle

The 'last, but not least' rep-at-large candidate is science student Michael Pringle. He said he is less concerned with monetary matters, and thinks the SRC dwells on these too much. Instead he is concerned about philosophies and responsibilities.

He says the Student Party is interesting, although he is not a member himself. He said John Bosnitch is, "... fun to listen to," and he will be, "... looking forward to arguing with Bosnitch." He said he would like the people who form the Student Party to, "... get to the point more quickly."

Pringle admitted that popularity is a large part of being elected; but he has had responsibility before, and is more willing and less biased than some other candidates, he said. Certain people are all friends said Pringle, others are in it for the title. He said he is in it for the responsibility and enjoyment.

One of the major election issues, according to Pringle is the Student Party. He said that there is, "... so much trouble and controversy in the SRC." There are no solid issues he said, the SUB issue has died away for now, but it may come up again he added. In his opinion, councillor Bosnitch works the hardest, although he said some of the things Bosnitch does are not necessary.

Pringle wished good luck to the other candidates.