

UNB general election results

The recent SRC elections turned out to be a showdown between campus political parties.

Aside from candidates earlier acclaimed, and those for senate seats, candidates running under the Unity and/or the SP banner were wiped out.

The Tupperware party, which has since dissolved itself, claimed three seats in the election, while independents claimed the other four.

The senate results also showed a marked antipathy among the students for the SP. Undergraduates had the option of voting for up to three candidates. It was obvious though, as poll-by-poll results were released, that most students only voted for two candidates — the eventual top two winners. The other three candidates were from Unity and evenly split the rest of the votes. (see accompanying result table)

Less than a week before the elections, the SRC finally approved the wordings for fourteen plebiscites. The most significant of these was whether students should have an increase in SRC fees for the Third Century Fund. This passed with a 65 percent majority.

Only three referenda

PROPOSITION 10 — That there be a public review and reform of N.B. liquor laws — 49%

YES	12	24	9	29	56	59	101	150	128	568
NO	7	18	12	34	39	66	114	145	145	580

PROPOSITION 11 — That the per-student governmental funding of N.B. post-secondary education be maintained at a level at least equal to the national average — 87%

YES	17	41	20	65	92	105	164	264	241	1009
NO	1	3	1	7	8	7	40	39	52	158

PROPOSITION 12 — That the payment of honoraria to students for Student Union activities be abolished — 48%

YES	6	22	11	43	48	60	81	129	128	528
NO	12	22	10	23	39	53	121	153	145	578

PROPOSITION 13 — That all nations conduct multilateral balanced disarmament of their nuclear and conventional arsenals — 71%

YES	10	24	13	47	66	101	132	182	172	747
NO	2	17	4	12	23	18	65	82	90	313

PROPOSITION 14 — That, for a five year period beginning in September 1983 and ending in September 1987, the Student Union fees be increased to include a refundable \$10.00 per year levy for the UNB Third Century Fund — 65%

YES	18	24	12	58	66	68	155	213	180	794
NO	2	21	10	17	41	59	65	95	110	420

lost. Students were markedly apposed to the elimination of foreign student differential fees — only thirty-one percent voted in favor of their elimination. Students were also opposed to calling for a review of New Brunswick liquor laws; this vote lost marginally by a tally of 568 to 580. Finally, students appear to be in favor of paying honoraria to those in charge of such organizations as CHSR-FM, the SRC and the Brunswickan; a referendum to abolish honoraria achieved the support of only 48 percent of the voters.

SUB directors waiting

The Student Union Building Board of Directors is awaiting word from SRC President, John Bosnitch, about new appointees to the SUB Board. Normally, SUB directors are appointed in February but the present members are still waiting to be replaced.

At the March 21 meeting of the SRC, Bosnitch attempted to appoint three Student Party members: Randy Brodeur, Oliver Koncz, and Allen Roulston, and former presidential candidate, San-

dra Hollingum. The SRC rejected Bosnitch's appointees because he failed to follow the proper procedures for appointing students to the SUB Board.

The applications committee is responsible for making appointments, and according to Nancy Forbes, Chairman of the Applications Committee, she has heard absolutely nothing from Bosnitch. Since that March 21 SRC meeting, Forbes has not been contacted by Bosnitch — the appointments though, were

supposed to be made months ago.

Bosnitch denied there was such a committee to appoint students to the SUB Board. Darcy Flynn, SUB director, sent a letter to Bosnitch.

Flynn stated that the situation has placed the outgoing members in a difficult situation. "With their terms up, the old members don't know where they stand," said Flynn. The present members will remain on the Board until they are replaced.

editorial

Did UNB finally 'Awake'?

The results of the March 30th SRC election clearly shows that Unity and the Student Party have outlived the mediocre popularity they once enjoyed. Poll results testify that the students of UNB overwhelmingly voted anti-Unity/SP. The only member of Unity to be voted into a seat was Oliver Koncz who acquired a seat on the senate simply because three seats were vacant and only two candidates out of the five competing were non-Unity/SP. The difference between votes cast for Alexander and Guptill as compared with Koncz speak for themselves. (851 to 769 to 173) It goes without saying that Koncz was the unpopular third choice, not because students believed he would represent their interests but rather, because his was the most

recognizable name of the three remaining choices.

UNB students have demonstrated that they will not support a party who "holds a great pep rally and invites lots of friends free", which is exactly what The Payola\$ concert was.

UNB is tired of being taken advantage of. It seems John Bosnitch got more than he bargained for with his borrowed Nazi expression, " UNB AWAKE". We finally did.

While I'm on the topic of the election, the system for voting this time really stunk. As those who voted know, each faculty could only vote at the polling station in their faculty building. In theory I suppose this system makes sense, but in practice it was quite disappointing. While work-

ing at a polling station on the day of the election, I found that I had to turn a great number of students away because they were not in the right faculty. In fact I turned away more students than the number of people who actually voted. It is ironic that students are always being told how apathetic they are, but then when they turn up at a polling station to vote they're told, " Sorry, you can't vote here. You'll have to go down to Head Hall."

Well, if the students can learn from their mistakes, perhaps the SRC can, too. It's always good to try new things and test original ideas. Experimenting is certainly better than stagnating, but then again, "if something works, don't fix it!"