The Gateway

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The winners of Election '86 (clockwise) Dave Oginski (president-elect), Mike Hunter (VP external-elect), Barbara Higgin (VP internal-elect), Tom Boston (VP Finance)

(right) Craig Cooper (VP Academic)

(left) Jim Shinkaruk (B of G rep)

Perspectives sweep election

by John Watson

"That looks very much like a landslide to me," said now-lame-duck SU president Mike Nickel.

The Positive Perspectives '86 slate wiped out all the competition in last week's election, winning all five executive positions. It became the first slate to do so since 1980.

Jim Shinkaruk was re-elected to the Board of Governor's position with a decisive 65.5 per cent of votes cast. "I'm delighted to have such tremendous support on campus," said Shinkaruk.

Though the vote count will not be official until Wednesday at noon, the unofficial numbers display a great degree of regularity.

In each race the second place candidate was from the Students Working for Students slate. The third place finisher in all but the academic portfolio was from the Woodbridge Slate.

According to the unofficial vote count the VP external race was the closest with only 242 votes separating first and second place. The winner, Mike Hunter, garnered 38.8 per cent of the vote.

David Oginski accumulated 41.8 per cent to win the presidential race. VP internal had the largest vote spread with Barb Higgin gathering 43.2 per cent. Tom Boston took finance with 42.8 per cent, and Craig Cooper won the academic position with 36.7 per cent.

The preliminary totals show that about 5200 ballots were cast in total, which is about a 22 per cent turnout. This is far below last year's turnout of 27 per cent, but still better than the average 18 per cent of recent years.

The three full slates (Woodbridge, Students Working for Students, and Positive Perspectives) each spent about the same amount of money. Both Woodbridge and Students Working for Students slates spent about $1300. Positive Perspectives spent almost $1150. In total, $5423.44 were spent by the campaigns.

SU president Nickel feels a single slate will allow the SU to run smoothly next year. "It will assure some continuity in executive," he said.
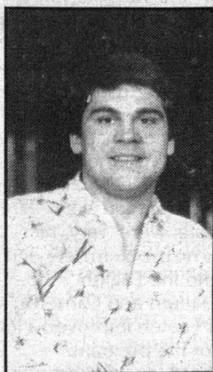
All the slates were administration, rather than policy, oriented.

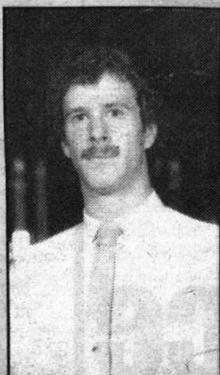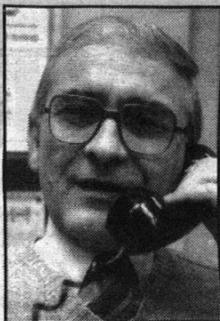One of Oginski's election promises was to increase private sector funding.

"If the university bureaucracy refuses to implement a more aggressive private funding program, I, Dave Oginski, and Positive Perspectives will set up our own program to solicit funds from the private sector."

Positive Perspectives also promised to lobby the provincial government more aggressively, to maintain the SU surplus and SU services, and to publish professor evaluations.

Official results will be available, along with a poll by poll breakdown of voters on Wednesday.

Winners, losers and other stats

President		
OGINSKI, DAVID - 2196	FREDDIE THE ENGINEER - 216	BACHELOR #4 - 274
SESEK, PETER - 1570		
WOODBRIDGE, JAYSON - 749	**V.P. Internal**	**V.P. Academic**
BACHELOR #1 - 395	HIGGIN, BARBARA - 2227	COOPER, CRAIG - 1867
IMPACT, RICH - 200	TREPANIER, TIM - 1515	HUI, KEN - 1272
EDDIE THE ENGINEER - 147	COLLINS, MATT - 847	BEAUCHAMP, DANNY - 834
	BACHELOR #5 - 562	ROBERTSON, LESLIE - 814
V.P. External		BACHELOR #2 - 307
HUNTER, MICHAEL - 1985	**V.P. Finance**	
HARBEN, RHIANNE - 1743	BOSTON, TOM - 2194	**Board of Governors**
DRAPER, GRANT - 751	HORTON, RON - 1538	**representative**
BACHELOR #3 - 264	HUMPHRYS, CAROL - 829	SHINKARUK, JIM - 3105
FIREBUTTON, MIKE - 220	LAUNCHPAD, MATT - 296	RAKOCHEY, ROB - 1635

Caravan arrives to save S Moresby

by Bill Doskoch on assignment in Vancouver

The South Moresby Caravan ended its 5000 kilometre journey last Saturday culminating in one of the largest demonstrations held for an environmental cause in recent memory.

It was greeted by 2000 cheering, clapping Vancouverites, the emotional impact of which left many caravaners stunned.

"This is exhilarating, this is the best!", exulted Dave Dodge, the executive director of the National and Provincial Parks Association. "These people are all ordinary Canadians, who came out here because they care about their environment. This has never been done on this scale before."

The caravan was organized by a coalition of environmentalist groups and the Haida Nation, who have been waging a 12 year battle to save the South Moresby area from logging.

South Moresby has been designated by UNESCO as a world heritage site for both its cultural and natural resources, one of only 12 places in the world to be designated as such.

The festive atmosphere of the crowd was maintained by clowns on stilts dressed as crows and cedar trees, and mime musicians.

However the organizers and speakers made it clear that while they wanted to keep the mood one of joyous celebration, the issue itself was deadly serious.

"The art of the Haida is some of the best in the history of mankind", said Robert Bateman, a noted Canadian artist and photographer, and added "South Moresby is one of the few wonderful places on earth."

"I get so sick of this jobs thing", said Bateman, in attacking one of the common arguments of the forest industry. "It's either jobs or the environment, and that has no basis in reality."

The Rev. Peter Hamill, moderator of the Anglican church of British Columbia said, "we put too much into lobbying government without challenging the industry for the immorality they are causing in this country today."

After several more speakers the crowd went on an hour long march from the CNR station to the Canada Place Pavilion downtown with their array of Save South Moresby and Love Lyell Island, Don't Log It placards and banners

There, Emma Matthews, one of the four Haida elders arrested on November 15, 1985 for obstructing a road loggers were using, said "you have focused attention on South Moresby, one of the most beautiful areas on earth. We must protect it, and if it means going to jail, so be it.

Why has South Moresby become such an environmental cause celebre? What do the Haida Indians and environmentalists want? Why won't the BC government negotiate? Why the caravan? What's next?

For the answers to these and many other questions, there will be a full report in the March 20 issue of the **Gateway**.

Gateway trashed Thursday night

by Kathleen Beechinor

Several thousand Gateways were found stuffed in trash bins, industrial refuse containers, and down garbage chutes all over campus late Thursday night.

A maintenance person came to The Gateway offices around 10 p.m. to alert the Gateway about several individuals he had just seen disposing of the latest issues on the main level of SUB.

Loading dock personnel located several stacks of papers in an industrial refuse container outside the building and at least one employee claims to have seen the persons responsible.

Upon further investigation by campus security, with the cooperation of two Gateway staffers, and several eyewitnesses, it was discovered that the trashing spree had spread across campus.

In CAB the newly-printed Gateways were found in a large bin

Brand new Gateways awaiting recycling.

awaiting recycling, and in HUB Mall they were stuffed down a garbage chute.

Tom Wright, SU Business Manager and Gateway advertising manager, is annoyed. "When people pull a prank like this they seem to think that it's not going to hurt anyone and that there's no money involved — there was $4,600 worth of advertising in that issue."

The SU has decided not to lay criminal charges because, as Wright explains "campus security intends to take it to the University Disciplinary Board." He added, "it will certainly go on the students' records."

Funding for the production of The Gateway is provided by the SU through Student Union fees.

Gateway staff members, with the help of campus security, were able to retrieve most, if not all, of the papers by 1:00 a.m. although many of them were badly damaged and had to be discarded.

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