

Grapes of election wrath

Jay Spark is the winner of this year's students' union election, but the other four presidential candidates have a few parting comments for the electorate. They are listed in decreasing order of votes received.

Rene Le Larke

The following is a written statement submitted to Gateway.

First of all I would like to thank all the conceptual thinking students who supported in their

various roles the Conceptual Reality Alternative Party. It was a conscious-raising for all of us and them. However it would appear in this "present reality" that this university caters to the production of robots for a consuming society. CRAP had proposed to establish this institution as a sanctuary for social imagination but this institution is entrenched with "pregressively Conservative" thinking machines. In closing I would like

to quote: "No Bird soars too high if it is on its own two wings." The drama continues and I hope all of you will "stand tall" next year.

Yours conceptually
Rene Le Larke?
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Le Larke acknowledged he has been approached by Ken Reynolds for support of Reynolds planned appeal to the Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement (DIE) board concerning alleged irregularities in Spark's campaign, but said he doesn't know if he will support Reynolds.

Ken Reynolds

"The low turnout for the election was to be expected; many of the polls closed at three p.m. and the impending exam week probably kept a lot of people preoccupied.

"Also I'm sure many people were turned off by the CRAP slate making a mockery of it—I can't see a lot of students taking the whole thing seriously when something as ridiculous as that is going on.

"Personally, I feel disillusioned to see people voting en

masse for a slate that meant absolutely nothing."

Reynolds declined further comment on the election pending the outcome of Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement (DIE) board action which he intends to initiate this week (see story page one).

Mike Ekelund

Ekelund said he felt his 920 vote total on the first ballot was "not bad for an independent."

"I'm running again next year on the same sort of thing—I'll keep running until I break up the slate system and win."

"I should have thrown my support behind the CRAP slate; after the rally, it looked like Rene all the way."

Ekelund remarked he may be around for quite awhile to continue trying for the presidency—he'll get his engineering degree next Christmas, and then plans to enter the Arts faculty to prepare for entrance into Law.

He added comically the engineering degree will "be handy if you ever have to get out and work."

The support Ekelund

"engineered" from his fellow students in that faculty should be even stronger next year, he said, since he plans to run once again for faculty association president. As far as he knows, Ekelund said, no one is planning to run against him.

Katy Le Rougetel

"We (the Young Socialists) were all very pleased with the election—we all got our deposits back, which was better than we did last year.

"Our reception was much better this year, especially at the rally, probably because the pressure is on students to take a stand on foreign fees and other issues. When Nick (Cooke) got up at the rally and spoke about foreign students, everyone there listened and agreed with him. Students know they're under attack and they're starting to pay attention to people who want to do something about it."

Le Rougetel said she doesn't know if she personally will be contesting the presidential seat next year, but assured us the Young Socialists would be back to field a full slate once again.

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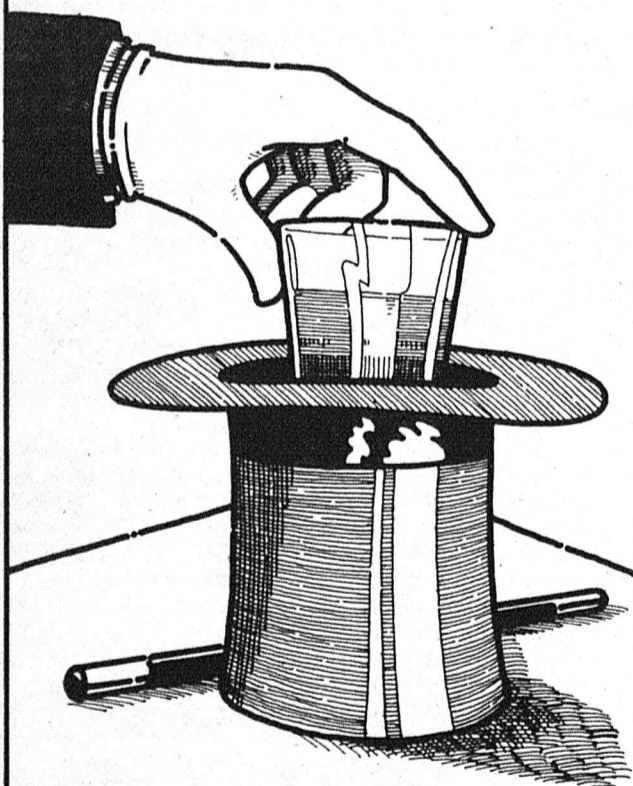
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Spark outlines term

The new Students' Union executive will try to take students government to the community and to the students, SU president-elect Jay Spark said Monday.

In a Gateway interview, Spark said apathy and misinformation among the public and students can only be overcome if the SU executive partially reverses the present flow of communication in student politics.

"You have to live with a 30% voter turn-out," Spark said. "One way to overcome it is to attend meetings of faculty associations, residence committees and community organizations."

Another vehicle Spark hopes to utilize is the Federation of Alberta Students (FAS). He described FAS as the best means of organizing province-wide opposition to the impending imposition of higher fee levels for foreign students.

Informing the public of the foreign students' situation would,

he contended, change the minds of many people now favoring the increase.

"The public is misinformed on the issue," he said. "We hope to change their minds through an effective information campaign."

The job may involve enlightening students as well if, as a recent Gateway survey indicates, 60% of U of A students favor a two-tier tuition scheme, he added.

Spark said his campaign, in the works since late December, succeeded because his slate

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cast for the presidential race had no fourth choice indicated and were not included in the tabulation.

The computer print-out detailing the results was ready by 7 p.m. Friday, only two hours after the last polls closed. It is posted outside the returning officer's door, Rm. 271 SUB.

Except for Shirley

concentrated on talking to people directly, and didn't worry as much about huge signs and rallies. He received a great deal of support from the Lister Hall residences, he said, having a slate composed of people who have lived and been involved in student activities there.

Spark declined to comment on an impending submission to the Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement (DIE) Board by Ken Reynolds, calling some of his campaign activities into question (see story page 1).

Armstrong's third ballot 61 per cent to 39 per cent vp services win over CRAP's candidate Brent Kostyniuk, the Spark Slate victories were narrow margins over Reynolds slate candidates.

In the executive vp race David Rand beat Doug Robinson 54 per cent to 46 per cent.

Guy Huntington's margin over Kim McKenzie in the vp academic contest was 53 per cent to 47 per cent.

Dale Sommerville is the new vp finance and administration with a 55 per cent to 45 per cent victory over Dale Janssen.

Contrary to a report by the Edmonton Journal, David Durrant is the new vp men's athletics, winning over CRAP's Art Deke 61 per cent to 39 per cent.

The narrowest decisive margin in the election was an 11 vote difference between Kim McKenzie (Reynolds) and Milfred Campbell (CRAP) on the second ballot of the vp academic race. The computer calculated McKenzie's total at 30.55 per cent and Campbell's at 30.35 per cent. Guy Huntington, who beat McKenzie on the third ballot, had 39 per cent of the second ballot vote.

Answers

1. a) Dennis Potvin b) Bobby Clark
2. c) Jean Ratelle d) Bryan Trotter
2. d) 31
3. Tony Esposito, 15
4. a) Margaret Smith
5. d) Lou Harris
6. d) Ron Stewart
7. a) Joe Zuger, 8
8. a) tennis, b) golf c) billiards d) gymnastics
9. b) Pete Maravich, 44.2 +
10. a) Larry Johnston, -61.

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