

Gillis Leads Race

Second year Law Student Bruce Gillis took seven out of fourteen polls to win the Student Union Presidential elections by almost two-hundred votes over his nearest rival, another Law Student, Eric Button, with Kim Cameron placing third and Phil Goldring bringing up the rear with 380 votes.

The twenty-two year old Gillis, running with Shirreff Hall Council Representative, Derryn Crowston scored heavily in both Men's and Women's Residences to register his victory. Gillis also headed the ballot in all but one of the professional faculties (Dentistry). In the Arts faculty - Goldring picked up strongly, on the basis of a massive phoning campaign conducted - the night before the elections by his staff, while Kim Cameron, a Graduate Student in Sociology ran a close second in Arts, while coming out on top in the Science and Graduate Studies voting.

Gillis, adopting as his slogan, "Put the Student Back in Student Government," and "We Want What You Want," emphasized the problem of communication throughout the election campaign. He plans to co-ordinate the activities of Dal Radio, the Gazette, and Photography with the Information Services Department.

He stated that the basic problem was "student dissatisfaction with Council," and told the Gazette that he intended to find out "what they (students) want and need, and the best way to get it for them." Gillis did say however that most of the major problems were "too complex to be able to make a quick statement on how I would solve them."

The President - elect will take over the present Vice-President's office during the interim between now and when he takes office after a joint Council meeting next Thursday (February 28).

While awaiting the takeover Gillis and Crowston will be extremely busy. They will sit in on meetings of the present executive, meet with Union staff to be briefed on the current situation, conduct meetings with various organizations on campus, as well as make decisions on the many vacancies they must fill.

Gillis may choose his members - at-large from among his campaign workers who include Lester Barkhouse, Peter Cook, Leo Devoie, and Dave Stephenson, all regarded by observers as likely material for the winner's political plums.

Smith Talks

Randall Smith, in a nostalgic vein, talked about his term of office shortly after Bruce Gillis had been declared the winner in the race to succeed him as President of the Student Union.

Smith had earlier sent a telegram, "as has been the custom this year" to Gillis expressing his congratulations. Text of the telegram was: "I congratulate you on your electoral victory and assure you of my co-operation in the interim prior to your taking office."

Smith said that in the three years he had been associated with student government, as Treasurer, Member-at-Large, and President, the Council "had made some substantial improvements." The Union he said had built up a "reputation for responsibility in negotiating with the Government."

The last three Council's, he felt, had left behind it a "heritage of a great number of changes." He cited the work done on the Student Union Building academic affairs as two major areas of action.

To the new President, Smith extended his best wishes and indicated that he felt Gillis should begin to deal immediately with the impending fees increases.

Dambergs, Ruffman In

Incumbant Senators Alan Ruffman and Robert Dambergs retained their seats on the University's academic governing body in the Student Union Elections on Wednesday. Ruffman piled up an early lead and never looked back while Dambergs had to stave off a determined bid by Brownlow to hold onto his seat. Final tabulations were not available in this or other faculty contests at press time but a poll by poll count of both the Senate and faculty elections will appear in next week's Gazette.

This year was the first time in which Senators have been up for election. Both will sit on the Senate along with incoming President Bruce Gillis in the 1969-70 term.



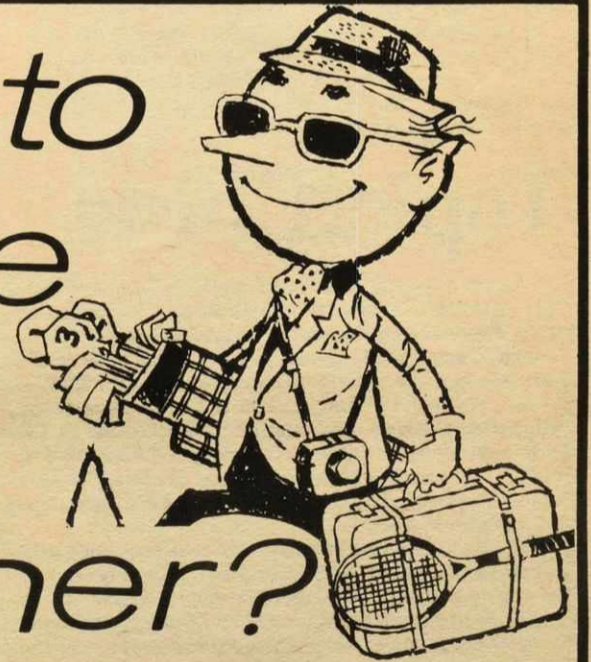
SMITH RAISES ARMS OF THE WINNERS

Election

Student Council Presidential Election

	Button	Cameron	Gillis	Goldring	Spoiled	Total
A & A Building	80	122	104	134	-	440
Chemistry Building	13	14	24	21	1	73
Dental Building	29	02	26	09	-	67
Dunn Building i)	15	38	22	24	-	99
ii)	21	37	26	17	-	101
Education Building	5	13	15	09	-	42
Howe Hall	43	44	107	28	-	222
Pharmacy	03	09	19	09	1	41
Shirreff Hall	45	19	65	25	-	156
SUB	34	75	25	55	-	189
Tupper Building i)	33	08	27	16	2	86
ii)	57	14	69	26	1	167
Weldon Building i)	16	0	10	0	-	26
ii)	59	07	84	07	-	157
Total	453	402	623	380	5	1863

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