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Slates split after low voter turnout

Nolan Astley new president

by Mike Walker

Slate-breaking and widespread voter apathy marked the Friday election of Nolan Astley as Students' Union president.

Only 3475 students — about 18 per cent of the student population — voted in the election. Astley defeated his only opponent, Scott Thorkelson, by almost 500 votes.

Kris Farkas (Astley slate) — vp external, Pat Haws (Thorkelson slate) — vp finance and administration, Jan Byer (Astley slate) — vp internal, Darrell Rankin (independent) — vp academic, and Mary Ann Gillies (independent) — Board of Governors rep, were also elected.

Farkas faced the closest race of the election defeating Lisa Walter (Thorkelson slate) by only 5 votes. No official recount had been requested by Monday, according to SU returning officer Sue Savage. However, Savage said she would not be surprised by a request later this week.

Haws defeated Berni Conrad (Astley slate) by about 300 votes, with a total of 1736.

Byer, with 1864 votes, outpolled Dan Langford (Thorkelson slate) by almost 600 votes.

Rankin tallied 4135 points in the new preferential voting system used for multi-candidate races, easily beating Steve Gould of the Thorkelson slate. Gould counted 2252 points.

Karen Stephanson, the Astley slate's vp academic candidate, dropped out of the race Thursday night, although she showed strongly in the advance poll.

Gillies counted 4941 points in the balloting for B of G representative defeating Ron Snyder (independent) by almost 1900 points, and Mike Ford (Thorkelson slate) and Norman Ingram (Astley slate) by over 2000 points.

New president Astley said his victory was unexpected.

"I was actually surprised to win," he said Sunday. However, he said he was pleased with the victory.

Astley plans to implement changes to Fridays, SUB Theatre, and the club granting system soon.

Astley also plans an aggressive stance with the provincial government, he said.

"We should not let them make the first move ... (putting) us into a reacting position."

Astley led Thorkelson in every poll but Home Economics, where they tied at 10 votes each. Tallies were also close in some of the smaller polls, including Clinical Sciences, College St. Jean, Mechanical Engineering, and Phys. Ed.

Farkas and Walter split the polls. Farkas made strong showings in Agriculture, CAB South, Civil/Electrical Engineering, and General Services. Walter was strongest in Tory Lecture Theatre, Lister Hall and SUB.

In the vp finance race, Pat Haws was strongest in CAB and Rutherford, which accounted for 241 of her 300 vote margin.

Rankin led by a strong margin in all polls except Nursing, where he was tied with Karen Stephanson at 8 votes.

Jan Byer enjoyed a healthy lead over Dan Langford in all polls.

In the B of G race, Mary Ann Gillies led in the majority of polls, although Norman Ingram took Civil/Electrical, College St. Jean, Corbett Hall, Medical Sciences, and Nursing. Ron Snyder led in Lister Hall.

Rick Shaver was elected men's athletic president, Frank Salverda men's athletic vp, and Laurie Darvill women's athletic president. All were elected by acclamation.

The new SU executive will take office April 1.



And the winners are... (l to r) Darrell Rankin (vp academic), Pat Haws (vp finance), Nolan Astley (president), Jan Byer (vp internal), Mary Ann Gillies (B of G) and Kris Farkas (vp external).

Academic programs review to make university assertive

Full-scale reviews of university academic programs and units are in the works as the U of A searches for reliable information for future planning.

Approval of the system of reviews was expressed today by the university's Board of Governors.

General Faculties Council, the university's primary authority on academic matters, endorsed the system last month.

It's likely that the reviews will begin this fall.

Dr. George Baldwin, vice-president (academic) of the

university and chairman of a seven-member committee which investigated the issue, said the reviews would place the university in "a vastly better position than now to assert our proper role internally and in the community at large, instead of weakly reacting to external pressures."

He said the university would experience an access of strength in internal planning within its operating units. As well, decision-makers would be provided with information that will allow them to assess accurately the real effects on the

institution of the allocation of resources.

"Our proposal," Baldwin said, "is designed to allow for a great range of benefits and uses going far beyond what can be derived from tables and measurements alone."

About 15-20 reviews will be conducted each year by individual review committees made up of a minimum of two members from outside the university, one from a related discipline within the university and one from the university at

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Pharmacy dean Van Petten dies

The sudden death of pharmacy dean Garry Van Petten cancelled classes for pharmacy students Monday.

Van Petten, 43, died at 5:00 a.m. Monday following an asthma attack. He had been Dean of Pharmacy since August, 1978.

Van Petten was born in Camrose and graduated from the U of A's Faculty of Pharmacy in 1957. He completed his master's degree here in 1959 and received his doctorate from the University of Glasgow.

Prior to his appointment as dean, he taught at the Ontario Veterinary College and the Faculty of Medicine in Calgary.

He was nationally recognized as a research scientist in fetal pharmacy and toxicology.

Van Petten is survived by his wife Betty and three sons, Stewart, 17, Dean, 12, and Wayne, 9.



Garry Van Petten



No, it isn't Nolan Astley and Scott Thorkelson, settling things the manly way. Two members of the U of A Kendo club practise the ancient art of Kendo in the Phys. Ed. building. The club meets every Thursday.

MEET YOUR CANDIDATES

Federal election candidates from Edmonton South will be featured in a forum today, 12:30 p.m., in Dinwoodie Lounge in SUB.

Be there.