STUDENT

Question: "Do you think the students should have had more say in the renovation plans?"

Yes, it is the function of the SUB Board to find an architectural plan, to approve that plan, and to allow me the student, to give final approval.

Vaughn Fulford
BA 4

The least they could have done was make all the options clear in the media.

Murray Honeyman
BA 4

The SUB Board should have clearly stated the plans well in advance of the referendum, and gotten our imput.

Mike Kalinowski
BBA 2

We should be told exactly what the plans are before voting

Ruth Goodine
BN. 3

Yes, I don't think the students know the full story. I'm upset that they didn't release the first referendum results.

Mark Bartlett
BA 1

OPINION POLL RESULTS

During the evening of Wednesday, November 11th, Campus Information Service, a non-profit student organization, contacted over one hundred UNB students to obtain their opinion on the referendum question. All the interviews were conducted between the hours of 5 PM and 11 PM on an entirely random basis. Names were selected from the Student Directory and the questions were posed over the telephone. Every respondent was asked how he or she was going to vote on the upcoming referendum question: "I agree to the continuation of the present annual $15 Student Union Building allocation of my student fees to be used for the presently proposed alterations and renovations to the SUB."

This crossection of the student population constitutes approximately two percent of the entire student body on the campus. The results of the poll should be statistically accurate 95% of the time. The fact that such a high number of students was contacted ensures that if the entire campus were to go to the polls on Monday, 16th of November, the referendum result would be very similar to the outcome of the poll, assuming that most students maintain their opinions indicated on the 11th.

Therefore, CIS(Campus Information Service), on the basis of its independent inquiry, predicts the defeat of the referendum and a victory for the "NO" side in the debate. The actual margin of defeat is variable according to actual voter turnout but the result seems to vorrelate well with a similar study conducted just before the October 21st referendum vote.

CIS has informed this paper that they predicted a 63% NO vote in the last referendum. If the ballot totals had been released by the SRC the public would have seen that the campus was solidly opposed to the plans put forward by the SUB Board of Directors. When asked why the NO vote had sligaty decreased since October, a representative stated that the change was a result of three factors: the official student newspaper had come out with three full issues which were strongly biased toward the YES campaign and which had really not permitted the NO side to respond to many charges made against it; the students on the campus seemed to feel that the annullment of the first referendum was a planned event to make sure that the SUB Board had more time to try and sway the voters and that it wasn't worth bothering to vote NO simply because the same thing could happen again; finally, the attempts to discredit leaders in the CAUSE committee by impeachments, administrative statements, and a wide-scale rumour campaign had managed to convince quite a few uninformed students.
However, the fact that the majority of students could see through these plans resulted in a large feeling of "let's not let the SUB Board get away with it" attitude. It was simply this reaction that seems to have put the NO side over the top once again.

The full results of the opinion poll are contained at the side. Percentages may not total exactly to 100% because they were rounded to the nearest whole number.