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SU election contests heat up

By Mary Rogal-Black
Brunswickian News

Students at UNB have the opportunity to vote for their representatives in student government next week, and though several interesting choices are open to students, it remains to be seen how many will head to the polls.

There are two challenged positions on the Student Union Executive. Two candidates are running for the position of VP Student Services, and two more for VP External Affairs.

Trish Davidson and Jeff Melanson are going head to head over the position of VP Student Services.

Davidson is a psychology student who said she decided to run because she would like to make a difference while at UNB.

"I feel like students aren't involved enough because they don't know what there is to be involved in," said Davidson.

She added that she would like to see the position of student services have an integral part in propelling UNB forward.

Davidson said her main goal if elected VP Student Services would be to simply up the services for students. She suggested ideas such as the creation of a student-run used bookstore; and peer support facilities.

"I really think there's a need for the sexual assault centre for the students, run by students, to have some kind of peer support," she said.

Melanson, meanwhile, said that his ideas include the formation of a volunteer bureau, which would match students up with volunteer opportunities which provide practical experience to add to their academic experiences at UNB.

Melanson said he would like to examine overlap in services provided to students to eliminate duplication; and plans to set up focus groups in residences to give students there opportunities to join in the decision-making process.



Kelly Lamrock is running for SU President in the upcoming student elections. For more info on Lamrock, see page 6. And remember, voting is cool! Photo by Bones

Stressing his experience on a variety of committees, and as a founding member of team SMART-PACC, Melanson said he has the proven organisational experience for the job.

However, the main issue which may set Davidson and Melanson apart in the eyes of students is that of their availability.

Melanson, a Sociology student, is Chair of Orientation and as such has a full-time job for the upcoming summer, preparing for next year's orientation.

Because of this, Melanson said he does not plan to take the job which would be available to him if elected to the executive. Instead, he proposes that council redirect the salary that would go to him for the summer toward the creation of another position.

Davidson, on the other hand, said that she will be looking forward to a productive summer working on the executive

if she gets elected.

"I'm really looking forward to a summer of hard work, if elected, and having people stop in the summer to share ideas."

The other contested position on executive, VP External Affairs, is between newcomer Aaron Fowler, and SU veteran Pat FitzPatrick. Neither candidate is taking anything for granted, and are reportedly hitting the residences hard to rally support.

Another interesting twist in this year's election: one arts rep candidate is not counting his shoo-in before it's hatched.

Chris Rogers is on the ballot as a yes/no candidate, and while there are only three candidates for the five openings for arts reps, an unnamed student is apparently running the "no" side against Rogers.

Posters submitted to Graeme Smith, Chief Returning Officer, for approval,

urge students to vote against Rogers.

The posters cite Roger's membership in the International Socialists group and ask, "Do you want this person to represent you?"

In response to this tactic, Rogers said that his bid for an arts rep seat is not motivated by his political affiliations. He points out that many members of council support a political party, and that his situation is no different.

Another allegation made by the "no" side is that Rogers never spoke out during council meetings in a year that he served on council as student-at-large.

Meeting minutes from the '93-'94 year support this claim, but also show that Rogers had 100% attendance at meetings, and council members who served that year with Rogers said that he volunteered to help out at several events as well.

Coming soon to a polling station near you...

Liar, liar! It's CFS yes/no decision time

By Mary Rogal-Black
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Representatives from the much-maligned Canadian Federation of Students have arrived at UNB and are muddying waters that the Student Union hoped would stay clear.

The SU has backed the No Committee, formed to run a campaign urging students to vote to withdraw UNB's membership in CFS at next week's referendum.

Kemlin Nembhard, a CFS Fieldworker from Manitoba, defends allegations made against the CFS, and is accusing members of the No Committee of lying to students.

Nembhard said that many of the posters that have been put up around campus by the No side are very misleading.

"The majority of things they have up on the walls are outright lies, or are taken out of context, or are untruths.

That's the way they've been running the campaign."

For example, Nembhard points out that the No side's assertion that CFS never appeared before the Parliamentary Committee studying social policy reform is false.

"On the fourth of November the federation did a presentation to the national hearings," said Nembhard.

The No side has also attacked the financial management of CFS, citing a 200,000 accounts debt.

CFS reps find this allegation particularly ironic, and state that that very debt was incurred during the period in which Lamrock was Chair of the organisation.

Lamrock, however, said while the debt was indeed accumulated during his years of leadership, it was a consequence of poor budgets which he had not supported.

CFS tactics have been on trial during the debate over UNB's membership, and

the No side has judged them to be a major problem with the organisation.

In particular, the SU and No side have repeatedly cited incidents in which protesters screamed obscenities at Lloyd Axworthy's children outside his home.

However, Nembhard said that CFS has not been advocating this type of demonstration, and did not approve the tactics employed by that particular group of demonstrators.

"It wasn't planned by CFS and CFS wasn't the only organisation that endorsed it," said Nembhard. "The way the group proposed it, they were only going to sit across the road from his house and eat macaroni. It was planned as a peaceful demonstration."

And, she said, the incident has been blown out of proportion.

"There were more media there than protestors."

Nembhard and Manitoba Fieldworker Denise Doherty-Delorme

also expressed concern about the move to an alternate national group to represent students. CASA has come into creation in the past year, and is gaining strength as more and more universities pull their support from CFS.

CFS representatives say that CFS will be around regardless of the results of this referendum, and suggest that the existence of two national student lobby groups will weaken the voice of students in Canada.

"The government will just play us off against each other," said Nembhard.

Lamrock reacts hotly to the suggestion that the existence of two groups will ruin the united voice of students.

"Maybe they should pack it in if they're so concerned about unity."

So with each side accusing the other of peddling lies and emotions running high, there may be no easy answers for students who go to the polls next Wednesday and Thursday.