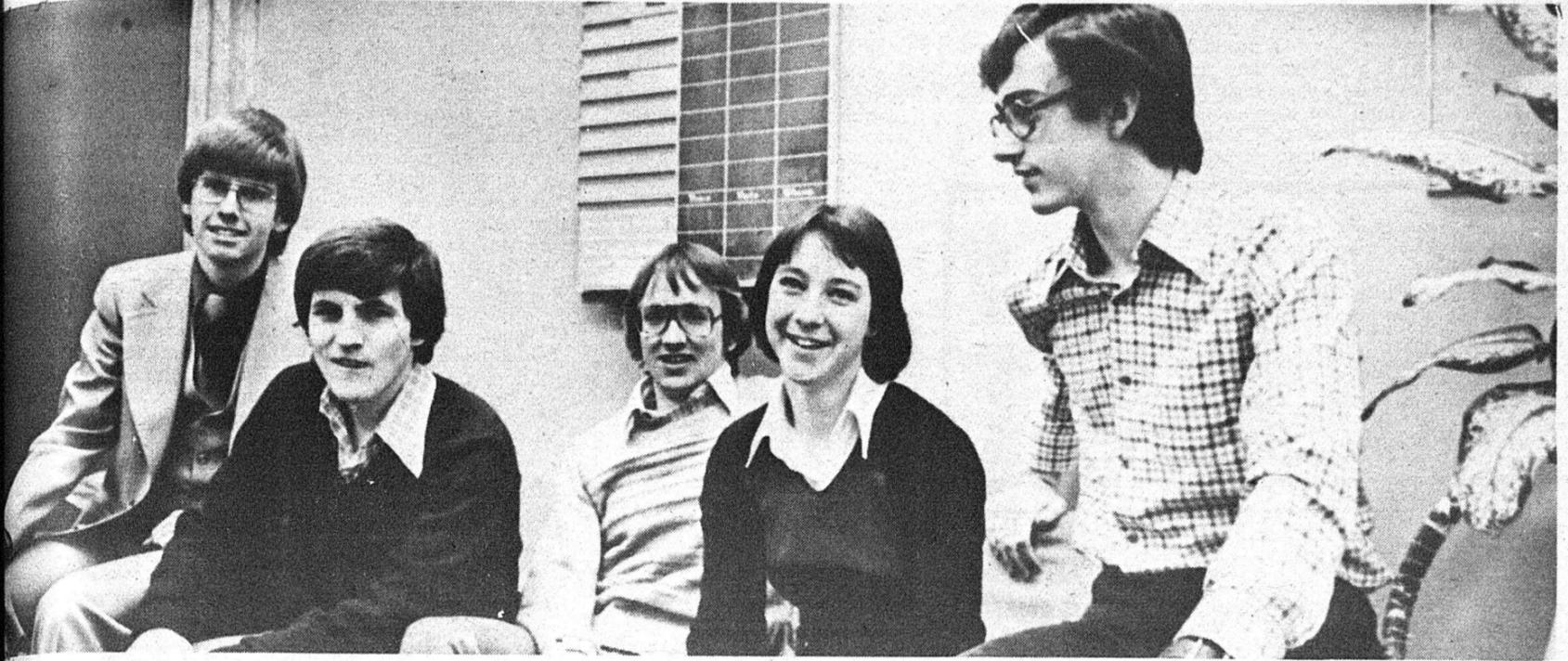


SPARK SLATE WINS; FOURTH-BALLOT



R: Sommerville, Huntington, Spark, Armstrong, Rand (head turned).

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SU election to be appealed

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Alleged irregularities in Friday's Students' Union general election will result in an appeal to the Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement (DIE) board.

Ken Reynolds, an unsuccessful contender for the SU presidency, said Sunday he will file an appeal with the DIE board on Tuesday.

"I intend to have the election declared void and have it re-run," Reynolds told the Gateway.

He declined to comment on the nature of the appeal, but conceded it will address itself to the tabulation of the preferential ballot and a possible unfair election practise by the victorious Spark slate.

Spark's campaigners are alleged to have put up posters—written in Chinese—in HUB Thursday afternoon which were not removed before Friday morning, as election regulations stipulate.

However, the case is complicated, SU returning officer Michael Amerongen indicated Sunday, by the procedure for removing the posters. Each slate assigned an area and entrusted with removing all election material from it.

The Young Socialist slate was to clear out HUB, Amerongen said, but were not informed by the Spark people of the small posters written in Chinese. Not being able to read Chinese, the YS people didn't notice the posters.

The "irregularities" alleged by Reynolds in the preferential voting procedure have not been detailed yet. Amerongen stated they may have something to do with transferring second, third and fourth choices to subsequent ballots as candidates

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Canada will lose foreign students to Moscow: PC pres.

Canada will lose an important opportunity to shape world politics if higher fees prevent foreign students from attending here, according to the president of the Alberta Progressive Conservative Party.

Peter Savaryn said Friday a tuition increase for foreign students in Alberta—proposed by his own party—will weaken Canada's influence over prospective leaders in developing Third World countries.

"You feed a man one day at a time," Savaryn said. "You educate him and he's your friend for life."

Moscow is educating foreign students for free, he said, while Canada is considering policies which will exclude students from poor countries from attending here.

"Many foreign students will occupy

positions of power and importance when they graduate and return home," Savaryn said. "And they're going to look to Moscow for guidance if they've been educated there at no cost."

"If we show them the democratic model in Canada, they'll take our model home with them—not the Moscow model."

Cheap and easy access to education in Canada is the best foreign aid we can extend to foreign countries, Savaryn said, adding if he were in charge of dispensing assistance, he would "push inexpensive education as first policy."

"I reacted to the proposed increase first on instinct, and was later supported by facts. It doesn't make sense morally or financially."

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Jay Spark led his slate to a clean sweep of Friday's Students' Union general election with a fourth-ballot presidential victory over four other candidates.

Spark, in a contest he led from the first ballot, took 60 per cent of the fourth ballot vote compared to 40 per cent for Rene Le Larke of the Conceptual Reality Alternative Party (CRAP).

Only 30 per cent of the eligible electorate—6,077 of 20,019—cast votes in the election.

The turn-out was down 1,500 voters from last year.

In the two-man Board of Governors race, Howard Hoggins defeated Greg Noval 56 per cent to 44 per cent.

Spark's running mates—David Rand (vp executive), Guy Huntington (vp academic), Dale Sommerville (vp finance and administration) and Shirley Armstrong (vp services) were all elected in contests that, like Spark's, had to be narrowed to ballots between two candidates.

In last year's election, the Zoeteman slate swept every position on the first ballot except vp executive, won by Howard Hoggins on the second ballot.

Katy Le Rougetel (Young Socialists) was the first to fall in the presidential count, collecting

seven per cent on the first ballot. Mike Ekelund went down on the second ballot, holding 17 per cent of the vote, calculated after Le Rougetel's second choices were applied to the other candidates.

Spark held 32 per cent of the vote on the first ballot and 34 per cent on the second (all totals rounded).

Ken Reynolds was eliminated on the third ballot, holding 27 per cent of the vote. Spark's total rose to 40 per cent with Rene Le Larke taking 33 per cent.

On the fourth ballot Spark's total jumped to 60 per cent, indicating that far more of Reynolds' second choices went to him than to Le Larke. The CRAP candidate's total rose only seven per cent from the third to fourth ballot.

In the fourth ballot 11.1 per cent of the computer card ballots

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