

Heffernan elected chairman

TWSU-ULS coalition wins two in Bethune

By DAVID SALT MARSH
James Heffernan was elected chairman of Bethune College Council last Thursday in one of the largest voter tournaments in the College's history.

Over 250 Bethune students voted for candidates competing for seven positions on council.

Marking a new development in college elections, a slate of candidates was fielded by a coalition of the Third World Students Union and the United Left Slate. The TWSU-ULS ran candidates for every positions except Chairman and succeeded in having two elected, Vuyiswa Kei (Vice Chairman) and Joanne Pritchard (Commuter Representative).

According to CYSF president Dale Ritch and several TWSU members, the ULS united with TWSU and worked out a joint programme dealing with issues both TWSU and the ULS thought important. Neither Ritch nor the members of the TWSU contacted believed that they were in a position to control the Bethune

Council, nor did they want to, which is why they didn't field a candidate for Chairman.

Former council chairman James McMurdo said that he was "pleased" with the election results. He stated the new council "is well balanced, and will move the college in a more political direction". He felt that the council will be reasonably moderate, and will function in much the same way as this year's council.

Most members of council agree that Bethune will not join CYSF. None expected any radical changes, or sweeping new programmes, but many feel that there will be some significant improvements.

"Council will work a lot better now that students are getting involved" council vice-chairman Vuyiswa Kei predicted, reflecting on the voter turnout.

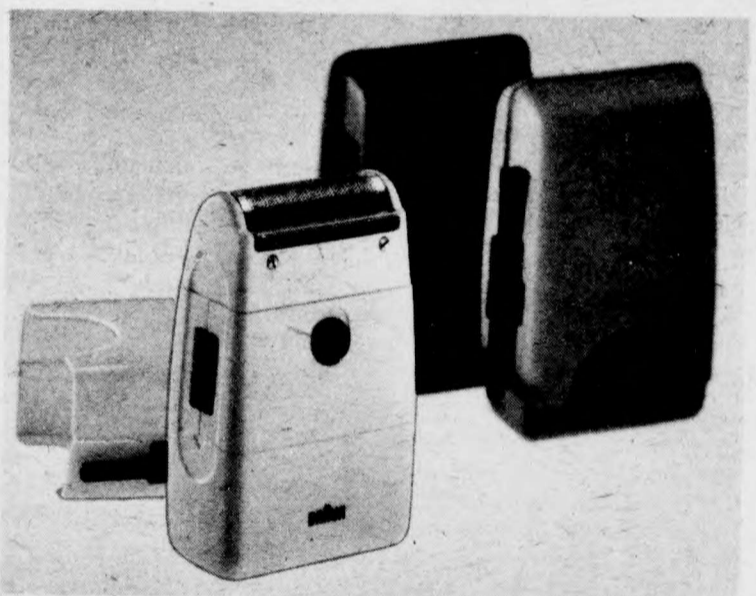
"Members of the council will be working for a better food service, and most of all more student involvement in Bethune."

According to Bethune student senator Lionel Williams, the Bethune Council will attempt to "maintain its progressive and dynamic presence on campus".

Council Chairman James Heffernan was not available for comment.

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Blanche surges to fourth place



The Blanche Blödgett Team winding up a successful campaign.

By REX BUCALI

Despite numerous setbacks, not the least of which was having been thrown off the ballots shortly after nominations closed, Blanche Blödgett struggled to a creditable fourth place finish in a field of three in this year's CYSF elections.

Of a total of 1,550 votes, no less than 38 were cast for Blödgett on their way to the wastebasket.

"Needless to say, we're very pleased," gloated campaign

chairman Martin Waxman on election night.

Blödgett's strong showing was especially surprising considering the unusual tactics the Blödgett team was forced to use during the final stages of the campaign.

From their booth in Central Square, Blödgett workers eagerly encouraged passers-by to *not* vote for Blanche.

It was a technique recommended to them by chief returning officer Alex Ahee in order

to guarantee a fair election for the other three candidates.

"We felt it was the noble thing to do," said Blödgett worker Alan Shalom. "On the other hand, we weren't given any choice."

It was Shalom who coined the Blödgett campaign slogan, "Blanche put the 'mock' back in democracy."

"Where is Blanche, anyway?" wondered Shalom.

"Beats me," replied Waxman.



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