

SRC election results draw varied reaction

By EDWARD BOWES

The final count in the student elections showed that 1527 students or 32 percent of eligible voters exercised their voting privileges.

In the voting for Representative-at-Large, Brent Gilchrist led with 807 votes. Alan Hildebrand was also elected with 468. Andrew Waver drew 361 votes and 106 ballots were spoiled.

Chris Nagle was elected to the Board of Governors with 966 votes. Ray Shalala polled 429 and 85 ballots were spoiled.

Vice President External went to Alex Kibaki with 802 votes. Five hundred eighty-five votes were for Ray Shalala and 94 were spoiled. Jan McCurdy received 863 votes and was elected Vice President Internal. Phil Webb got 522 votes and 92 were spoiled.

The referendum on remaining in NUS resulted in 875 in favor, 637 against and 15 votes spoiled.

One thousand, one hundred and seventy-three said "yes" to SUB expansion and 323 said "no". Twenty-four ballots were spoiled.

In interviews following the elections, successful candidates had the following comments.

Jan McCurdy, Vice President Internal: "Wow! Thanks! Praise the Lord! I count it a privilege to be able to serve you students in the capacity of Internal Vice President. I wish to thank all those who prayed and voted for me. I will try to do my best, with the help of my friend, for you. Thank you!"

Alex Kibaki, Vice President External: "I would like to thank all those voters who took their time and went to the polling stations to elect their candidates. To those who voted for me, I would like to

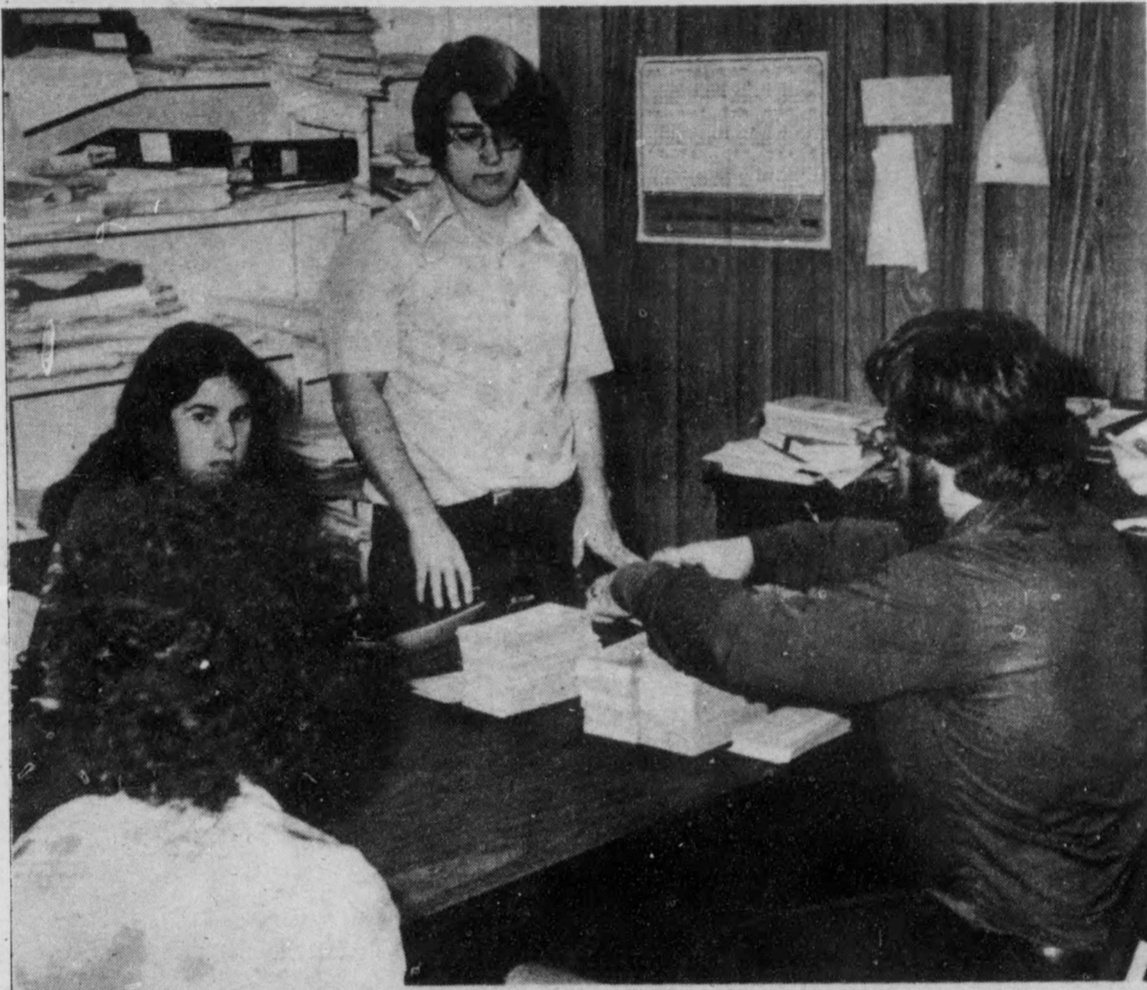
thank them very much and assure them that the confidence they showed in me by voting me in will be rewarded by my hard work. I'd like to assure them that I will not let them down. My message to those who chose to vote for Ray is that we are all one. Through their co-operation we will achieve what we set forth to do. This I say in all honesty because Ray Shalala is a gentleman and the fact that he did not get the post of External Vice President does not mean that he will stop assisting me in executing my duties and all the others in the council to serve the students of UNB. In conclusion, I would like to remind all the students who voted and those who did not, that the hard work is ahead of us.

"So let us join hands and make UNB a better place to live. Too, let us not forget the external world that implicitly or explicitly affects our academic, social, economic or political life while we are still pursuing our education."

Chris Nagle, Board of Governors: "I was pleasantly surprised at the vote of confidence extended to me by the students of UNB. In the next two years, I'll endeavor to effectively lobby for student rights and interests on the Board of Governors. Once again, many thanks."

Alan Hildebrand, Representative-at-Large: "I'm generally disappointed. I would rather that we pulled out of NUS and that I had been defeated because I was against NUS. Thanks to everyone that voted for me. Come out to an SRC meeting some Monday night and see how it works."

Pertti Pero, Arts Representative by acclamation: "For the time I will be in office I hope that I will be able to satisfactorily represent the people who have appointed me



Suspense - waiting for the results to come in. The ballots were counted in University Secretary Dugald Blue's office. The official results came out around 8:20 p.m.

for the job. May the year be as successful as the time I have spent at UNB."

Bill Sanderson, acclaimed incumbent Computer Science Representative: "As no one ran against me, I must assume that either the people in CS are satisfied with my performance or that they don't really want to get involved. If any CS student has a concern that he would like brought to the SRC, he or she may contact me either at the SRC office or 453-4927. I was pleased to see the NUS referendum pass. I think it is a great plus for this university to be a member of NUS."

Mike Bleakney, acclaimed Engineers Representative: "The NUS vote - I was disappointed, but at least it's definite now, a show of support or lack of it. I'm glad to see that Brent Gilchrist was elected Representative-at-Large."

Stephen Berube, acclaimed to Senate: "I am extremely disappointed that no one else ran for Senate. I hope that my work in the Senate will be beneficial to the students in the long run. I wish to extend my congratulations to the winners in the election."

Phil Wong, acclaimed as Business Administration Representative: "I have been working

for the Bruns for one year and serving on the SUB Board of Directors for half a term, so I have some idea about student government. Since I'm in second year, I'm still "fresh" and have a lot to learn. I would like to take this chance to ask the business students to advise me of their wishes. There's no promise I'm going to make, but I will do my very best. I can be contacted at the Bruns office or room 333, Aitken House.

Some acclaimed candidates and Representative-at-Large winner, Brent Gilchrist were not available for interview by press time.

Photo by Doug Varty



The election party was given at returning officer Steve Whalen's and student union president Jim Smith's apartment. Whalen is standing in the doorway. Photo by Doug Varty

NUS referendum reassuring

By SUSAN JOHNSON

"The results of this referendum clearly show that UNB students are concerned about student aid, rising tuition and unemployment" said National Union of Students fieldworker Miguel Figueroa upon hearing the results of Wednesday's vote.

Thirty-two percent of students turned out to decide the question of our membership in the national union. Figueroa noted the results of the vote were a good indication that UNB student had decided "the only way we can work on our common problems is through unity with students across Canada."

One year ago students on this campus were called upon to decide this same question. At that time a slim majority opted for the national union but this year some student council members pushed for the second referendum, claiming they needed a clearer mandate from the general student populace.

Figueroa noted that "the level of support has gone up tremendously and it is through greater awareness of the problems we share. More information about our student organization has been available in the past year and their value is clear."

The NUS campaign here had meant leafletting, classroom speaking, residence floor meetings and door-to-door canvassing for the active supporters of the union. Figueroa said, "I am pleased with the support we got from all sorts of folks at the campus". NUS Executive Secretary Dan O'Connor was also on campus for the campaign.

The next step for New Brunswick is the election of a provincial representative to the central committee of the national union. This will take place at the Atlantic Federation of Students conference in Sackville at the end of the month.

The central committee is the

policy-making body of the national union and is comprised of representatives from each province.

New flash on campus?

The man in the green ski mask is lying low these days but it has been reported that his younger brother is making his debut on campus.

Last week a boy, about the age of 14, was seen lurking in the path behind the SUB clad only in a shirt, socks, and a grin on his face. He has presented himself to at least one female traveller of that road.

Speculation has attributed the feat to a dare, as another young man was noticed loitering around the traffic circle behind TC and the exhibitionist had his bicycle readied for a quick get-away.