

Lamrock ousted in fourth recount

by Gordon Loane
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It was an election squeaker and it took four recounts before SU Chief Returning Officer David Gourley could finally declare the results official in a three-way contest for two student seats on the UNB Board of Governors.

Incumbent Jeff Clark garnered the most votes with 757. But it was the second seat that remained up for grabs between challenger Eugene Davis and incumbent Kelly Lamrock.

When all the recounts were done, Lamrock lost by just three votes. Davis received 728 to Lamrock's 725. Election night results had Lamrock the winner with 747 votes to 728 for Davis. A first recount reversed the trend with Davis coming out on top 758 to 742.

A second recount showed Davis with the

same total of 758, but Lamrock dropped to 725.

It was Davis who dropped 30 votes in the final recount, to 728. Lamrock, on the other hand, remained three votes shy at 725. A subsequent recount confirmed the results.

to the candidates who probably have the highest number of people who do not want them in. Certainly, over seven years, I have had a chance to build up more of those than the other two folks would," he said. "If it had been the kind of election where people could

Despite graduating this Spring, Clark said he will be returning to UNB next Fall and intends to keep his seat on the Board of Governors, despite his failure to win the Presidency of the Student Union.

Eugene Davis reacted with surprise when the initial vote count on election night indicated that he had lost.

"I knew I had a lot of support, and, naturally, I am very happy," he said. "I feel [the Board of Governors] is where I can be the most effective."

"So, it is welcome news, and I will do the best job I can. That is for sure," he continued.

He admitted that winning a seat on the BOG was more important to him than getting elected President of the Student Union. Davis finished fifth behind the winner, Joie Hellmeister, in the six-way race for the position.

	Count	Recount #1	Recount #2	Recount #3	Recount #4
Jeff Clark	765	*	*	*	*
Eugene Davis	728	758	758	728	728
Kelly Lamrock	747	742	725	725	725

"I am not really sure what else can be done at this point."

"It is an abnormally big swing," Lamrock said. "I would rather at this point see some Board of Governors representatives seated."

"If you work it out, about 56 or 57 percent of voters voted for me, which, considering I did not campaign, I am pretty happy with," he continued.

"In a contest like that, it comes down

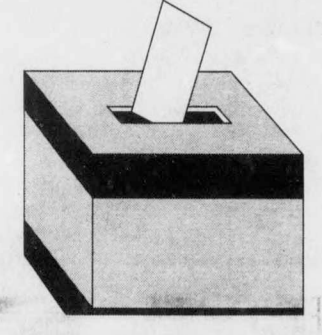
only vote for one candidate, I think it would have been a rather different result."

Lamrock said he has had his turn and cannot be too upset at how the democratic process has treated him over the years.

For his part, the frontrunner in the race, Jeff Clark, expressed surprise at the final result, particularly Lamrock's failure to get re-elected.



Joie Hellmeister, the third woman President of the Student Union.



UNB Student Union Official Results 1996 General Election

President				
Joie Lynn Hellmeister	382	25.5%		
Matt Collins	372	24.8%		
Jeff Melanson	240	16%		
Jeff Clark	175	12%		
Eugene Davis	150	10%		
Raymond Rice	96	6%		
Spoiled	86	6%		
Vice-President (Finance & Administration)				
Monique Scholten	640	45%		
Shona Bertrand	420	29%		
Stephen MacDonald	262	18%		
Spoiled	114	8%		
Arts (4)				
Jonathan Bishop (inc)	161			
Sarah Mullaly (inc)	177			
Susan Shaw	170			
Shelley Wells	147			
Paul MacDonald	139			
Daniel Perley	133			
Spoiled	30			
Business (3)				
Tara MacIntosh	122			
Matthew J. Hanrahan	101			
David Teskey	96			
Aaron McIntosh	4			
To-Link Huynh	67			
Danny Theriault	93			
Spoiled	25			
Engineering (4)				
Christina Walsh	171			
Bethany Bourque	167			
Darren Thompson	132			
Jonathan Penny	80			
Roland Cormier	69			
Pete Syroid	73			
Craig Vander Zwaag	55			
Ryan Talbot	44			
Trever Cavanaugh	52			
Robert Apold	61			
Greg Connor	69			
Spoiled	17			
Computer Science (2)				
Rodney Chasson				
Yes: 41 No: 4 Spoiled: 0				
Student-at-large (2)				
Rochelle English				
Yes: 1011 No: 143 Spoiled: 0				
Daniel Malley				
Yes: 836 No: 265 Spoiled: 207				
Vice-President (University Affairs)				
Anoushka Courage				
Yes: 1111				
No: 205				
Spoiled: 112				
Vice-President (External)				
Anthony Knight	657	47%		
Erik Mooers	530	38%		
Spoiled	222	15%		
Vice-President (Student Services)				
Tricia Davidson (inc)	956	66%		
Ian LeFourneau	370	25%		
Spoiled	132	9%		
Forestry and Environmental Management (2)				
Blair Saulnier				
Yes: 58 No: 8 Spoiled: 0				
Megan O'Blenes				
Yes: 36 No: 16 Spoiled: 4				
Law (1) - Cathy Clark				
Yes: 81 No: 13 Spoiled: 7				
Referendum				
Yes: 294(22%) No: 988(73%) Spoiled: 67(5%)				
Senate 1-year (5)				
Anoushka Courage	855			
Stacy Robertson	790			
Tammy Currie	705			
Susan Stockdale	695			
Matthew J. Hanrahan	689			
Tyson Firlotte	575			
Ted Tedford	494			
Rob Apold	469			
Spoiled	157			
CHSR Board of Directors - Andre Theriault				
Yes: 1111 No: 172 Spoiled: 138				
SUBS Board of Directors - Blair Saulnier				
Yes: 1025 No: 205 Spoiled: 150				
Valedictorian, Ceremony "A"				
Melanie Gallant	55			
Angela Green	21			
Spoiled	10			
Valedictorian, Ceremony "B"				
Chantale Walker	39			
Jacque Lovely	18			
Doug Poitras	13			
Carol-Ann Theriault	13			
Spoiled	3			

Hellmeister wins by 10

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UNB SU Presidential runner-up, Matt Collins, is calling for changes in the election bylaw following his narrow loss to Joie Hellmeister in last week's student election.

An automatic recount narrowed Hellmeister's margin of victory over Collins from fourteen to just ten votes. The official results are: Hellmeister 382, Collins 372, Jeff Melanson 240, Jeff Clark 175, Eugene Davis 150, and Raymond Rice 96. A significant 86 ballots were spoiled.

As Collins sees it, there should be two separate votes for SU President. A first ballot would narrow the field of candidates to just two. A second run-off election would pit the top two candidates against each other, which would allow the eventual winner to get a clear majority of student votes.

"With six people running there was a pretty big vote dispersal," said Collins. "Joie and I were clearly head and shoulders above the rest in terms of the vote."

"You are talking about 1500 who voted," Collins continued. "Joie and I had about 750 of those votes and there were only ten votes between us. That is really not enough of a margin to have a convincing victory especially when you are looking at a position like SU President."

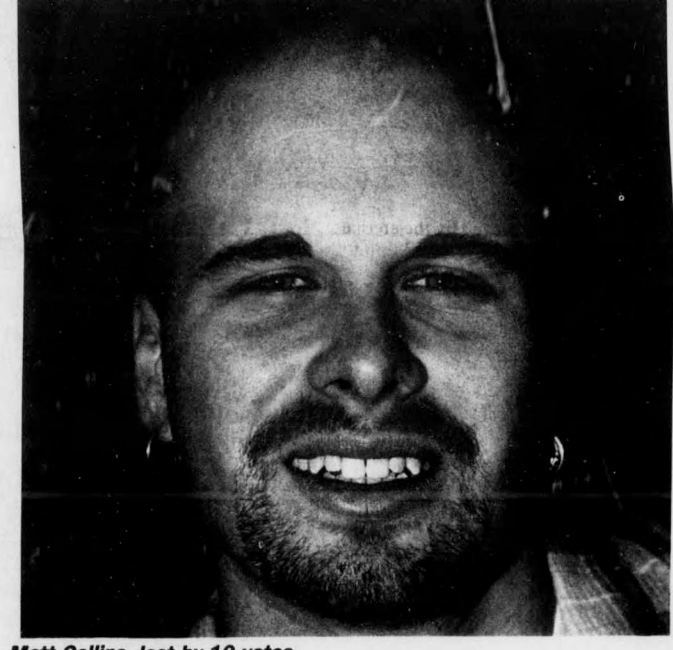
Hellmeister received 25.4% of the ballots cast, while Collins got 24.8%. Other candidates received a combined total of 44%.

"The SU should definitely take a look at this proposal next year," Collins said. "Perhaps the SU has never had to consider this before but with this year's Presidential race, there were six candidates and only a ten vote margin of victory."

Collins clearly does not want his proposal to be any slight toward Hellmeister.

"I want to congratulate her, but it is tough for me to lose, especially by just ten votes," he said.

Collins was philosophical about the loss,



Matt Collins, lost by 10 votes.

saying he had no expectations to win. "I had expectations of getting my voice out there and being heard and have people respect what I was saying."

"I was pleased with the campaign I ran. Basically during a period of seven or eight days, I worked my butt off and went around campus talking to students," Collins said. "I did more than just put up posters."

Collins added that he had, in fact, expected to lose the election to Jeff Melanson.

"That might be a bit of a surprise to some people but I have a great deal of respect for Melanson."

Collins has also some advice to offer to Hellmeister as she assumes office.

"It was clear at the election debate that she was a bit unsure of her own ideas and

uncomfortable in front of a large group of people."

"I also think she has to work on leadership skills," he said.

"But Hellmeister is very sociable and a very good communicator one on one," he concluded.

Meanwhile, Hellmeister is very happy with the election results despite the close margin of victory.

"I can not wait to get going," she told *The Brunswickan* this week.

"I am excited but more concerned about my courses and finishing up my final exams, just like every other student."

"I am looking forward to jumping right into it come April 29," she said.

"Starting out, I have got several new ideas that I would like to implement as soon as possible," she concluded.

Awards process questioned

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The Activity Awards process this year has been plagued by Council's apparent lack of confidence in the Awards committee. Some serious questions have arisen about the integrity of the committee, and several procedural inconsistencies have been pointed out, and ignored by Council.

The integrity of the Committee has not been questioned by Council. However, it is highly unusual for members of the Committee to give awards to themselves. In the past, graduating students have not been allowed to sit on the Committee.

This year, Jeff Clark, Chair of the Committee, received one of only two Gold awards. The ring which

accompanies the award is valued at approximately \$500. Joie Hellmeister, another member of the Committee, received a Merit Award.

The most serious procedural error was a failure of Council to empower the Awards Committee to purchase the awards or to authorise the purchase of the awards itself.

In the previous three years, the Committee was empowered to make the awards. Before that, the Committee's recommendations were brought to Council, and all members of Council who had applied for awards were asked to leave the room while the recommendations were discussed.

In another deviation from the bylaws, the point schedule was changed unilaterally by the Committee without

authorisation of Council.

When pressed by Law student representative Shona Bertrand, Clark responded that in the past the Committee had done so. However, he conceded that the Committee did call for applications regardless of their involvement. "We told people to submit everything, and believe me, they did," Clark told Council on March 26.

In a further departure from past years, the point schedule was not published by the Student Union. It did, however, appear in *The Brunswickan* as a gesture of good will on the part of the paper.

The Chair of the Awards Committee, Jeff Clark, informed *The Brunswickan* that a list of applicants was not available and that the point breakdowns of the awards recipients would not be released.