

EDITORIAL

After the results are in.

By Kwame Dawes

Bourque has won, and the Student Union now has a new roster of leaders. Who says an expensive and tenacious campaign doesn't work? With the changing of leadership will come new attitudes and new approaches. Bourque and his team will no doubt establish their own identity. Gone are the days of "Wayne's World," and we now look forward to the new era of student government. Bourque will have a number of important challenges facing him next year apart from the usual headache of getting Council going on projects and trying to make sense of the weight of responsibility that comes with dealing with the University Administration and coping with the expectations of the different student organizations on campus. The character of the president will have a great deal to do with the effectiveness of the student government. This has been the case in the past and there is no reason why it shouldn't be so in the future. Students will want to know what they can expect from the new government.

Based on the campaign issues that emerged this year we can expect no dramatic changes in the direction of the Student Union. Bourque has promised a bigger and better Winter Carnival and has continued in the tradition of the past three or four student governments by promising to do something about Bar Services. It would seem that he intends to bring Bar Services back under the administration of the students. Beyond that he has committed himself to carrying on the tasks began by the past year's executive. While it is admirable to see a potential candidate wisely limiting his aims and objectives to fairly manageable and minimal proportions, one can't help but wonder whether in fact Bourque will have a great deal of agenda setting to do in the next few months. This is not to say that the other candidates had more ambitious or in-depth platforms this year. They didn't. Some would argue that they suffered from the difficulty of taking over from an executive that was full of great ideas. In fact Carson's regime had the opposite problem and this year's candidates have suffered because of this.

The agenda set by Wayne Carson and his executive was an overloaded and over ambitious one for a bunch of student politicians who were in office for only a year. The plan would have been more suited to a long-term three or five year project. It would have reduced some of the initial sense of work tyranny that affected the student government during the earlier stages of office. Carson soon realized that setting priorities and cutting one's losses was the wisest thing to do. However all of the candidates for this year's presidential position would have been very aware of the aims and objectives of last year's executive, and could easily have come to regard them as things for the old order and not worth championing for the new.

One would hope that Bourque will not take such a position in his time in office. Quite simply, the silence on the question of the SUB expansion, the Media Fee and related issues; and the relationship between the student union and administration in Bourque's campaign statements is not encouraging. The danger is that with the new regime will come a absolutely new agenda. The positive things that would require a few years of consistent effort could suffer from the bane of the annual changing of the guard. Bourque could be well-served in making it part of his mandate to look at the projections set out by last year's executive and the executive before that when he is making plans for the future.

The extent of voter turn out this year was very encouraging and it means that the students are quite concerned about who leads them. There is still a great deal of work that can be done with regards to the public relations factor in the Student Union. Carson is already trying to ensure that residence visitations are a compulsory part of the responsibilities of the Student Union executive, and there is no doubt that this is a movement in the right direction. Beyond that, students should be encouraged to regard the Student Union as an important aspect of their time on campus. They need to be more aware of what the Union is empowered to do on their behalf and to be encouraged to make use of this facility.

On the other hand, one hopes that this year's executive will not fall into the trap of regarding their power over more than half a million dollars as an inalienable right. There is nothing more disturbing to students who have paid a fee for student activities than to find themselves virtually begging the executive to fund very legitimate activities. It is also most frustrating to note that some executives become convinced that the students should be grateful to them (and not the larger body which includes themselves) when they are granted money to carry out legitimate educational, cultural and socially productive activities. Finally, the new executive should regard it as part of their mandate to ensure that there is yet another increase in voter turnout for the next year's elections.

On a related, but separate issue, the Bruns would like to apologize for the errors made in last week's Candidate Statement's section of the paper. I would like to reiterate that these were inadvertent errors caused by a combination of factors not all of which were faults of the paper.

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