

Election Candidates 1993

Student Union President

NICHOLAS J. OLIVER



Even though I hate politicians as much as the next person, after much deliberation, I decided to run for President because of a few ideas that I and others have had. Some of us are running under the name of *Candidates for Change* and are already committed to working together towards some common goals, some of which I will tell you about:

1) *Child care on campus* is essential for mature students and sometimes other students as well. It is pretty much all ready to go with most of its funding secured. All it needs is a push from the Student Union. The current Union has done nothing to endorse this service essential to a large number of students. I pledge to giving this issue my full support.

2) *Fairer distribution of the money* for conference fees, honoraria and funding for clubs and societies on campus. I propose setting up an independent committee to look at funding the activities of student groups, including the council itself. I don't see any reason how the council can reasonably ask most other student groups that it funds to take less money while they themselves are insulated from any belt-tightening, as the current council has done. If a councillor wants to go to a conference, council may send him/her with fees and accommodations paid and an allowance. Currently, if any other student group plans to send a delegate to a conference, they have to beg the council for the funding if they don't have it already in their budget (which may or may not have been approved by council with such an item in it). This whole system is unfair and I am committed to changing it.

3) *Greater recognition of student groups and societies* that are trying to make a difference on campus. There is no reason for crucially needed office space to be denied to these groups when it becomes available. I pledge not only to make a bigger effort than my predecessors to find office space for some of these groups so that students can actually find them! I am actually willing to share a smaller office with one of the VPs and give up the very large president's office to be used as common space for some student organizations as long as they are willing to share.

4) *A media fee.* *The Brunswickan* and *CHSR-FM* need to be independent from the politics of student government. They should be able to criticize that government without fear of financial reprimand. The money normally allocated in the Union's budget instead goes straight into their res-

spective bank accounts for them to budget individually. The Student Council has no strings to pull and *The Bruns* and *CHSR-FM* are safe from budget cuts that could affect the quality of their content. UNB is one of the few campuses in the country without a media fee. I hope to do it next fall.

Space permits only some of my ideas to come out so I've given you the ones I feel most important. Between myself and the other *Candidates for Change*, we have lots more and would be more than happy to expand on any or all of them for you at any time. Thanks for your time, and even if you don't vote for me, get out there to vote because your voice matters.

JAMES VAN RAALTE



Tuition hikes! Summer jobs! Crowded classrooms! Acquaintance rape! Quality of teaching! Student loans! SUB expansion! Student

health insurance! Campus Safety! Affordable housing! These are just a few of the very serious issues facing students today. How do we go about solving any of them? Team work.

By students working with students, faculty, staff, administration, government and the community, we can find the solutions, as Student Union President, I want to be part of the team committed to serving students.

Many of us are faced with heavy course loads. Part-time jobs, families and other stressful situations. I want to invest my time to help those students who don't have a lot of free time.

Over the past two years, whether you know it or not, I have been working for the students of UNB as Vice-President (Finance and Administration); a very challenging yet rewarding experience. Next year, I want to build on that experience by being President but I can only do so with your support.

Your concerns (tuition hikes, summer employment, campus safety, etc.) are my concerns. Now is the time for us to make sure that government, administration and others know that students concerns are the right concerns. You deserve a Student Union President who is committed to serving students. That someone is me - James Van Raalte!

BABY B.



I'm Baby B., candidate for Student Union President. You probably don't know me, as I don't attend classes, but in that I am no different than most of the Student Union. I believe in putting a stop to rising tuition fees—if they don't stop going up, I'll never be able to afford it by the time I get out of high school. I'm running for President because I believe that I am perfect for the job. To quell any doubts you may have, despite actually being two years old instead of merely having the mentality of a two year old, in no way am I overqualified for this position.

I strongly believe in campus daycare, and will put all of my efforts into getting it built and operating. To insure that the facilities are sufficient, I promise a first hand evaluation of the daycare facilities the moment they are completed. I believe that my attitude, so very different from the attitudes of my competitors,

is an excellent reason to elect me: I believe we need a kinder, gentler, more huggable Student Union. I believe that the Student Union should be cute, and should take long naps at least once an afternoon. I further believe that we should finally recognize that Marlene and Marlene really *are* babysitters, and change their job titles to more accurately describe this. If elected, I promise that Student Union meetings will be held earlier in the day (my bed-time is at 8:30) and that the Student Union Building will get cleaner floors (I still crawl).

As to CHSR, my parents won't let me listen to it (they think I won't grow up normal), but I still say we must keep it. I want to play with all the dials and levers and stuff...that control board could have been made by Fisher-Price.

I'm currently in Education. I want to be a business student when I grow up, just like my idol, Greg Lutes. To achieve this goal, I'm learning my 123s, and should be up to Cost Accounting by next year.

My name isn't on the ballot because I am protesting the entire Student Union election procedure. If you want me as President, you'll have to write my name on the ballot. The fascist-dictators in the Student Union may not count my ballots, but at least I will still have registered my disapproval of the proceedings.

Vote for Baby B....he'll Pamper the students.

V.P. University Affairs

ELIZABETH LAUTARD



Hi; my name is Liz Lautard. I am a soc. major.

I am one of the candidates for change running for VP of Internal Affairs. The candidates for change formed for a number of reasons. First, we feel the majority of students are not represented by the current student council. Instead of sitting around whining about it, a group of us actually decided to take a chance and run for office.

We feel as a group, we can truly make a difference and bring some long overdue changes to UNB. It's time to stop living in the past and take a fresh look at what is going on campus.

Today, 35 percent of students are mature...many of them have children and are in desperate need of daycare. With a progressive council, we can have a daycare within one year here at UNB.

Students themselves have changed. We are more aware than before. Students at UNB have shown they are truly concerned about social issues facing society today. Students at the Lady Dunn have shown that through their fund raising efforts during their dance-a-thon. The men at Bridges also showed their

deep concern for the Fredericton community with their annual polar dip they collected 2 tons of food for the Fredericton Food Bank. Finally, overwhelming response to the Christmas match program by the residence community and the clubs and societies on campus.

It is time we had a student council that recognized the changes on campus and in student life. We need a student council that reaches out to students to offer help and support rather than one that constantly cuts off funding to clubs and societies.

We need a student council that cares about the problems that students are facing...we don't need a student council that pledges \$300 to sponsor a family for Christmas as part of the Christmas match program...then doesn't even come up with half of that amount. Three days before Christmas a single mother with three sons was still waiting for her Christmas because more than half of the student council members didn't even care enough to give the 5 dollars they had promised. Two members of the Christmas match committee, one of whom is a candidate for change, Eugene Tan, took one hundred fifty dollars out of their own pockets.

It is incidents like that, that have prompted me and the other Candidates for Change to run. We want a more inclusive and more accessible student government.

Once again, my name is Liz Lautard I am one of the candidates for change running in VP of Internal Affairs. Thank you for your time.

JASON MORTON



The Canadian public has made it quite clear that politics should be about issues and not personalities. With this in mind I promise to work towards the following policies:

- Communication between Clubs and Societies and the Student Union has been consistently poor. I would create a Presidents Club to bring together club leaders and the Student Council on a regular basis, to discuss problems, exchange solutions, and work together to improve student involvement.

- I will support the efforts of the campus day care committee to ensure access to affordable and convenient child care facilities on campus.

- As V.P. University Affairs I will work with Neil House to expand and improve the Safe Walk Home Program by involving women and implementing a screening process.

- UNB has a sexual harassment policy. I believe the next step towards a more fair campus is a general harassment

policy to include racial and other forms of discrimination.

- Any matters that fall under my portfolio involving major budget increases in students fees will go to a public referendum.
- While I personally support the efforts of CHSR, it is your money that pays for this service and therefore it should satisfy your needs and desires. I would work actively with CHSR to insure your interests are looked after.

- This fall the Student Union will publish Student-Teacher evaluations for the faculties of Arts and Engineering. I would extend the program to include all faculties.

- Many other universities print class averages on transcripts. I would like to see that happen at UNB.

Making changes takes more than just ideas, it takes leadership and hard work. I have served on another university student council, which allowed me to participate in several committees such as Student-Teacher Evaluation, Public Relations, and Selections. I also was advertising manager for the school Yearbook and owned my own Student Painters franchise. I would like the opportunity to put my experience to work for you. I hope that you will vote Jason Morton for Vice-President University Affairs.