

# ELECTIONS: SPRING 1995

MEET YOUR CANDIDATES FOR STUDENT UNION EXECUTIVE

## Vice-President (University Affairs)

CHANTALE WALKER



Come on out and vote "yes" for me. It doesn't take very much time to vote and, besides, I can represent you the best in all areas that affect you as a student at UNB. You can count on me to do my job well.

The most important issues for the Student Union, that I can deal with directly through the position of VP University Affairs, is the full creation and implementation of a Student Advocacy Bureau, creation of a university sexual harassment policy, and curriculum reform. Through this council position the interests of all students will be advocated when dealing with the different organizations on campus.

My position will allow me to act as a student advocate in various areas that concern students and the university administration.

YES/NO

## Vice-President (Student Services)

TRICIA DAVIDSON



*What do you say to students who aren't planning on voting at all, to convince them that they should come out and vote for you?* Students who choose not to exercise their right to vote will ultimately be the loser in any election. By not voting, students silence their voice concerning important decisions that directly affect the university and therefore their own lives while at UNB. By taking an active role in electing me to this position students are assured to receive a hard-working, dedicated, and enthusiastic, Student Services VP, with many new and beneficial ideas. By relinquishing their right to vote students run the risk of placing a candidate in the office of VP Student Services that may not be able to deliver on many of the important components of the job.

*What one issue do you feel is the most important for the student union to tackle next year?* The most important issue facing the UNB student union in the upcoming year is to make each student aware and involved in as many of the important processes at The Union as possible, as well as to continue to provide the best possible representation of the student body, while continuing to make UNB one of the best universities in Canada.

*What is the most important function of the position you are running for?* The most important function of the VP Student Services is to continually strive to improve existing services all for students, while searching for new ones. And at the same time be committed to listening to concerns of students in the form of an "open door policy".

*Why are you worth your honorarium?* Because I can and will devote the required amount of time and more, during the summer, and into the school year, to the important tasks that are involved in the position.

*How would you use your position to act as an advocate for students at UNB?* By listening to as many concerns of students as possible, and trying to do what they would do, if they held the position. For example, on the campaign trail I have learned about a problem that I would like the opportunity to solve. Phys ed students need someplace to buy healthy food at the Gym. They are really far away at the SUB and too many of them have to eat chips and Coke for breakfast. If an outlet providing snacks such as bagels, muffins, fruit, etc was offered at LB gym, many students may get a bit healthier.

JEFF MELANSON



*What do you say to students who aren't planning on voting at all, to convince them that they should come out and vote for you?* The Student Union is exactly that STUDENT union. Students should get involved and become informed about issues that concern them. Vote and get involved in issues that are about you.

*What one issue do you feel is the most important for the student union to tackle next year? Why?* Student Advocacy. Students on this campus need an advocate to act on their behalf with administration and faculty-based issues. This full time position would allow students access to an informed opinion with a course of action for their concerns.

*What do you see as the most important function of the position that you are applying for?* In this position, I feel that students on the campus are unaware of the services that are available to them. I want to make these services accessible to students and possibly implement services that are currently not offered. Also I feel that it is important to be accountable to the students that I represent.

*Why are you worth your honorarium?* I believe that in deciding to run I have committed myself to this job and in everything I have done in the past, I feel it important to do a job you are willing to be associated with. I also feel that I will be fully accountable to students and issues they bring to me.

*What do you feel is the role of the position you are seeking in dealing with the different organizations on campus?* The integration of services and clubs on campus is something that has to be improved. There are valuable resources available to students of which they are unaware. In creating a programming committee comprised of all of the organisations on campus it will allow for the exchange of information in a collective informed environment.

*How would you use your position to act as an advocate for students at UNB?* Students concerns are our concerns at Student Union. I am elected to serve the students and am very willing to hear student issues and address their concerns in council. If elected I would like to see the formation of a monthly Focus Group of students that would address student concerns bringing them to light.

## Vice-President (Finance & Admin.)

NAHIE BASSETT



I feel that I would be a good person for the job of VP Finance and Administration because I have lots of experience. I am president of my coed residence house on campus, I sat on the residence representative board, I sat on the residence budget committee. I am a business student who plans to pursue a career in Finance and Marketing. I am very enthusiastic, and I have never been on the student union or had any previous affiliation with the student union. I am a new candidate with a whole lot of fresh new ideas from a whole new perspective and I would like to see some changes take place with the Union to help make it a place more suitable for the needs of students. I have no influence from the previous student union, and I feel that living in the residence community for 4 years has given me a very good idea of what the students want.

The one issue that I feel the most important for the student union to tackle would be the SUB expansion. I feel this is a very important issue because the SUB expansion will bring a whole new perspective to UNB. This new building should be owned by the student union. In owning the building, the student union would ensure that all the activities are for the best interest of the students and are for the students. As VP of Finance and Administration I would develop a plan so that employment opportunities in the new SUB would be guaranteed for students. Also, I feel it is important that an expanded SUB have new conveniences for students and I will push to open name brand restaurants (McDonalds, Tim Hortons, KFC, Subway) in the cafeteria and I want to see new stores such as a CD store, pharmacy, stationary and copy shop, etc. open.

YES/NO