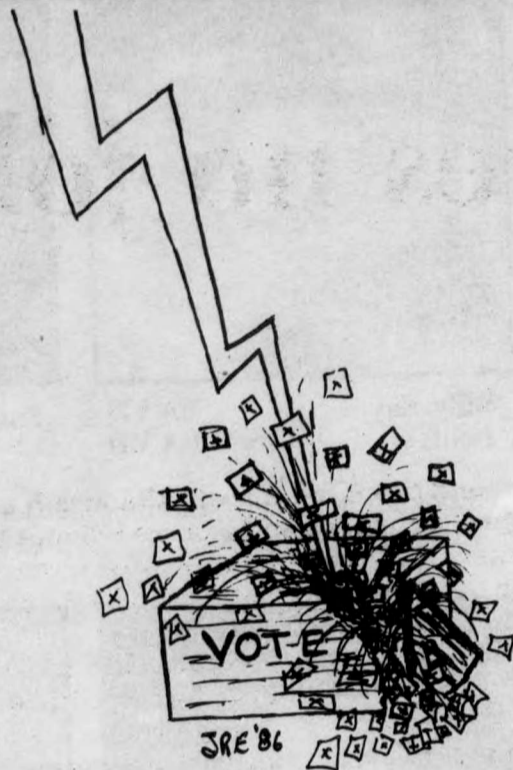


EDITORIAL



Well, it would seem student apathy is once again rearing its ugly head. The Student Union Council elections took place on Wednesday past and, as usual, the turn-out was disgusting. I was going to calculate percentages and barrage you with totals but it really isn't worth the effort. Granted people were elected to some mighty fine positions, but still, the voter turn-out left a lot to be desired.

I have heard rough estimates of the actual number of ballots cast on the Presidential election (er...ah...the most important position?) and they fluctuate from about 6 to 15 percent of the eligible voters. Larry Hansen won this position by over two hundred votes. At least he won by a fairly large margin...heaven forbid that there would have been a three way tie for the position of SU President. Hansen has outlined his plan of attack... Hansen intends to push for increased lighting and security on campus. Hopefully this will thwart further fictitious reports of sexual assault. Hansen also would like to provide more (?) live entertainment on campus. He maintains he will take action to alleviate the yearbook problem. 'Problem' is an understatement, wouldn't you say? And, finally, Hansen is hoping to encourage a more positive atmosphere for consultation and communication on campus.

Hmmmm. I have heard these platforms before...on numerous occasions. I hope the people's choice will serve them well.

This election also saw Tony Tracy elected to the position of Comptroller. This is another rather important position on the SU Council. Tracy's election manifesto, in my opinion, is unrealistic and confusing. Tracy assures us that no more Student Union money will be wasted on personal legal battles. Tracy also says he will implement Student Union salary cuts. I wonder if those cuts will be applied to his own weekly salary and tuition credit. I certainly hope that the five hundred and eight people who voted for Tracy will get their votes worth.

Well enough is enough. I could go down the list of newly elected officers but most of that information is already in the news section, so I won't. You know what is really interesting??? The fact that the highest number of ballots cast were cast at the Student Union Building Poll. Why do I find this interesting? Because on several (and I mean five or six) times I walked through the cafeteria and asked people there if they had voted...no, they hadn't. People said they were busy. As if.

Then there was the other excuse that a lot of students didn't want holes punched in their student identification cards. I should think that it would be more important to worry about where your student fees are going than to worry about whether or not you were going to have to fork out another two dollars (or whatever) for a new I.D card. I can't help wonder about these student's priorities.

So, we have a new Student Union Council. And, judging from the voter turn-out, they haven't got much in the way of student support so I wish them the best of luck. I voted...did you?



Mugwump
By VALERIE WHITE Journal

Well another week has gone by and I guess I can't say that this one was boring. It wasn't exactly a thrill a minute, but it certainly was more exciting than the last few weeks have been. All kinds of things were happening like the World Series, the election, another poster scandal...shall I go on?



Let's start with the most important thing first--the World Series. I know that there are a lot of Boston Red Sox fans out there, but you've got to admire those Mets for coming out of a two game slump and beating the Red Sox at Fenway. The fans must be really bummed out in New York and Boston; their teams keep losing at home. Since I don't want to make any more enemies, I'll leave it at that. Well I guess we'll just have to wait and see what happens.

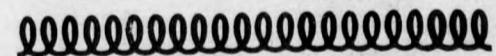


I suppose I should say a word or two about the election. Whether it be legal or not, a new executive was elected. Congratulations to Larry Hansen on his victory in the president's race. I hope that you can keep things running smoothly. Congratulations are also in order to the other victorious candidates: Tim Lethbridge, Connie Morrison, and Tony Tracy. Hey Tony, I hear that you're anxious to come on down and talk to us here folks at the Bruns. We're waiting. Don't be shy now.

And a note for the losers. Don't worry, I'm sure that within a week there will have been some reason to impeach the present government and then there will be another election; and another, and another, and another...



It is very fortunate that the election had to be accompanied by the efforts of someone's sick sense of humor. I am referring, of course, to the insulting, implicating, slanderous posters that were circulated around campus concerning Stephen Smith. All I can say is that I hope they had no effect on the outcome of the election. I hope that whoever the artist(s) are, you are very happy with yourself. Not only did you make a lot of people very angry, you also did a good job of hurting some people's feelings. Way to go.



I must say that I was deeply disappointed upon hearing in the news this week that two of the reported sexual assaults on campus were fictitious. I don't know what those girls were trying to gain by lying about something like that. All it did was end up scaring everyone on campus. Perhaps worse, it will make the police less sympathetic to genuine complaints.



I think that is sufficient bitching for one week. I hope everyone has noticed that the exam schedule is out. Exactly-- holy sh--t!!! Now we all know how behind we really are. I'm still writing midterms and now I have to worry about exams!!!



I have to say a special thanks to all the keen cartoonists that are sending in submissions. Your stuff is really great--all of you. And don't feel bad if your work isn't printed. I tried but I ran out of room. Sorry. I'll try to fit it in next week. And speaking of next week, if anybody has any great costume ideas for Hallowe'en, please let me know. I get stuck for an idea every year.



On a final note--I missed the Star Trek meeting on Sunday. Would the person or persons who organized the meeting please drop me a note to tell me what happened. Or better still, beam on down to the office and tell me in person.