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Winstanley, Campbell take union reins

Teams split by large turnout

Andrew Winstanley and D. A. Campbell took the top positions in the Union Wednesday in elections that saw the first split ticket in recent memory.

Winstanley and Campbell were separated from their running mates Mike Curtis and Stephen Kimber by an impressive 44.2% turnout of eligible voters.

In the presidential contest, Winstanley edged past Kimber after the pair had outdistanced the two other hopefuls, Lee Mitchell and Dave Chan. Winstanley polled 753 votes to Kimber's 704, drawing the margin of victory from Shireff Hall and his own law faculty. Mitchell and Chan drew 205 and 286 votes respectively.

Campbell registered a convincing victory in the vicepresidential race, outpolling Winstanley's running mate Mike Curtis 747-626. Chan's partner Jameel Rahaman took 351 while Peter White got 218 for running alongside Lee Mitchell, this year's lawand-order candidate.

Observers had predicted a close contest between Winstanley and Curtis and the Kimber-Campbell team, but the split came as a surprise. Ballots for president and v.p. were separate for the first time this year rather than by teams, and this was definitely a contributing factor.

Winstanley and Campbell feel that they can overcome the loss of their chosen partners and function as a team. Their first joint decision was to hold a retreat for all newly elected councillors during March break, probably at Mt. Martock.

Winstanley's election program called for an all-out attack on the housing crisis through measures such as coop housing and inspection and rent-control of existing facilities. Another major recommendation was to make the university more community oriented, with a "university of the streets" program and support of the Transitional Year scheme for the underprivileged.

Campbell's platform was centred on a desire to revamp the present structure of student government to make it more democratic and more responsive, mainly through decentralization. Regular student body meetings were seen as the alternative to council decision making. Housing, parking and community relations held prominent spots in the platform.

Winstanley and Campbell take office next month, when the current president and vicepresident, Bruce Gillis and Derryn Crowston abdicate. Shortly after the final returns were known on election night, Gillis was heard to murmur "Forgotten, but not gone" as he reflected on the meaning of the night's events.



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Andy Winstanley, president-elect of the student union.



Defeated presidential candidate Steve Kimber consoles running mate D.A. Campbell after her victory.



D. A. Campbell and Andy Winstanley moments after final results became known.