

Large majority re-elects Jim Smith as president



President -- Jim Smith Did he vote for the dog?
By PAT POTTER

Jim Smith, a third year education student, was returned as Student Representative Council president Wednesday after receiving almost 50 per cent of the votes cast.

The 31.6 per cent voter turnout was slightly lower than in the November presidential election.

Chris Pratt, in his third attempt for the presidency, received 357 votes, compared with Smith's 802.

Dale Saulis received 240 votes, and 246 ballots were spoiled.

Of the 246 spoiled ballots Illa, an unofficial candidate in the presidential race (pictured on the front page of this issue), received 207 votes.

Students voted for Illa by writing her name on the ballots. This constitutes a spoiled ballot,

and was reflected by the setting of a record for the most spoiled ballots in the UNB SRC election.

More than 1,600 students turned out to support their candidate in the election.

Elected to the senate were Chris Nagle, Ursula Wawer and John McCluskey. The results of the senate election were as follows:

Chris Nagle	663
Ursula Wawer	660
John McCluskey	513
Kevin Garland	489
Mark Lulhan	385
Dale Saulis	318
Paul Mayer	248
Spoiled ballots	60

Photo by Steve Patriquen

"I'm just glad it's all over," said Jim Smith in reference to the election. "I'm looking forward to the full year of office."

Smith's immediate goals are the organization of council and finishing the new constitution.

After finishing of this general office work Smith plans to devote his time to fighting tuition and residence fee increases.

Smith also said he will continue pressure on the administration for a solution to the student housing problem.

In relation to one of the other candidates, "Illa", Smith stated that he had treated it as a joke and thought that the 207 students who voted for Illa were trying to make a point about the election.

Two people contested the representative-at-large seat. Mike Bleakney took office with 885 votes to Joseph Labelle's 487 votes.

The position of arts rep was won by Jim Donovan with 190 votes to John Bell's 134. Twenty-five ballots were spoiled.

Valedictorian for the 1975 graduating class will be Vicky Weatherby. The results for Valedictorian were as follows:

Vicky Weatherby	115
Margot Brewer	85
David Kent	60
Spoiled ballots	13

Alexa Morrison is the new science representative. Four people contested the single science seat. The voting went as follows:

Alexa Morrison	100
Barbara Clerihue	55
Alan Hildebrand	42
Lorraine Paquin	33



Photo by Tim Gorman

Valedictorian -- Vicky Weatherby

Elected by acclamation were:

Business Rep. - Steve Berube

Education Reps:
Alex Kibaki
Steven Whalen

Rep-at-Large (full term) - Allan Patrick

Physical Education Rep - Patricia Field

Law Rep - Rick Roach

Dog Places fourth

By PHILIP WONG

For the first time in the history of UNB a dog ran for the President of the SRC. The 'wonder dog' named Illa, born in London, Ontario, belongs to the family of Alaskan Malamute. She was nominated by Gary and Dave of Aitken House.

"The University life was going to the dogs, so why not have a dog as the SRC president", said one of the nominators, in an interview Monday night right after the announcement was made through CHSR.

Illa was described to be a down to earth character and no one has had any trouble getting along with her ever since she joined the Aitken House. One of the Aitken boys stated that if Illa gets her teeth into something, she will chew it over to her satisfaction. Surely she would be the best negotiator for the current student aid issue.

The campaign did not start until the last two days before the election. Illa ran a four-legged platform which was a bit 'different' from all others.

In the final running though she came last, but Illa did come close to some of the other Presidential candidates in the number of votes received.

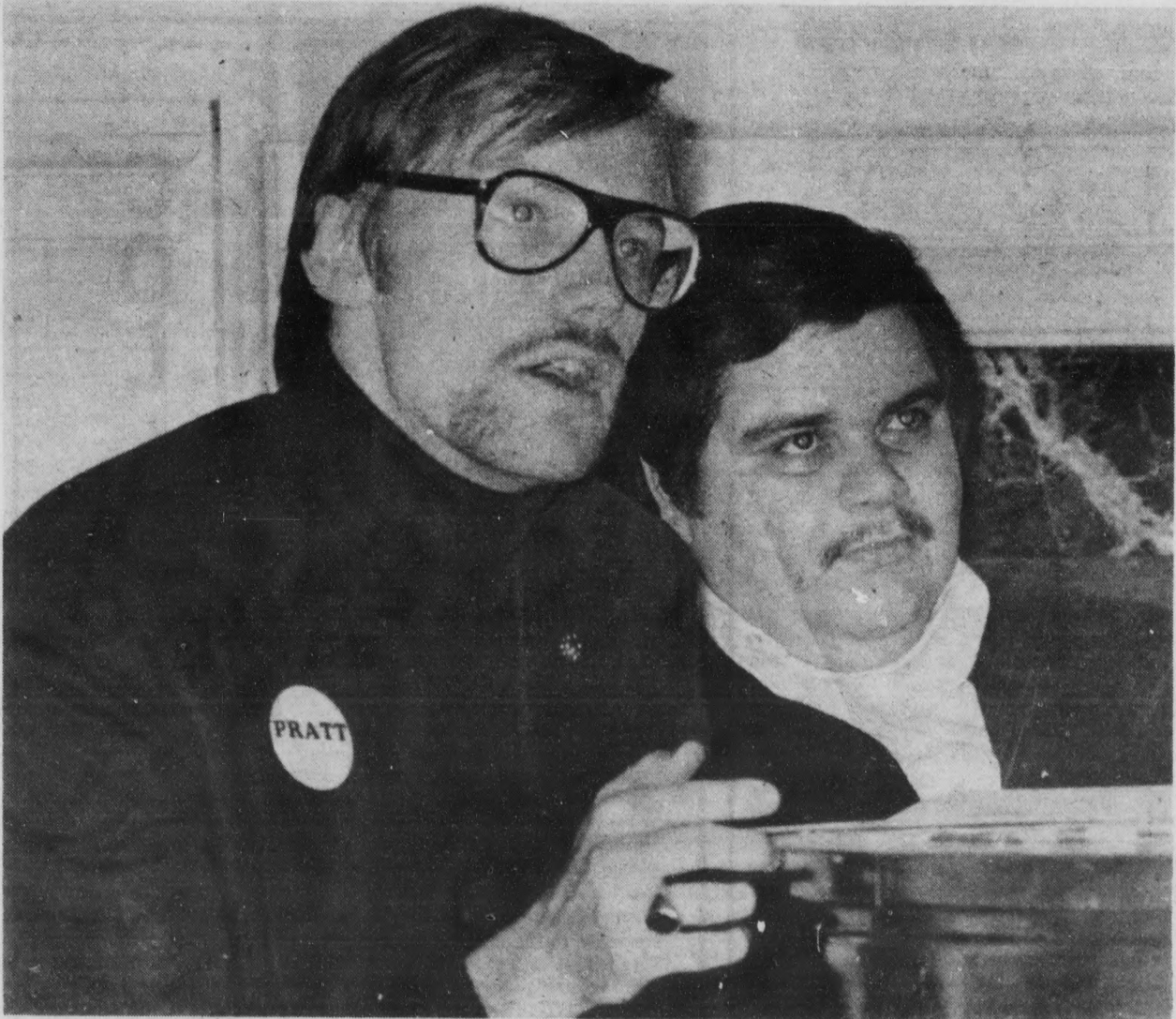


Photo by Philip Wong

Unsuccessful candidates Chris Pratt and Dale Saulis field questions at a forum Tuesday evening.