



MURRAY SWEEPS PRESIDENCY

By GERRY LASKEY

"The electorate decided who they wanted, Jim's a good man and I'll support him," said runner-up presidential candidate, Kevin Garland, when contacted the morning after Jim Murray's election as new student union president.

The other presidential candidate, Steve Whalen, commented, "I hope Jim does a real good job. I enjoyed running. At least I caused a bit of interest among the students."

Commenting on the course of the campaign, Whalen added, "I think the election could have been a bit better organized. I'm pleased with the way my campaign went. It did what I hoped it

would, which wasn't necessarily to get me elected."

Murray was elected by a margin of nearly 300 votes. Voter turnout was 24 per cent, down from 32% this fall. The actual totals were: Murray, 740; Garland, 483; Whalen, 284. The new union comptroller is Brian Pryde, who won 1,002 to 386 over contender Doug Stewart. The referendum on union fee increases of ten dollars was defeated 1,410 to 336. The vote on AFS fees of one dollar per capita was no - 863, yes - 592.

Jim Murray was contacted election night at a well-known local public house, the Riverview Arms, for his comments. Brunswickan reporters were confronted by a large crowd of CHSR staff and

candidates, at various stages of inebriation waving a microphone and yelling, "We scooped the Bruns!"

Murray took a few minutes to comment on his election: "I was surprised at the results. I expected a much tighter race, based on the poster campaigns of other candidates, limiting my platform to the media, etc. The turnout was quite a bit less than I expected. I expected at least a 40% turnout."

"I only hope I can prove myself an efficient leader and bring the students back into the student union. I don't want to make it (the union) a Mickey Mouse club on campus, but get into some real political action," Murray added. "I think in the upcoming term the emphasis of Council

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