

'No' side scores victory

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The 'no' side scored a resounding victory in the SUB referendum held Monday at UNB; however, at Saint Thomas University, results released Monday from a vote over a month ago showed 68 percent voted 'yes'.

Out of 1,213 voters at UNB, 22 percent of those eligible, 845 cast their votes against continuing a \$15 annual fee allocation to the Student Union Building for renovations. Also decided Monday were the SRC arts representative seat where Willa Stevenson skimmed past Steve McAllinden by one vote, and the Phys. Ed. seat where Andrew DeMellow beat Blair Cousins by 20 votes.

The total turnout for this referendum was down about 300 voters from the original annulled referendum held on October 21. This time the question was, "I agree to the con-

tinuation of the present annual \$15 Student Union Building allocation of my student fees to be used for the presently proposed alterations and renovations to the SUB." The previous referendum was annulled after much debate due to the omission of "presently proposed" from the wording on the ballot. Saint Thomas had voted on the correct wording previously.

All polls showed overwhelming support for the 'no' side, but at Head Hall support was strongest with 183 voting no and only 49 voting yes.

The main proponents of the renovations were the SUB board whose chairman is David Kaye. The campaign for the 'no' vote was run by the Committee Against Unnecessary Student Expenditures with chairman John Bosnitch. Both organizations distributed many leaflets, but the most controversial was The New Brunswickan distributed by CAUSE on election day. Many students confused

this with the official student publication, The Brunswickan which had nothing to do with it.

Stuart Beckingham, president of Saint Thomas student council, who had kept the results from that university secret until the UNB polls closed, released the results on a live CHSR FM election broadcast. The official position of the STU student council was 'yes', and comptroller Asied Debyly conceded that he had voted yes. However, he said like many other STU students he had been underinformed as there was no campaigning for the no side. He became a 'no' supporter after the referendum when he heard the arguments of CAUSE.

SUB Board chairman Kaye said he regretted the decision but he still hoped for renovations in the future. He said the only time they could be done is during the summer so as not to disrupt students. Engineering plans would have had to have been

prepared soon for renovations this summer, he said, and due to the vote a delay of at least a year is now likely.

Only students of the faculty involved were able to vote for the two byelections. The numbers of votes cast were very small, especially for the physical education seat. In that race, De Mellow received 33 votes

and Cousins 13. McAllinden, CAUSE vice president and editor of The New Brunswickan, was slow to concede defeat in the arts race. Several recounts were made confirming a 68 to 67 win by Stevenson.

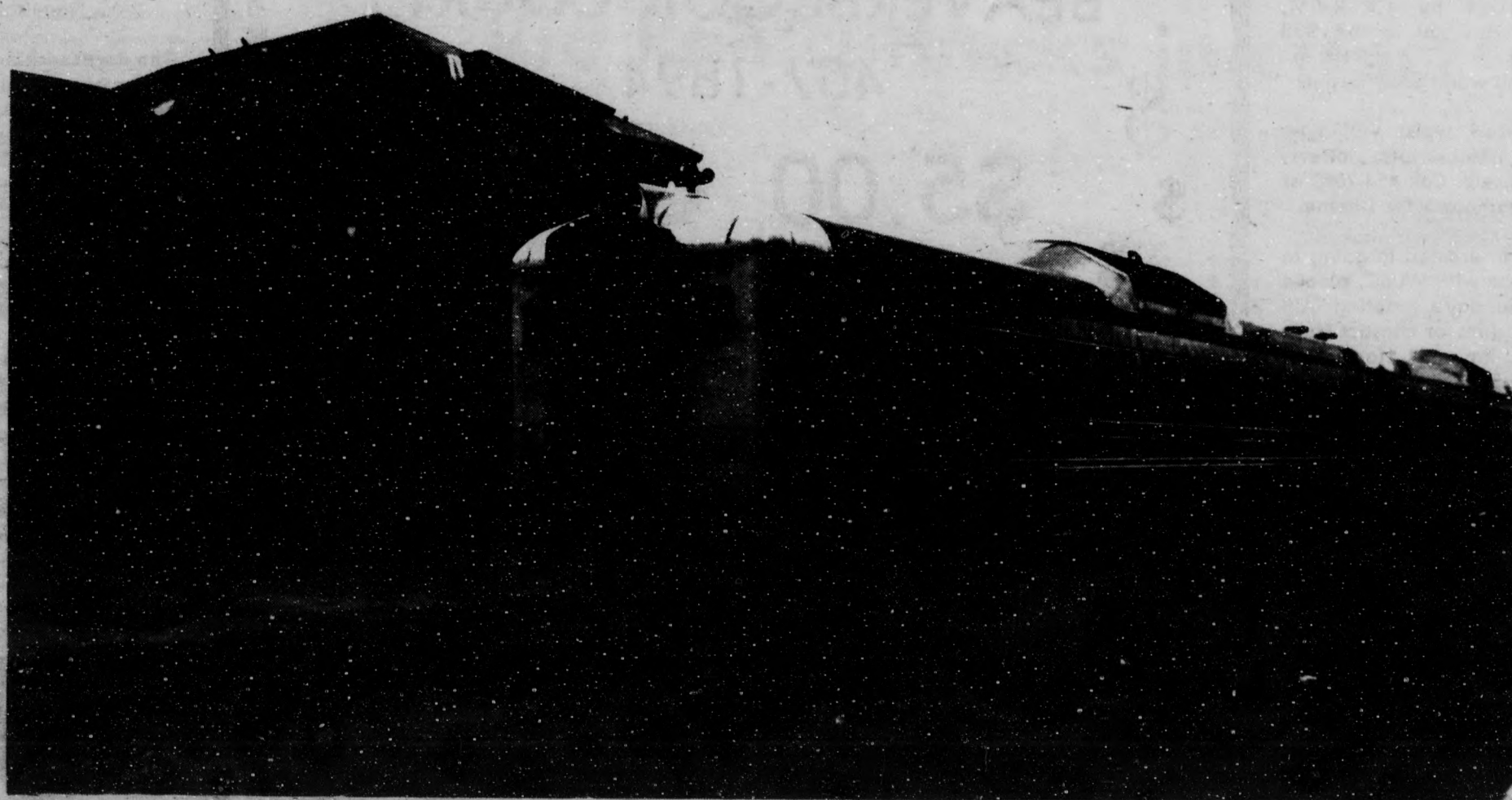
The two byelections were necessitated when nobody was nominated for the seats in the general election last month. As well as arts and Phys. Ed., the nursing seat was decided this time. Kim Rogers was acclaimed, so council now has all its seats filled.



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