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Whitfield wins presidency

Voter turnout up ten percent from last year; Online voting system considered a success

by Chris Wilson-Smith

Cries of jubilation rang out in The Cellar on Tuesday night, and no – it had nothing to do with Grand Theft Bus.

The results of the Student Union elections were announced at midnight, bringing to an end the week-long online voting – a new system that raised voter-turnout to twenty per cent, up ten from last year.

The top position went to Kate Whitfield, who beat out Tim Vail by a count of 869 votes to 391.

Whitfield served the last year as Student Union vice president (executive), and was visibly excited about her new role as president.

"I'm going to continue getting Student Union issues out there, as I feel we've made some big steps throughout the last year. Obviously, furthering the discussion of rising tuition is a big issue, but we're also going to work at continuing the safety concerns expressed by the student population this year."

Whitfield also mentioned the off-campus housing webpage project, a new initiative that will attempt to solve the problem of housing in Fredericton as expressed to the union by many students in the past few years.

Filling the other positions are John Campbell as the vice president (executive), Clarence Bennett as vice president (university affairs), Matthew Clark, vice president (finance), and Fane Dezan, vice president (student services).

According to Whitfield, the incoming executive will be an interesting one, as she is the only female.

"I'm looking forward to working with everyone next year, but it will be sort of a boys' club...and me," said Whitfield.

However, incoming vice president (executive) Fane Dezan pointed out that in terms of the Student Union positions on the whole, "the gender line will be relatively equal."

Other than the race for the presidency, the only other contested position was for vice president (executive). The final tally reflected a close race, as Campbell beat out David MacCoubrey by 86 votes.

The results for other Student Union positions were also announced, including Board of Governors positions, Senate positions, and Student Representatives for each faculty.

The final results for each position can be found posted outside the Student Union office.

The incoming executive does not take effect until May 1st. When asked what she will be doing to celebrate until that time, Whitfield replied with excitement:

"I'm going to write a midterm."



Mark McGinnis/The Brunswickan

Current Student Union vice president (executive) Kate Whitfield will take over the presidency on May 1st.

VNC lets UNB see you and me

New program raises privacy concerns at Tilley Lab

by Kora Stapelfeldt

The computer lab in Tilley Hall is being monitored – but not in the conventional way.

Virtual Network Computing (VNC) is a remote display system that allows people to monitor the activities taking place on any computer that has the program, at any moment, and from anywhere on the internet. For instance, an individual may watch the desktop of the computer equipped with VNC as the person on the other end writes their e-mail, performs their on-line banking, or moves their mouse across the screen.

The new computer kiosk on the ground floor of Tilley Hall at UNB is equipped with this program and a surprising few know about VNC's installation or its capabilities.

Computer lab manager Bill Hamilton provides technical support for the Faculty of Arts at UNB, and is responsible for the implementation of the VNC program on the new stations.

"We make every effort to have a safe computing environment," stated Hamilton. As to the reasoning behind VNC's realization, Hamilton said "it was a security precaution."

This issue is stirring up some negative feelings on campus as questions are starting to emerge.

What of the students who cannot afford personal computers and require these computers for their online transactions? Do they need to sacrifice

their privacy because of financial concerns?

"[The students] really shouldn't be doing their personal transactions through University machines" remarked Hamilton.

Although there is a sign posted by the terminals designating the area for email usage, some students are wondering why the computers are there. Many of the students who were questioned by The Brunswickan pointed out that there is a sign posted

by the terminals designating the area for email usage.

Andrea Clowater, a student who uses the new kiosk at Tilley, said "Email is a personal thing – if they want monitoring they should just have someone walk through the area once in a while."

"We have to keep the area under scrutiny in some fashion," declared Hamilton. "One incident has already

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Bad press for UNB?

"Brisson forced to quit UNB for Olympics," says CBC to millions of viewers

by Samantha Robichaud

Last Thursday, more than 4.5 million television viewers heard that a UNB professor had to quit after being denied a leave of absence to play in the Olympics.

Dr. Therese Brisson plays defence on the gold-medal winning Canadian women's hockey team. She was employed at UNB as an assistant professor of Kinesiology from 1995 to 2000.

During the broadcast of the gold medal women's hockey final, CBC commentators claimed that Brisson had been forced to resign in 2000 in order to prepare for the Salt Lake City Olympics.

The press coverage about the Brisson issue has "had all kinds of consequences for us at UNB" according to Dr. Chris Stevenson, Dean of Kinesiology. "What is upsetting about it is how ill-informed some of the comments were – they took a very simplistic view."

Dr. Elizabeth Parr-Johnston, the current president, mentioned that UNB's press release on the issue was updated after the negative coverage because "there were several requests for information." The date of the press release, however, remained unchanged.

The release was also included to all students in the McGinn e-newsletter because "we did get a number of inquiries – it helps to be as forthcoming as possible," said Parr-Johnston.

When asked whether she thought the negative publicity would discourage high-level athletes from working for the university, Parr-Johnston said, "When you come to UNB as a professor, you have three main objectives: teaching, research, and service – that is what our faculty is expected to do, that is their job."

While she was at UNB, Brisson did receive a number of short-term leaves, including six months to play on the silver medal-winning hockey team at the 1998 Olympics.

Leaves of absence fall under the collective agreement, but are decided primarily after requests are given consideration by the faculty.

"If the rewards from the investment are going to be really good, and it's

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

THERE AIN'T NO RULES AROUND HERE! WE'RE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH SOMETHING!

THOMAS A. EDISON



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The 6th annual Bridges House Polar Dip took place on Saturday afternoon. It was a great chance to raise food and money for the local food bank, and get really cold in the process.