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'Diverse and Experienced' voted next exec

After weeks of campaigning, the results of the 2009 UNBSU election are in

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UNB undergrads have spoken – or at least, just under a third of them have. Ballots have been cast and tallied, and the results of the 2009 UNBSU general election are in.

Despite heavier campaigning than in recent years, only 1,768 students out of the 6,160 eligible to vote made their voices heard. That number makes up only 28.7 per cent of voter turnout, compared to last year's 24.6 per cent.

The group referring to themselves as 'Diverse & Experienced' took all five SU executive seats, while the United for Change slate took three councillor positions.

Jon O'Kane was voted in as Student Union President with 523 votes over competitor Matt Abbott. David Rabinovitch was disqualified from the Presidential race early in the campaign period for not having paid SU fees.

Stephanie Lord will return to sit in the position of VP Student Services with a total of 1024 votes. She edged out both Shane Martinez and Earl Montanez, who had 330 and 203 votes, respectively.

Also returning to her position is Lisa Solte as VP Finance, with 427 votes over Alex Corey.

Ryan Brideau won the position of VP External, finishing over Andrew Mercier by 401 votes.

The position of VP Academic was won by Shannon Carmont, who obtained the position by 406 votes over Mallory Driscoll.

Election results will be ratified at next week's Council meeting on Monday, Mar. 16. Ratification will not occur this week due to a possible appeal.

See page 6 for a full list of winners in the UNBSU general election.

## Organization on the go



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Third year UNB Computer Science student Jason Brennan has created an application for the Apple iPhone called Keener. The application is essentially a grade calculator and organizer for assignments and tests. Brennan will take home 70 per cent of the sales for his invention.

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While most UNB students are wondering what they're going to do with their degrees after they get out of school, third-year computer science student Jason Brennan has already put his education to good use.

Brennan designed an application called Keener for the Apple iPhone. Keener helps students keep track of their grades and organize their schoolwork.

"You put in your courses when you start the semester," explained the 20-year-old Computer Science student. "You put in your homework assignments, your quizzes, and the labs that are coming up. You put in the due dates and it gives you a list of what's due, what's overdue, and what's due next

week. And when you get your tests and assignments back you just punch in your marks and it keeps track of your overall grades for the semester."

Keener is like a grade calculator. It gives a percentage grade for each class while the class is still ongoing.

"And it does weighted grading, so if your course is 50 per cent essay and 50 per cent exam then that'll work," said Brennan.

Brennan developed Keener from November to the start of January, and he lists his own university experience as his inspiration.

"I came up with this because I am not a keener at all," laughed Brennan. "I'm not very studious and I find that I'm a lot more organized if I have a way to record everything."

Brennan wanted an organizer that he could keep with him at all times. Agendas are okay to him, but the writing can smudge and it's hard to fit an agenda

in a jeans pocket. Keener proved to be the perfect solution, because like some other students, Brennan found that he already had his iPhone with him most of the time.

Brennan also wanted to learn more about computer programming. He does a lot of programming in his spare time and he wanted see how difficult it was to program for the iPhone.

"I like to keep up on new things so the iPhone is kind of a cool thing for me," he said. "I was looking for a way to teach myself how to program for them... and this idea kind of just hit me. I figured that would be a good way for me to learn and to help with my schoolwork. And there are a lot of students out there too, so it could be a good market."

Keener went on sale Jan. 25. It costs \$4.99 and Brennan gets 70 per cent, or \$3.50, from each sale. The other 30 per cent goes to Apple and the company handles all the billing and shipping.

"You can buy it right on your computer from iTunes, or you can buy it right on your iPhone or iPod touch. They both have a little application called App Store and you just go in and search for Keener."

Brennan also credits his education at UNB for helping him create Keener.

"They don't teach this specifically at UNB," said Brennan in reference to iPhone programming. "They teach programming in a different language, but the same concepts apply. They teach a lot of the same concepts and this was just applying the concepts that I learned."

"In computer science you learn the basics and then you can apply it to new things. If they tried to teach you the most current thing all the time, they just couldn't do it because by the time that you start a degree program to the time that you finish, that's four years, and that's a lot of time in computer years."



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