

## Cobb, Ryan, Blacquiere, Orr new executive Election tempest settling down gradually

By Ross Hartinger

With 44% of the electoral vote, Third-Year Arts student Gordon Cobb says he is "ready to jump right in there" on May 1st, which is the day his term as Student Union President at the

was confident of a victory but admitted it would be a close race for the position.

With an open door policy coupled with a high level of communication throughout the campus community, Cobb says he can achieve positive results.

take among all the students at UPEI.

"We can't ignore the professional studies, I think the best way is to work together" said Zakem responding to a question Tuesday.

After the results of the election were announced

avenues would be to keep costs down while providing services.

"Money has to come back to the students ... there has been a move toward this, but we need a commitment," said Cobb who believes in that business approach.

Cobb also believes that the SU executive must promote participation in the Sub-organizations of the Student Union.

"Constant input by students is needed to run a government. We must meet their needs," says Cobb.

Although voting was down 6% compared to last year, the interest level rose considerably after the speeches on Tuesday.

Allegations by Vice-President Academic candidate Kevin O'Brien of violations of the present Student Union constitution caused a stir.

O'Brien hinted that Bob Hanf, speaker of the Council was derelict in his duty by not adhering to the constitution in some areas.

Hanf said after the meeting that he was upset and that O'Brien's accusation "really hit home," as an attack on his personal integrity. The issue O'Brien was referring to was later cleared up in Council.

Meanwhile, more controversy surrounded the O'Brien camp as he was taken off the ballot on the second day of voting because CEO Arsenault found O'Brien posters hanging after an election deadline. Also, O'Brien is not a full-time student and was thus disqualified by Arsenault.

Petitions were circulating during the second day of voting by some students who wanted to halt the election. The decision on whether or

not the ballots were to be counted hinged on the validity of that petition.

In a detailed letter to *The Netted Gem*, Arsenault outlined the reasons behind her decision (Page 4).

President-Elect Gordon Cobb said the CEO has no solid guide from the constitution and stressed that it was the fault of no one but the constitution itself.

"No one is going to go through the hell again Tracey went through today," said Cobb.

At a Student Council Meeting last Sunday, a positive step was taken as a request for changes to the constitu-

In a related matter, Business Representative Kevin Wisener tabled the concerns of a few students who were worried about the actions of one candidate in the election.

Wisener said he was asked to look into the matter of a complete student list in the possession of one of the candidates during the election campaign.

Wisener questioned the legality of someone possessing the list, which contains personal information.

The concern prompted responses both from the Council members, the gallery, and Speaker Hanf.

Mike Trainor, former

### Posters, allegations, voter list debated

tion from students Heather Scott and Lydia MacLaren was accepted unanimously by Council.

A committee consisting of one member of next year's executive, two members of next year's Council, and two non-Council members was established to examine and recommend changes to the SU constitution concerning nomination and election procedures.

Carolyn Ryan, Steve Zakem, Inge Dorsey, Heather Scott, and Lydia MacLaren will meet over the summer and prepare a report for Council for approval in the fall of 1985.

In an attempt to stop further confusion at elections the committee will try to establish a definite role for the CEO and clarify nomination and election procedures for candidates.

speaker of the Student Council, said that in federal politics, a voter list can be obtained only from the office of the CEO, and without permission it would be a legal offense.

"The list contains information that I don't want anyone to see," said Arts representative Tracey Pendergast as discussion on the matter ensued.

SU President Michelle Dorsey stated that is any more allegations are to be made, there should be more evidence.

Hanf ended the discussion by saying he intends to "launch a formal complaint" after he resigns his chair.

Neither the identity of the candidate who allegedly used the document for campaigning nor the exact uses of the document itself did not come out at the meeting.



The new executive of the Student Union: Treasurer John Orr, VP Academic Carolyn Ryan, VP Operations Karen Blacquiere, and President Gordon Cobb. (Photo: Griswold, Information Office)

University of Prince Edward Island begins.

Cobb, whose name appeared on 366 of the 836 ballots after voting last Wednesday and Thursday, defeated Bob Hanf, speaker of the UPEI Student Union Council, and Steve Zakem, student representative on the UPEI Board of Governors.

After his formal speech at the UPEISU General Meeting Tuesday, Cobb said he

"UPEI has a broad mandate, we have to provide while we grow or we'll lose the people. There must be a sense of balance and respect ... how it's achieved is another thing," said Cobb during the meeting.

He says the Student Union has to be able to bring students with differing viewpoints together.

In the same frame of mind, both Hanf and Zakem agreed there must be some give and

Thursday night at the Barn by Chief Electoral Officer Tracey Arsenault, Cobb said he ran a good campaign but could have done without the hassles.

Hanf, who was visibly upset after the results were released, said the election was "a wonderful experience" but would not elaborate further.

In his speed Tuesday, Hanf said the SU executive should be highly visible and should consist of responsible councillors thriving on communication with the student body.

"It has to let people know who is who," said Hanf, who received 298 votes.

Hanf is concerned about rising tuition costs and wants them stabilised. He says there will soon be a need for more housing for students at UPEI as well.

Steve Zakem was the low man on the totem pole grabbing 172 votes in the election. He wanted to see more communication within the Student Union and the University.

Both Hanf and Zakem agreed that the Student Union Building (The Barn) should be run with a good business sense, but profit should not be the bottom line.

Hanf says the SUB could create money without the profit-oriented approach, adding there are other resources and a more effective

## Election results

**Cobb: 366 (E) President**  
**Hanf: 208**  
**Zakem: 172**  
**Ryan: (acclaimed) VP Academic**  
**Blacquiere: 626 (E) VP Operations**  
**Stanley: 211**  
**Orr: (acclaimed) Treasurer**  
**WUSC referendum: 87% yes**

Quote of the Week:

"Well, I guess what I'm trying to say is that I don't really have a view."

Senator David Doiron at Sunday's Council meeting, airing his views on paid staff sitting on Council. Too good to resist, Dave!



Lock Ness? Lake Louise? No, it's Lake Blanchard, UPEI, on a slow Friday. And angling for something more stimulating than fish are engineers Brian Thomson, Mike Paulin, Craig Williams, Daryl Ford, and Gordie MacDonald. (Photo: Yorston)