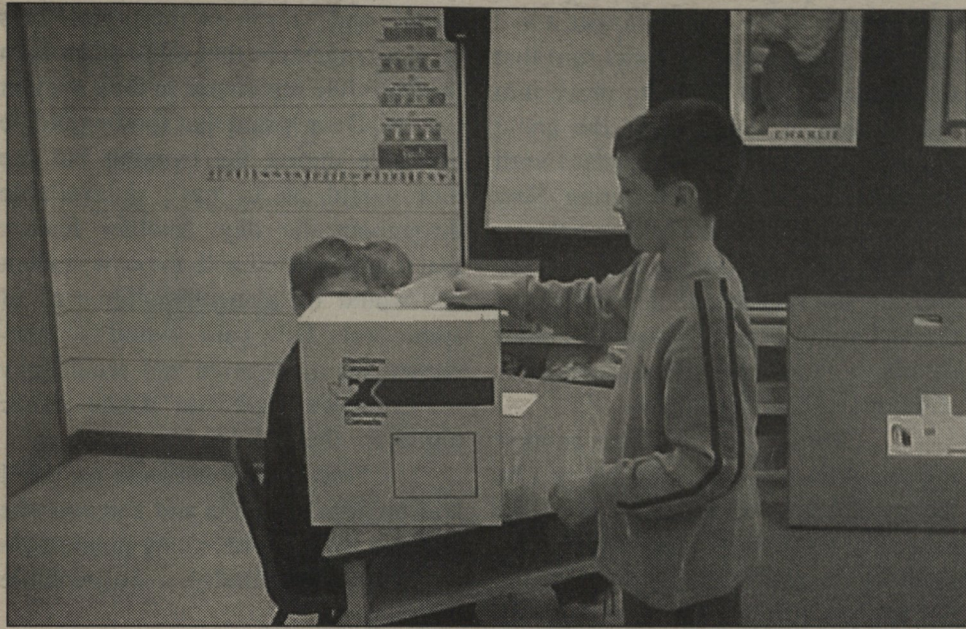


SU Election Results!

by Erin FAGAN



Students voting.

Seventeen percent of UPEI's student body took the time to vote in the recent Student Union elections, reports Chief Returning Officer Kim Tran. This figure is ten percent higher than the turnout New Student Orientation for the October 2001 by-elections.

17% Voter Turnout

The majority of the above electorate voted in Chris Power, the current VP of Campus Affairs, as the President-Elect. Power ran against Nick Gaudet, the current Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) representative.

In addition, Krista Gallant was elected Executive Vice President, and Matt McCarville will be the Vice President of Activities for the 2002-2003 school year.

The two valedictorians for the upcoming convocations were also chosen during the elections. Tracy Matthews will speak at the morning convocation, and Caolan Moore will be the valedictorian at the afternoon ceremony.

Council officially ratified the election results on Sunday, April 7.

The other election results are as follows:

SCIENCE REPS:
Jeff Clow
Brady Gaudet
Laurel Murphy
Patricia McPhail

ARTS REPS:
Rebecca McCarvill
Melanie Stavert

BUSINESS REP:
Jared Hogg

SENATE REPS:
Chris "Tex" Mutch
Christina Holloway
Bryan Bradley

MAPUS SENATE REP:
Colleen Mackey

EDUCATION REP:
Roxanne Hall

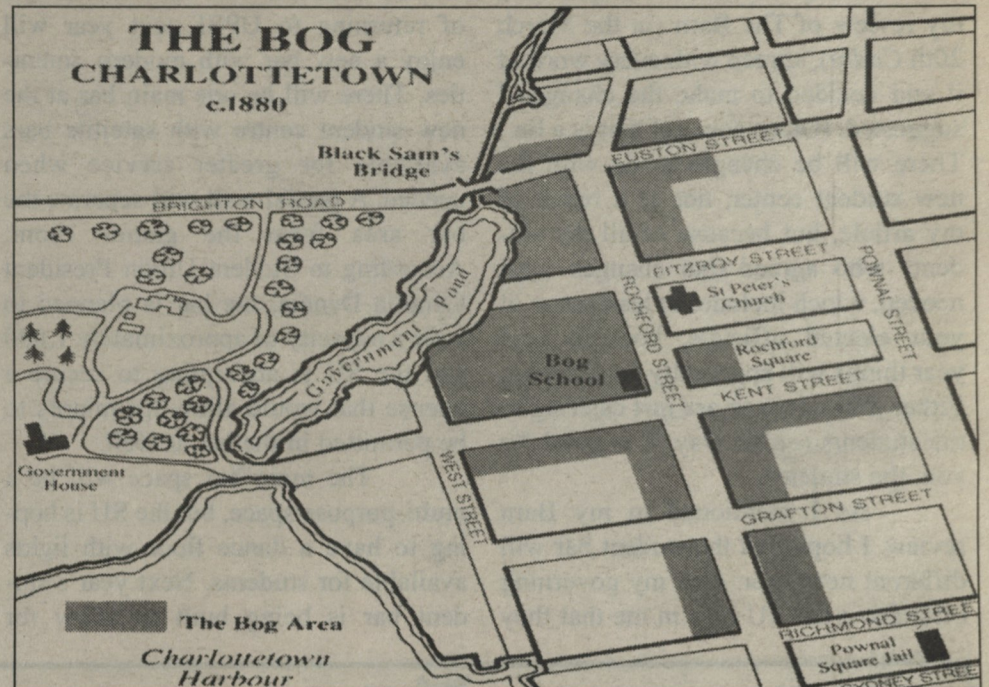
VETERINARY MEDICINE REP:
Mike Stokes

BOARD OF GOVERNORS REP:
Simi Nijjar

MAPUS ELECTIONS:
Valerie Campbell - President
Helen McKenna - Vice President
Belinda Johnson - Secretary/Treasurer

Resurfacing the Bog

by Marc MacDONALD and Kathy JOHNSTON



Were there ever slaves on Prince Edward Island? Was there ever a significant Black community in Charlottetown? Many people do not know the answer to both these questions is *yes*, but a new project, organized at U.P.E.I., is attempting to change that.

If you have ever read Jim Hornby's book "Black Islanders," taken professor Llewellyn Watson's sociology classes, or David Weale's history courses, you might already know of the Bog. Unfortunately, many Islanders and its visitors have not had the privilege of experiencing these things, but they too should be aware of this important element of our history. It is for this reason that students of professor Watson's "Black Societies in the Americas" with the support of the Sociology/Anthropology Society, the History Society and *The Cadre* have organized a plan to commemorate the Bog. The group will petition the City of Charlottetown to erect a statue or monument to recognize the community and the contribution of its members, as well as the circumstances surrounding its destruction.

The Bog was located on the west side of Charlottetown, in its poorer section. The community flourished between 1810 and 1900, with a peak population of one hundred

African-Islanders. The population of this neighbourhood grew almost exclusively from the descendants of slaves. In the 1770s, after the American War of Independence, Loyalists arrived on the Island and some of them brought slaves. Slavery was abolished on Prince Edward Island in 1825, but the Blacks who remained on the Island still faced discrimination and poverty.

At its peak, the Bog district ran from the north side of Euston street, south on Rochford street. The community had a segregated school and several sports teams. The Bog was often viewed by outsiders as a place of poverty and delinquency. To its residents however, it was a community that they owned and it was a place where they could be free. By 1900, the Bog declined through emigration, redevelopment of the area, and further assimilation of the remaining African-Islanders in to the general population.

There will a meeting on Friday at 4pm in the Sociology/Anthropology Lounge on fourth floor of Main regarding the commemoration effort. If anyone is interested in learning more on the subject or would like to join the effort to remember the Bog, they are welcome to attend.