

ELECTION A DRAW

By John Cairns

A rather amazing thing happened last Friday at UPEI. That, if you remember, was election day for several council positions and one executive position within the UPEI Student Union. That fact in itself may not be astounding, but what was more surprising was the result. The battle for Communications Officer ended in a deadlock. Candidates Alban Gallant and Shelly Pepler each polled 96 votes. As a result they faced a re-vote on Wednesday, October 10th. Other candidates fared better.

Elected were Brendon Bolger, Caroline Hill, and Robert O'Hanley as senators and Jim Costello as arts rep.

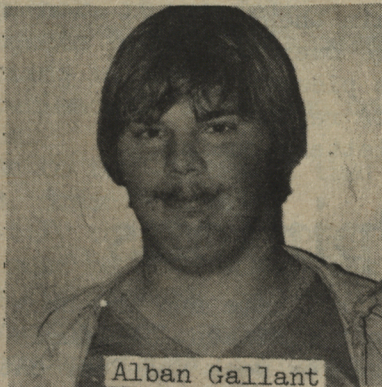
Student Union business manager Mickey Place, was contacted about the situation on Tuesday. He advised the SUN that, "I remember no other ties ever happening, but the tie doesn't concern me. What is more important is the small number of students who go for office, especially for Board of Governors and Senate. Years ago students worked hard to get representatives in those places, and it is disturbing that more don't try to fill such important positions."

When asked if there

might be another tie Mr. Place added that, "That's a pretty big problem. I think you should ask a math professor that. But if there is another tie it would simply be re-voted again. I do think that to prevent this confusion there should be someone who would vote in the case of a tie, someone who would not vote ordinarily, perhaps the speaker of the student council."

The vote on Wednesday may or may not have been more decisive. Regardless of what the final result

was, however, one thing remains true. That is that



Alban Gallant

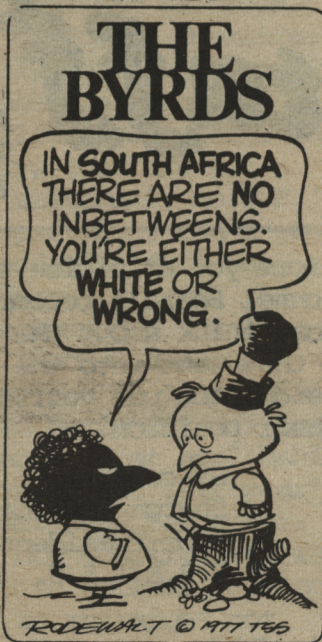


Shelley Pepler

Candidates Alban Gallant and Shelly Pepler tied in their bids to become Information Officer of the Student Union. A run-off was held on Wednesday. Results were not available at press time.

both candidates fought a good campaign and a close

one. The loser has no reason to be ashamed.





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The telephone rang so the man picked up the receiver. The operator asked him if he would accept the charge for a certain long-distance call. The man knew immediately that the call had come from his wife. Before he could answer a voice said, "No".

The man, who was now angry, shouted "Yes!" into the telephone.

The problem was that the telephone company had installed a party-line, claiming that the building he lives in, which was constructed in 1973, only had the facilities for a few apartments to have private lines. Thus any subsequent phones would be connected to the original lines to form party lines.

Although I do not know whether the building or the telephone company is at fault this lack of foresight has resulted in the infringement of people's privacy.

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