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Kestenbaum by a mere 74 votes.

Higgins, spending the evening at a benefit dinner, learned of her victory when Kestenbaum sought her out for congratulations.

"Larry Kestenbaum was very kind," Higgins said. "I didn't think it was going to be a cake walk."

Kestenbaum said he is disappointed with the loss but happy with his campaign.

"The response I got ... was really more favorable than I expected," Kestenbaum said. "I'm sorry I can't be on city council for them," he said, referring to those who supported and voted for him. "I think turnout was light and the weather was bad," he said.

Ward II Republican victor Dee Freiburg said she knows her life will become hectic but is ready for the challenge.

"I'm nervous. I really want to live up to the expectations of the voters," Freiburg said.

Freiburg said her major goal is to improve and increase "neighborhood associations" throughout Ann Arbor.

After finding out she won, Democrat Heidi Herrell said, "I am glad I won. I am looking forward to another two years to serve the city in the Third



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Rackham graduate student Charles Goodman fell short of becoming the first Libertarian to win a spot on the Ann Arbor City Council in yesterday's election.

Ward."

First Ward Libertarian candidate Charles Goodman, who received 11 percent of the vote, said that it does not discourage him that a Libertarian has never been elected to the council.

"It's very hard in a political system such as ours for someone who is not with the two major parties to get elected."

While receiving little more than

20 percent of the votes in Ward V, Republican candidate Michael Maylen said his experience has convinced him to run in the 2000 election.

"Tonight, the people of Ward V elected two representatives," Maylen said. "I've gotten involved and I plan on staying involved."

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