

Co-operation should be aim, says Pratt

Dear Editor:

The unfortunate episode of the last Council meeting provides interested students with an insight into the workings of the SRC and its members. As the motions were presented to Council, Vice President Stairs told the meeting that the actions of the rest of the Executive were "perpetuated by comments that the President was

sometimes very difficult to find and engaged in a number of meetings and consequently people were having problems..." Public presentation of the problem and discussion of the facts at a Council meeting surely would have sufficed and should have been looked at as a last resort. The arguments for resignation that were presented point out one thing clearly. The executive of our SRC

is too worried about each other. An executive that takes time and expends the effort on the presentation of last night certainly has their priorities mixed up. The executive acted last night in what they thought was the best interests of the students of this university. They persuaded the members of Council that what they were being asked to do was in the best interests of UNB students and

pushed through motions which have the potential of being personally damaging to Mr. McKenzie. There are better ways of handling the problem. Council last night heard from the lawyer of the Student Union what the possible ramifications of their actions would be. In response to what they considered to be threats council acted in the way they did. This calls into question the role of

the lawyer for our council. What good is it to have what I considered to be reasonable advice and council on such matters and then ignore such advice?

Mr. Forbes spoke only in terms of re-examining and discussing the matter in surroundings much more conducive to reasonable discussion than an emotionally charged Council chambers.

Hasty action and genuine concern for students were the two hallmarks of the confrontation. The meeting got out of hand on several occasions with "sotto voce" comments from observers around the room serving only to distract the council members who should have been devoting their full attention to the meeting. I would ask the executive of the SRC to try and work with each other and not against each other. I would also ask council to examine every motion that comes before it from every possible angle before they move on it. I would applaud council and the executive for their zealous attention to duty but I criticize their methodology. Co-operation, not confrontation should be the aim of all members of the UNB SRC.

Sincerely,
Christopher B.J. Pratt

Garland elected

Eric C. Garland, UNB director of planning and assistant vice-president (administration) was elected a Fellow of the Engineering Institute of Canada at its annual meeting in Winnipeg Oct. 2.

Garland was one of 12 from across Canada to receive the distinction.

The EIC's criteria are excellence in engineering and contribution to the well-being of the profession and of society in general.

Garland is also president of the Canada Council of Professional Engineers.

Garland is a former EIC vice-president, and at present is president of the Canadian Council of Professional Engineers.

A UNB alumnus, he holds BSc degrees in civil engineering ('54) and mechanical engineering ('55).

SRC Minutes

PRESENT: D. Bone, T. Bone, Batanyita, Brewer, Doherty, Garland, Kennedy, MacKay, McKenzie, MacLean, Nelissen, Stairs, Tranquilla.

ITEM I In the minutes of the last meeting (September 29, 1975) Item 5 motion 1 "BE IT RESOLVED THAT Item 11a be accepted as circulated was moved by Batanyita should have been seconded by Stairs and not McKenzie. Brewer should have been recorded as present.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the SRC Meeting of September 29, 1975 be accepted as corrected.

Stairs:McKenzie (11:0:0)

ITEM II MOTION I

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRC suspend normal business proceedings at this time in order that an extraordinary matter be considered in which an elected representative of the SRC has defrauded the Student Union Inc., of the University of New Brunswick.

Batanyita:Stairs (11:0:0) unanimous (Note only simple major vote needed to pass)

MOTION 2

Passed out to councillors present and to Executive and chairperson - Brewer and MacLean leave meeting - Kennedy asked if quorum was broken?

Chairperson says "NO". The second motion is read aloud.

Brewer and MacLean re-enter the meeting. Batanyita speaks to motion - referring to hand out, and recent conversations with Mr. McKenzie.

McKenzie - "Point of Order" is Gary Stairs eligible to second this motion. (Motion 11) Chairperson rules Stairs may second motion and vote on issue, he may also speak on the motion, his reason being his previous rule on Stairs status as councillor in an earlier meeting of the SRC this year.

MacLean noted that Batanyita stated this was an executive motion and request what the executive consisted of.

Stairs, vice-president, comptroller, and assistant comptroller. McKenzie, there are other executive members.

McKenzie said he is not attending courses, no one asked him what he was doing about his courses. He stated he was taking C.S. 6461, C.S. 4811, B.A. 2511. McKenzie stated that Batanyita was not decent, and Batanyita should have warned him previous to any action.

Chairperson, rules; McKenzie is "frenching his privilege" on that statement.

Brewer - Warren may be out of line but she is surprised at the method of action brought against him, and the severity of this action.

Batanyita - I have asked McKenzie about his course load, to which McKenzie said he was carrying 3 1/2 credits. On this Batanyita phoned the Registrar and checked, in fact McKenzie was registered for (C.S. 3011, C.S. 4811, Math 3301, B.A. 2511, C.S. 5201, B.A. 2201 - second term - C.S. 4992, C.S. 3322, C.S. 4602, but on September 14th 1975 McKenzie dropped Math 3301 and C.S. 3011 and added C.S. 6461.

Batanyita at this point stated the two presidential options (i.e. salary and 3 courses or honoraria and more than 3 courses.)

McKenzie stated he was carrying a part course over from the summer.

Doherty says council should not compare McKenzie's performance with former presidents, the president has violated 'The Constitution'. He asked why McKenzie was so confused on 1st term courses and clear cut decided on second term.

McKenzie - second term is compulsory. In first I slapped down a few courses at the rink to see which I liked. I have only 3 1/2 courses at present.

McKenzie asks for rule of the chair "What does the word Taking mean - (as in Taking a Course)?"

The Chair rules - intend to write an exam - or to finish the course. Council does not challenge the rule of the Chair.

Batanyita, president could be in the library studying his courses if he chooses not to attend classes.

Stairs leaves the meeting.

Brewer "How many courses do you need to graduate, Warren?"

McKenzie 4 or 5 credits under the Kepros system 3, maybe.

MacLean - defraud is a "Heavy" word and MacLean moves to table the motion.

Chairperson reminds council the president will have to work 2 weeks with this motion over his head (referring to Motion 11 if tabled).

President asked if the motion could be voted on because of the above ruling on the word "Taking".

MOTION 3

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the matter brought before the Council on October 6, 1975 referring to the President's position be tabled to a later date.

MacLean: Brewer (2:8:0) defeated

Carol MacKay joins the meeting.

Doherty, why did you (Mr. President) not offer information on number of courses and your schedule.

McKenzie, "It is none of your business".

Doherty, when asked by Batanyita how many courses you were taking what was your answer?

Stairs re-entered the meeting.

McKenzie, three and one-half.

Doherty, how many do you need for a degree?

McKenzie 3.5.

Doherty, when should we ask how many courses you are taking?

McKenzie, no one asked me.

Doherty, you should tell us.

McKenzie, do I have to tell you everytime I do this, or that?

Doherty said, as of this moment you have not dropped enough courses, and are still legally bound to taking the courses you are registered in.

Brewer - McKenzie has till October 31, 1975.

Miller (J. David Miller) I live with Warren and Warren has not had time to drop them yet.

MacKay, there is a responsibility on the president.

Brewer left meeting.

Batanyita, there is no timetable yet, available in the SRC Office for Warren.

Brewer re-entered the meeting.

Chairperson, due to the grave matter now being considered by council - orders council to stay in their chairs.

Stairs informs the chair the Associate Registrar is outside council chambers.

Chairperson rules the right to appeal the word "take" is over.

Nelissen, stated the registrar has less influence on the chair than members of council, (and should be allowed to speak).

Chairperson rules McKenzie out of order.

Kennedy, "Why did you tell me you would graduate this year with 4.5 courses unfinished."

McKenzie - I was counting on my science year being transferred into the Kepros system and being included.

MOTION 2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRC request the formal resignation at this time of its President, Warren McKenzie for violating Article 2, Section 1A, Sub-section C and D of the By-laws of the Constitution of the Students Representative Council Revised April 1973 edition, which reads:

(C) "The President may take a maximum of three university courses during the period he is being paid his salary."

(D) "If the President waives his salary he may carry a full course load."

As of Friday, October 3, 1975, Warren McKenzie's academic registration for the year 1975-76 was as follows:

Part (1) On Sept. 7, 1975 Warren McKenzie registered for the following 9 half-credit courses.

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