

Galoska's Christmas salary issue still unresolved

The issue of whether University of New Brunswick student government head Peter Galoska should receive salary for two weeks during the Christmas break is still unresolved.

Students' Representative Council comptroller Chris Gilliss moved at the group's Jan. 13 meeting Galoska not be paid his regular \$80-a-week pay for the last week of December and the first week in January due to his absence from university.

A vote was taken on the understanding a two-thirds majority would be needed to pass the motion. It was declared defeated when nine voted for, two against and six abstained. However, it was later noted the two-thirds ruling might not be applicable.

Until SRC legal counsel Peter "Wink" Forbes interprets the motion, the issue will remain unresolved. Galoska said he expected to have an interpretation before council's next meeting.

Pay arrangements for Galoska's predecessor, Roy Neale, did not include the two weeks at Christmas. There was no such exemption made in this year's motion.

Gilliss said the motion should be passed since Galoska had been absent for three weeks and although he had made phone calls on council business during that time, he had not been in his office.

Vacation with full pay was agreed upon for two employees of the council, said Gilliss, but there was no such agreement made about Galoska.

Finally, he said, Galoska will at least earn two per cent of his gross earnings while on vacation.

Galoska replied he didn't want to make an issue out of the matter but held there was an important principle involved. "A contract was made with me when I was elected or hired," he said. "I keep my promises and I expect others to keep theirs."

Galoska said if it had been important he would have been on campus and added he had fulfilled the terms of reference for the president. "I'm paid to do a job," he said. "This is not a matter of an hourly wage."

In an interview later, Galoska said his position was classed as a part time job and therefore he was legally bound to work only 27 1/2 hours a week. Many weeks, he said, he had worked more than 45 hours.

Councillor Gordon Kennedy said he wondered at times if "our beloved president has passed away" and accused Galoska of being absent from his office a number of times, once for four consecutive days.

The president denied the accusation of the four-day absence and termed it "ridiculous." He said he was absent a total of "five, maybe 10 days at the most. I'm not bitching—I love the job and enjoy it in that office."

Galoska said he had raised the issue at one of the first meetings of the Administrative Board during his term. Gilliss said no board members recalled this.

Bob Tuck said the SRC was a corporation and ongoing business and therefore it had obligations to pay its president at least half of his Christmas salary.

Kennedy countered that Galoska's absence released the SRC from any contractual negotiations and questioned whether a precedent might be set. He said council should bear in mind the cost required if Galoska had been required on campus in an emergency.

"It might be cheaper," he said, "if we paid to keep him here." He added if this motion was defeated "a cost of living bonus might be next in line."

Bob Tuck and Peter Charron also spoke for the motion.

Doug McKay said Galoska had worked under the impression he would get paid at Christmas and had been given no impression to the contrary therefore it would be unfair to deprive Galoska of his wages.

Construction is progressing

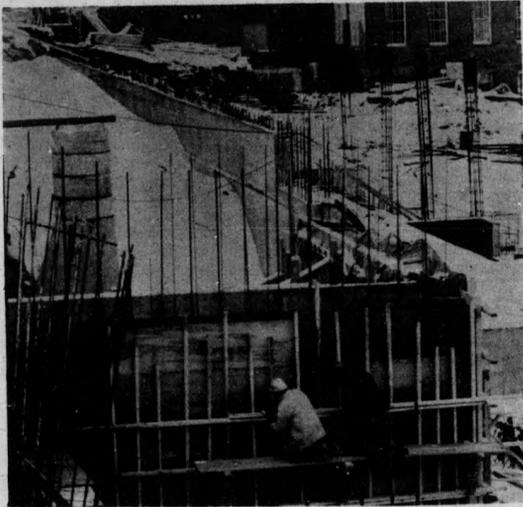


Photo by Steve Fox

Construction of the science complex has slowed due to weather.

By DERWIN GOWAN

Construction on the integrated science complex has reached a slow stage, as concrete pouring has to be held over until the weather turns warmer. Presently, an elevator shaft, is being built. The big drilling rig is responsible for all the noise around the area.

The foundation in the East end, near the Biology Building, will be ready for structural steel around

January 26 if all goes well. The steel is being procured now, according to a spokesman from the Campus Planning office.

Construction on the Aitken University Centre is also at a slow stage, due to the weather. Plumbing in some of the service tunnels to the building is being done, and gravel is being stockpiled. Heavy concrete pouring will resume in the spring. This will be followed by the steel.

SRC honoraria report tabled

The Student Representative Council meeting of Jan. 13 received the report by the SRC Special Honoraria Committee proposing guidelines for awarding honoraria to council members.

The work of SRC Vice President Gary Stairs, Chairman Gordon Kennedy, and representative Hugh Whalen and Warren McKenzie, the report was tabled for the following week.

In response to Kennedy's motion to accept the report Business Representative Peter Charron stated that "on the basis that everybody here wants to leave, and it won't get fair discussion" the report was laid over another week.

Under the new proposals, a council member must submit a resume of relevant activities to the Chairman of the committee and on this basis the special committee will make their recommendations to council.

A point credit system, based on positions held has been established with a scale of one to five in rank for various offices held. A further system has also been established for calculating points for membership in associate clubs and special committees.

Points under the new system will be awarded to council members who have attended at least 80 per cent of scheduled meetings during their term.

Up to two points may be awarded for extenuating circumstances by the awarding committee, and the reason for these points will be presented to council.

To be eligible for honoraria, councillors must complete at least 10 points. Half term representatives will only require 5 points for their honoraria.

No partial honoraria with the exception of half term representatives will be awarded.

Stories on SUB autonomy, continued Anderson will go with SRCs' decisions

UNB President Dr. John Anderson said in a telephone interview with The Brunswickan, that he would not intervene if the Student Union Building was put under the jurisdiction of the two Student Councils.

He said he has discussed the proposal with UNB SRC President Peter Galoska and that the "proposed organized structure appeared workable. If the students want this change in management structure I am satisfied."

Anderson added he could foresee no problems from the Board of Governors even though the building is owned by the university, if the UNB and STU Councils should pursue such a "takeover". He said as long as there was no change made in the constitution which establishes the SUB Board, the administration has no objection.

"The only concern we would have is if the building was being operated inefficiently, discrediting the university, or if it was being run in the red. But, as a matter of record, the building has been run very business like and efficiently

with even a surplus," he said.

He added he was unaware that the St. Thomas Student Union had shown discontent with the original plans and if this was the case, he would be concerned over "one of the members of the 'co-operative' being upset." He said these disagreements should be worked

out first before any plans are finalized.

Concerning the speculation that STU may be financially "forced" to join UNB to stay alive anyway, Anderson said this is "pure speculation" and that there has been absolutely no discussion in this direction.

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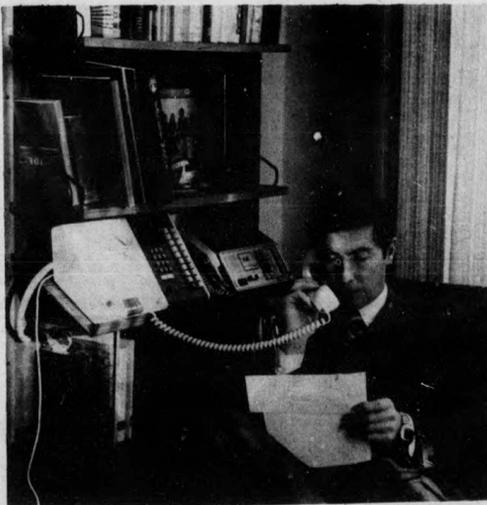


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The Logic 20 is easily serviced.

By STEVE FOX

President Anderson's new phone is thought to be the first of its kind installed in Canada and is definitely a first in Atlantic Canada.

The new instrument, known as the Logic 20, was installed in the president's office at the request of N.B. Tel. The telephone set is still being studied by both the marketing and engineering departments of the company and as a result, the university is not being

charged for its installation. The Logic 20 has greater line handling capacity than any of its predecessors, is easily serviced and is compatible with most other systems currently in use.

The new phone has both intercom lines to the university's top men and outside lines. Twelve of its lines are currently hooked up, not including the two which the speaker phone uses.

The Logic 20 should prove to be a great asset to the president's office with its efficiency and timesaving capability.

Miller expressed concern about SUB board

Dave Miller, SUB Board member and Station Director of CHSR said he is extremely concerned over the possibility of the Student Councils disbanding the Board.

"Things should be kept pretty neutral. The SRCs maybe do need more 'participation' but not on the level they suggest. I would go along with the Presidents being members but if they want more of their executives sitting, then they should do so with no vote."

Miller said he had been talking to members of the UNB Board of Governors and Vice President Administration James O'Sullivan and that their reaction were more or less negative to the original proposal.

Miller added he wanted it clear that he was not only speaking as a Board member and CHSR Director but also and especially as a student.