

Pacey announces three million dollar deficit



Acting UNB President Desmond Pacey informed the Senate this week of a possible \$3 million budget deficit for next year. He also said that we expect a further decrease in enrollment of 200 for next year.

By JOHN BALL

The initial deficit for UNB next year using unpared budget submissions will be \$3,291,000, Acting President Desmond Pacey told the Senate Tuesday. This calculation assumes that the Higher Education Commission will make a grant using the planning figures established in "Flexibility for the Seventies" rather than the actual enrollment figures. He said that the university is expecting a further reduction of 200 in student enrollment.

Pacey gave no indication as to what steps would be taken to balance the budget which must be presented to the Board of Governors by the first week of March. "You can't get rid of a \$3,000,000 deficit without hurting somebody but we hope we will be able to take the course which will hurt the least number of people," he said.

One area in which the university will be tightening up will be that of academic appointments. Senate approved proposals of the Academic and Campus Planning Committee which say that staff members on sabbatical leave and those who retire will not normally be replaced. There also will be no increase in the total academic and academic support staff in 73-74 over 72-73. The Vice-President Administration has been requested to consider similar measures for the non-academic sector of the university.

Resolutions passed late last year by the Arts Council tightening up on the course load requirement of BA and BBA students were defeated by a show of hands at the Senate meeting this week.

The resolutions would have established the normal course loads as five and six courses per year for the respective faculties. The

minimum number of courses would have been four and five. To take an extra course in either faculty a student would have been required to attain an average of 65 percent in at least four or five courses in the previous year again depending on his faculty.

Dean of Arts Thomas Condon presented the resolution as "the considered opinion of the Council." Speaking against the resolutions were Prof. Cogswell and Forbes Elliot of UNBSJ. Elliot pressed the point that a student should be able to finish his degree requirements in what ever time he can regardless. Cogswell felt that most students taking an extra course were those making a subject from a previous year and would probably not be in the group of students with a 65 percent average. He felt these regulations would hurt these students.

The student senators were un-

animously opposed to the motion.

Speaking in support of the resolutions were Profs Pepperdene and MacGill. Pepperdene argued that these regulations merely formalized existing procedures and in fact were a relaxation of current rules. MacGill, retaliating from a point of principle, said that course loads should be standard and constant.

The proposal was defeated 14 11 with 8 abstentions.

Dean of Students Frank Wilson presented an offering of a scholarship which was accepted by the Senate. The Lt. Governor Wallace S. Bird Memorial Scholarship will be awarded annually to a student in Business, Engineering or Forestry. It will be worth \$500 and will be renewable annually and may be received for three years. It will be open to students from NB, NS, PEI, and NFLD and be awarded on the basis of scholastic attainment and financial need.

The donor of the Scholarship is MTM Holding Limited.

A book prize, the GD Estey Memorial Prize was also accepted. It will be awarded annually to a graduating student in forestry or forest engineering.

In discussing scholarships Wilson presented to Senate a report comparing the scholarship position of UNB with other major Maritime universities. He said that UNB ranked fourth after Acadia, Mt. Allison and Dalhousie on per capita money available for fresh-

man entrance scholarships. He expressed the hope that more endowment money will be made available in the future so that the university will be able to compete successfully for the top students graduating from the high schools.

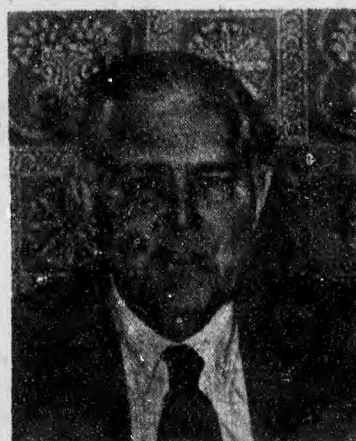
A discussion on classes in religion was sparked by a letter from the Presbyterian Church in Saint John suggesting that such courses, now popular in other areas, may fill a real need at the university. President Pacey commented that financial considerations would preclude the introduction of any new courses and had replied as such. Prof Harry Sharp pointed out that according to the University Act courses in religion could not be taught. Prof Hawkes of UNBSJ quipped that we must be the only university in Canada with a chapel that we can't use. He followed this comment by wondering aloud how we had acquired observatory with a Fiddle.

In other business the Senate:

- accepted the resignations of Profs DW Earl and EJ Grant.
- elevated the UNBSJ faculty to the status of a Faculty Council
- accepted the recommendations of the Publications Committee concerning the tendering of printing contracts
- received the annual report of the Creative Arts Committee
- tabled a proposal from the Dept. of Biology concerning the possible awarding of a credit for Biol 1000 on passing an exam in September of the Freshman year.

VP Administration

Still being sought by UNB



VP Macaulay will be retiring in July.

By BOB JOHNSON

The search for a new Vice-President (Administration) for UNB is continuing. The position will be vacated July 1, 1973 with the retirement of Dr. Beverly Macaulay. At its October 24 meeting the Board of Governors approved the nomination of F.A. Harrison, D.C. Campbell, and C.L. Mahan as members of the search committee.

In addition Michael Richard,

newly elected member of the Board of Governors, was also selected to serve on the committee. Saint John Branch Business manager George Stears was appointed by Acting President Desmond Pacey to serve on the committee.

To date there has been no word on the recommendations to be made to the Senate for a person to fill the position. Advertisement for the post has been limited. There was one ad which appeared last year in an edition of the Canadian Association of University Teachers Bulletin.

It's stated that applications to fill the Vice President's post be made before December 31, 1972 because it is hoped that the person appointed will join the university early in 1973 to undergo a "take over" period. The position of vice president (administration) carries responsibility under the President, for the Administration of the non-academic side of the university, including business, personnel, physical plant and controller's office.

SRC elections set for Feb. 14

By NANCY CARR

During their first meeting of the new year, the Students Representative Council voted unanimously Monday night to designate February 14 as this year's SRC election date.

The election will follow new constitution rules, with less seats available for representation. Other changes in this year's election may include a cut in polling stations, from nine to five or six.

SRC President Roy Neale said that after discussing the election with Registrar Dugald C. Blue, it was decided that the cut in polls would be feasible. He said

that Registrar Blue had also asked if students could be capable of policing their own polls this year, rather than having supervision by professors.

Council was agreeable to this proposition, and volunteers to police polls may be sought.

Senate student representative Maria Wawer read a recommendation from the Arts Council that Arts students be allowed to take as few as 4 credits per year, or as many as 6, providing they had an average of 65 percent on four subjects the preceeding year.

Council had previously advised that Arts students be allowed to

take the extra course regardless of their past average. It was decided to draft a letter to the Senate reiterating this position.

In other council business, it was decided that student senators Maria Wawer and Peter Duncan, as well as Board of Governors student representative Ken De Freitas should sit on Council as non-voting members of the executive.

At the end of the meeting Neale announced his plans to rerun in the February SRC election for the position of president.

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