

FEBRUARY 25, 1972

Comment

University fee hike now a point of contention

By RICK FOX

It seems that the question of university tuition and residence fees is of prime importance to UNB students lately, especially since they both might be going up. The university appears to be in a bit of a bind and wild rumours about the Higher Education Commission's recommendations to the Premier have been going around.

It appears that UNB did not get as large a grant in the recommendation as they wanted. The rumours indicate that UNB St. John might be the source of the problem.

It has been said that the province does not want to see it expanded since it conflicts with the Deutch Commission Report (the one which brought us St. Thomas Univer-

sity). This is all wild rumour and administration persons contacted at UNB and at the commission office would or could not comment further.

Mr. W.B. Thompson, acting chairman of the Higher Education Commission was contacted and he explained the way the commission processes grant recommendations.

The HEC receives requests for funds from all the institutions of higher education. HEC then considers them all in total and recommends a grant distribution package, which if feels is in the province's best interest. This recommendation is made to the Premier who then takes it to cabinet.

The educational institutions all receive copies of this recommendation, as has UNB. When asked if UNB had formally appealed the recommended

grant Mr. Thompson avoided the question by noting "comments have been received from all institutions effected by the recommendation."

So it seems no one is saying anything! When a UNB St. John student representative asked what the position was with regard to expansion there, both the Hon. Mr. Lorne McGuigan (Min. of Educ.) and the chairman of HEC left the impression that this was up to UNB.

The UNB Senate's position is clear. It has approved of expanding UNB St. John as long as it does not effect the Fredericton campus financing adversely.

If fees rise on the UNB campus it is time for the students to take a long hard look

at what is happening in St. John. The beginnings of UNB St. John and the reasons for such have always seemed illogical and unreasonable and perhaps if enough people start asking questions of the administration and professors we might get some straight answers.

It seems that UNB St. John exists more because of the pressure of St. John businesses who want a gold mine to exploit, like the ones in Fredericton, than because of the 300-400 students who go there.

It seems ridiculous to enclose such redundancy in the guise of a logical expansion.

I have said many things here which are my opinion alone (although others may share it) and hope they may be the source of some thought, questions and maybe even some answers.

SRC MINUTES

STUDENTS REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Minutes
7:07 P.M.

February 20, 1972

Council Chamber
Room 103 S.U.B.

PRESENT: Litchfield, Stikeman, Curtis, Poore, Fenety, Kingston, McQuade, C. Fisher, Kent, Gillezeau, Gallotti, Squiers, McCloskey, Owen, Brown, Moodie, Richard, Neale, Wawer, Wright, Gamble, De Freitas, R. Fisher, Taylor.

ABSENT: Chase, McLellan, Carson, LeClerc, Jewett, Knight, Hogan, Prevost, Shouldice, Baird, Ashton.

ITEM I ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MINUTES

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AB minutes of February 15, 1972 be accepted by the SRC.
Fenety: Curtis 18-0-0 (carried)
Neale called for the question.

ITEM II NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRC accept the new council members.
Curtis: Richard 18-0-0 (carried)
Out-going President Robert Poore presented a report to Council.
Out-going Comptroller Dan Fenety presented his report to Council.

A 5 minute recess was called at 7:20 to meet new council members and bid farewell to the out-going SRC members. The meeting resumed at 7:35 P.M.

Vice-Presidents report was presented by Mike Richard. Comptroller, Chris Fisher, presented his report to council.

ITEM III PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Chris Fisher, Mike Richard and Roy Neale will be meeting with the Administration on Wednesday, Feb. 23rd. any council members wishing any questions put forth to the Administration are asked to see either Mr. Fisher, Richard or Mr. Neale.

B. SRC has applied to the Brunswickan for a weekly column in the paper.

C. There is a vacancy for an SRC Public Relations Officer. Any interested persons may contact Susan Wright or Roy Neale for further particulars.

There will be a Businessman's Tour on Tuesday, Feb. 29th.

D. Notice: Call for Applications to fill two vacant seats on the SUB Board of Directors. Applications are to be submitted to Susan Wright or Roy Neale.

E. All members of the Housing Committee are asked to be present at a meeting on Monday at 6:30 P.M. in the SRC President's Office.

COMPTROLLER'S REPORT

Applications for Finance Chairman will be tendered to myself personally during my regular office hours. There are two positions on the Administrative Board to be filled and I will wait after March 8th., which is the date of the By-election, until those are appointed.

The President will be paid an honoraria for February March and part of April to the amount of \$200.00. He will ask for his salary starting in September or August.

ITEM III DRAMA SOCIETY

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRC reallocate \$117.20 to the Drama Society as broken down:

100' 2" x 4" spruce	\$ 12.00
1 gal. grey paint	8.00
rubber underlay (35 sq. yds. at \$2.00/yd.)	70.00
Tax	5.60
20 yds. unbleached cotton	19.00
Tax	1.52
1 Epoxy glue	1.00
Tax	.08
	\$ 117.20

C. Fisher: Neale 17-0-1 (carried)

ITEM IV REFERENDUMS HELD DURING SPRING ELECTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT in view of the results of the two referendums held during the Spring Election, Council accept both resolutions and take immediate steps towards implementing them.

Richard: Neale 17-0-1 (carried)

ITEM V BE IT RESOLVED THAT in the name of the students of the UNB., the members of the incoming SRC Council express their gratitude and appreciation for the efforts of the executive and members whose term of office is hereby terminated.

Wawer: McQuade 17-0-1 (carried)

Three seats are vacant on the Applications Committee. Any interested persons may contact Susan Wright.

R. Fisher moved the meeting adjourn, seconded by McQuade.

17-0-0

The meeting adjourned 8:20 P.M.

Staff revolts

U of A fires paper editor

EDMONTON (CUP) - Staff members of the University of Alberta's student newspaper, The Gateway, went on strike Monday Feb. 14 night after the U of A student council rejected the paper's choice for editor and appointed a non-staff member.

In a break with a 15-year tradition of ratifying the paper's choice of editor, council bypassed the candidate elected by the Gateway staff and appointed Terri Jackson who received none of the 43 votes cast by Gateway staffers and has no university newspaper experience.

Jackson told those at the

editorial screening session that present Gateway staff members would not be welcome to work on the paper under her editorship.

After the council's decision to choose Jackson over Ron Yakimchuk, the staff's choice, Gateway staffers declared a strike against the student union. They have set up informational picket lines, occupied the newspaper office and have refused to produce the paper.

The rejection of Yakimchuk by council, comes after a story published in last Thursday's Gateway alleging misuse of student union facilities by two

members of the present council executive who are seeking re-election this (Friday Feb. 18).

The council move is the latest in a series of hassles this year between the student council and the paper.

Last fall a Canadian University Press commission was called onto the campus to investigate a dispute arising from a council by-law which demanded the paper print a half page of council publicity handouts in each issue. The council eventually backed down from this demand but its relations with the paper have continued to be strained.



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